

# Bryn Offa Newsletter

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The half term has started well with us being able to step down some of the safety measures we had in place. As I explained previously, the first measures to be removed are the ones that directly benefit the children without increasing their risks too much.

I am delighted that we have now been able to lift the restrictions on the children mixing outside. This has had an immediate positive benefit for the children and as we are outside in plenty of space the risks are minimal. We have also been able to start planning for some of the special things that the children really look forward to.

We have signed up for the first competitive sporting event with other schools, so we will hopefully be taking children to a hockey tournament next week. Due to the bus journey, we will have to select the team from a single class, but this is the first real sign that things are starting to return to normal for us. Longer term, we have also booked the leisure centre for our swimming sessions in the Spring Term. Next week we will step down another couple of measures as long as we see no infections linked to school. This will mean that from next Monday all of the children will return to entering through the main door from the playground instead of going through class fire doors. Class 1 pupils will also need to enter through the main door please. This will allow us to keep these doors closed in the morning, which is safer for the children. Please remember this on Monday morning.

Whilst these changes are really welcome, they are only in place because we have no infections linked to school. Safety measures have to be stepped up if we get infections, so I urge you to continue to be careful, to wear face coverings on site and to keep children off school to be tested if they have any of the symptoms.

Unfortunately there are certain things that are still under very strict control, and one of these is any event that would mix a lot of the classes together in the same room. Putting over 140 children, plus another 100 adults in the school hall for a Christmas performance will simply not be safe, so reluctantly I have had to cancel the performances for this year. The class teachers will try to put on some class assemblies for parents this term instead so parents will still get a chance to see their children perform, and the children still get the experience of speaking in front of a large group. Individual classes will set their own dates for these.

We are also seeing continued disruption to the deliveries for the kitchen, so there may be occasions in the coming weeks where the menu is slightly different to that advertised. My apology in advance for these times, but please be assured we do everything possible to provide the meals as they are on the two-week menu list. For example next Tuesday will be chicken goujons instead of chicken bakes.

## **Parents Evening**

Parents Evening appointment letters will be sent out to parents on Monday.

## **Individual and family photographs**

Please note the deadline for photo orders is Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November.



## **Art Lessons at Bryn Offa**

We are short of aprons in school for Art lessons and would be grateful for any old large t-shirts or shirts if you have any at home please.



## **Remembrance Sunday**



Remembrance Sunday poppies and other bits will be on sale during break times next week if any children wish to buy them. We will also be taking part in a two minute silence on Thursday next week.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you to everyone who has kindly already donated some gifts for our Operation Christmas Child project. If you are able to help, please send your donation into school by **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**. Anything you can give would be amazing, no matter how big or small! Please keep in mind that the gifts will need to fit in a shoe box! Can I also ask that all donations are new and unused please. We are unable to accept second hand items. There is some further information on the website and you do not need to worry about providing shoe boxes as we will be supplying those.



## **Art Project for School; – BOPTA Christmas Artwork Fundraising**



After last year's success, we are going to be participating in the Christmas Card Project with Art Projects for Schools Ltd (APFS) again this year!.

Your child has produced some Christmas art work in school this week. This will be turned into wrapping paper, cards and gift tags which will be on sale to parents, with all the funds raised being used in school.

The art work will be sent out to parents on Monday with a letter with further information so please keep your eye out for this!

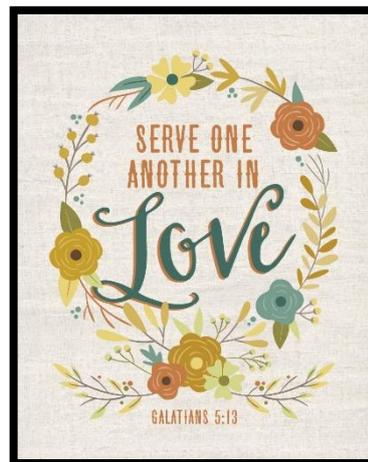
## **Children in Need – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

To raise money for Children in Need this year we are going to have a dress up day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. This year our theme is going to be 'when I grow up' so we would like the children to think about what they would like to do when they are older and come in a costume to reflect this (e.g. footballer, doctor, teacher)! This is just a bit of fun so please do not buy a costume especially. A home-made costume if you are able to make one would be fantastic! We will be collecting donations on the day so please send a small donation into school with your child on Friday. A reminder letter will be sent home next week.



## Bryn Offa Value of the Month- Service

We all have talents that we can use to serve others or brighten up their lives. Perhaps you have a hidden talent waiting to be discovered!



## Week commencing Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday during school:	Shropshire Fire & Rescue visit to Class 3 and Class 1 Guitar lessons (pm)
Wednesday during school:	Hockey Tournament at The Marches Closing date for donations for Operation Christmas Child
Wednesday after school:	Parents Evening (telephone appointments)
Thursday after school:	Parents Evening (telephone appointments)



### Stars of the Week



**Jenson Casserly and Jude Evans** for both thinking of some very good describing words for mummy owl when making a missing poster as part of Class 1's work on 'Owl Babies'! Well done Jenson and Jude!

**Florence Bryan** for having an amazing first week at Bryn Offa! It has been a pleasure to have Florence in Class 2 this week. She has worked really hard, trying her best in every lesson. Well done Florence and welcome to Bryn Offa!

**Henry Woodcock** for being such a pleasure to have in Class 2! Henry has a fantastic attitude to learning and a great sense of humour! He tries his best in every lesson and always takes on board his next steps. Well done Henry!

**Georgie Evans** for having a great week in Class 3! Georgie's confidence is increasing every day and she is now more willing to have a go and to share her ideas with the class. She enjoyed Class 3's Science investigation this week on shadows and was very skilled when measuring. Keep up the great work Georgie, well done!

**Henry Bowkett** for being an absolute delight to teach! He is such a kind and caring boy and always tries his best to support his class mates. Henry tries hard in all of his lessons and shows a real passion for Maths and really enjoys Class 3's Maths lessons. Well done Henry!

**Maisie Evans** for being such a fantastic role model to the children in Class 3! Maisie is kind, hardworking and determined to achieve. She is making great progress in all subjects but is making huge strides particularly with her Maths and always perseveres until the work is done. Well done Maisie!

**Harvey Kilvert** for always working incredibly hard in class! However, this Star of the Week award is for trying something new outside of school. After enjoying Class 4's tag rugby sessions, Harvey has joined Oswestry Rugby Club and has already won his first award! Well done Harvey, we hope you enjoy your rugby for many years to come!

**Joe Ungurs** for his amazing general knowledge! Joe's level of interest is always high in lessons and he enjoys dropping in extra facts to his learning. Keep being brilliant Joe, well done!

**Charlotte Liddiatt** for completing every activity with enthusiasm! She tries her best consistently and always with a smile on her face. Charlotte also always contributes to discussions and is eager to help others. Keep up the hard work Charlotte, well done!

**Jen Park** for still being her happy, delightful self, despite having a broken ankle bone! Jen has been grateful and appreciative towards the children and adults who have helped her. She is a fantastic role model! Well done Jen!

Please remember to check the class homepages on our website regularly for class updates and photographs!