

Bryn Offa Newsletter

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As we move into the final couple of weeks of the term, I want to make sure we get to the end of term with as little disruption as possible. We need all parents and guardians to help us with this, so I would like to give a few reminders and pieces of new information in this newsletter.

The most recent guidance we have been provided with means that we have no choice on face coverings in school now with all visitors needing to wear a face covering when in school. This means that all parents who attend the book fairs or the Christmas performances and assemblies will need to wear a face covering at all times while in school. Any medical exemptions will need to be evidenced in advance of the event so exemptions can be checked and verified.

One of the areas of guidance that has been causing some confusion has been the guidance around what to do if a child is within the 90-day period after having recovered from Covid. During this 90-day period, if a child has any of the three main symptoms (persistent cough, loss of taste/smell, high temperature), the child must take a PCR test. The child must then stay at home until they get a negative PCR result or until they have completed their ten-day isolation period. This rule does not apply if they have only come into contact with a positive case.

In addition to Covid-19, there are also the usual winter illnesses around school so please remember:

- parents and guardians must let Miss Morris know by phone call or email before 9:00am if your child is unwell and not able to attend school;
- children should not attend school if they are too unwell – it makes their day miserable and spreads illness to others;
- children must not attend school for 48 hours if they have been sick or had an upset tummy; and
- Calpol must not be used to mask a high temperature.

As I have said previously in relation to the Covid restrictions we have in place, I balance all risks against the benefit for the children. Without a doubt the Christmas performances for the final week do represent an increased risk, but the benefits for the children mean currently that this risk is acceptable. I sincerely hope nothing will prevent these performances but this is always a possibility when I am receiving guidance so frequently. Please remember that if you attend one of these performances you must wear a face covering for the whole time you are in school. The hall will be well ventilated as well so please make sure you wear something warm.

The final reminder is to please make sure you are picking your children up on time. You are expected to be here at 3:15pm on site to pick up your children (unless they go on the bus) and should not be pulling into the car park at this time. We have very little time at the end of the day and tight restrictions for the cleaning of the building so we are unable to provide supervision outside the school day.

Request for old tinsel!

Class 2 need some old tinsel! If you have any, please bring it into school next week. Thank you!



Christmas Book Fair



The Christmas Book Fair for Classes 3, 4 and 5 will be taking place next week.

In order to make the Book Fair as safe as possible for everyone visiting, we have allocated one date for parents of each class to visit as follows:

Class 3 parents	-	Monday 6th December 3.15pm-4.00pm
Class 4 parents	-	Tuesday 7th December 3.15pm-4.00pm
Class 5 parents	-	Wednesday 8th December 3.15pm-4.00pm



There will also be a BOPTA stall where you will be able to buy raffle tickets and homemade Christmas decorations and a second hand uniform stall!

Please come and join us if you can!

BOPTA Christmas Raffle

Can we please ask that all money and any unsold raffle tickets are returned to the school office by **Friday 10th December**. The winning tickets will be drawn the following week.

Donations for prizes are still welcome if you are able to make one. Items like the ones listed below would be fantastic!

* Wine * Chocolates * Christmas decorations * Biscuits, crackers etc * Vouchers * Beauty products * Candles

Please bring your donations into school by **Friday 10th December**. If you have trouble with any drop off or you have any queries or need any more tickets, please contact Nia Morris.

Christmas Performances

The dates and times for each class Christmas performance/assembly is shown below. Tickets will be limited to two per child. A letter will be coming out to parents on Monday.



Class 4- Monday 13th December at 2.45pm

Class 2- Tuesday 14th December at 2.30pm

Class 1- Wednesday 15th December at 2.30pm

Class 3- Thursday 16th December at 2.30pm

Class 5- Friday 17th December at 2.45pm

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 17th December will be our Christmas Jumper Day! This year we are going to be raising money for Save the Children. If you are able to make a donation, please send it into school on that day.

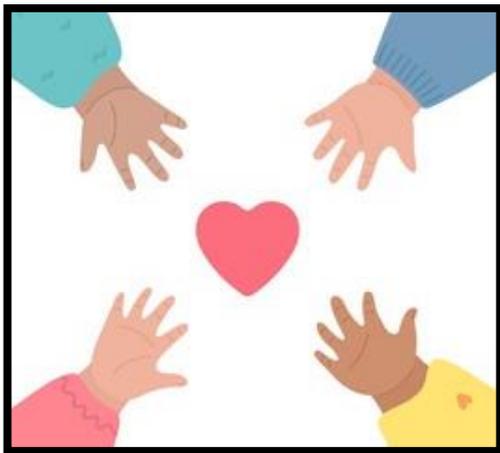


Normal school uniform should be worn but the children can wear their favourite festive jumper/home decorated jumper in place of their normal school jumper. Please do not buy a Christmas jumper especially- a home decorated jumper would be fantastic

Week commencing Monday 6th December

Monday after school:	Book Fair for Class 3 parents and children 3.15-4.00pm
Tuesday during school:	Guitar lessons (pm) (last one before Christmas)
Tuesday after school:	Book Fair for Class 4 parents and children 3.15-4.00pm
Wednesday during school:	Woodwind lessons (pm)
Wednesday after school:	Book Fair for Class 5 parents and children 3.15-4.00pm
Thursday during school:	Forest School for Class 1 (pm)

Bryn Offa Value of the Month- Service



Stars of the Week



Hannah Ahlberg for always being a star! Hannah concentrates and listens very carefully. This week she thought of some very good works containing the sounds that Class 1 have been learning – Hannah stunned the rest of the class! Well done Hannah!

Pippa Hanson for being a very hardworking member of Class 1! Pippa is always kind, polite and has a very mature attitude to learning. She is an excellent role model for the class. Well done Pippa!

Mia Oliver for being such a helpful member of Class 3! Mia can never do enough to help people. It has been lovely to see her grow in confidence this term and her resilience and perseverance are improving every day. Well done for approaching challenges head on Mia!

Neve Kerrison-Jones for being an absolute model pupil! Neve is kind, hardworking and loves a challenge! The progress she is making is fantastic and Miss Harvey is really proud of her. She is persevering with her times tables and her recall is getting quicker by the day, Well done Neve!

Taylor Grove for producing some absolutely fantastic writing about the Stone Age this week! Taylor has worked so hard on his sentence construction and included all of the features discussed in class. Keep up the amazing work Taylor, well done!

Bodhi Hodson for being star mathematician this week! Bodhi's concentration level with this subject is amazing and this has resulted in him achieving full marks in this week's tests. Amazing Bodhi, well done!

Drew Edwards for the fantastic improvement he has shown with his multiplication tables over the last few weeks! As a result, Drew's Maths is also improving rapidly. A great effort Drew, well done!

George Lambert for his fantastic focus in class! George always has his hand up waiting to answer any question. The work which he produces on a daily basis is fantastic. Keep being brilliant George, well done!

Amber Wilcox for being such a kind and supportive friend, who takes time to acknowledge other children's achievements! This was evident this week when she congratulated another child for their solo performance during Class 5's Christmas carol practice. Well done Amber!

Elsie Harper for always trying her best in every lesson! Elsie comes to school every day with a massive smile on her face, which lights up the classroom. She is always eager to contribute to discussions, allowing her to make excellent progress. Well done Elsie!

Oscar Prescott for displaying an excellent attitude to learning this term! Oscar has tried his best in every activity and has made fantastic progress. His balanced argument in English was the best piece of writing he has written so far. Well done Oscar!