



Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

Friday 18th November

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Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Wow! Well done everyone for keeping up with all that is going on. It is about to get busier!! We can now email all parents that have provided addresses to us and so that will be the main form of communication alongside Twitter. Please look out for notifications and make a note of all the dates.

School Activities WB 21/11/16

Monday – Year 2-6, Craft club from 3.30pm-5pm with Michelle Allix, £3 per session on, 21st - clay making, 28th November – snowflake mobiles, 12th December – Christmas stones

Tuesday – No FP games until after Christmas now.

Thursday – afternoon playtime (2pm) running club, **FOOTBALL** until 4pm – last one until the new year

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Attendance

Despite several reminders I am still receiving holiday request forms. Attendance is always a focus for the Welsh Assembly Government and Inspectors and our attendance data is published. So please could I request that holidays are not taken during term time. There is no automatic right to absence for a family holiday. Authorisation will depend on current attendance. Request for holiday forms are available and need to be agreed with the headteacher. Even 5 days off school can have an impact on your child's learning. If your child is going to be absent from school please notify the school office on the morning of the absence giving the reason for the absence. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Safeguarding

The school gates will remain locked during the school day. If you need access to the school please come to the front door where a member of staff will greet you.

Communication

Will be via email, Twitter and paper copy. If you need to contact the school 01352 740197 or email us at yfmail@hwbmail.net Mrs Watts (secretary) is in each morning from 9-11.30am. Letters and newsletters have been uploaded to the website and you can follow the link to them.

Homework and Reading

Reading is an ongoing homework that should be done daily. Children have reading records, please fill them in and enjoy reading with your children. Homework is specific to each individual class. Please look

out for letters in book bags.

School Play

Santa and The Beanstalk is coming along nicely now and practice is well underway. The dress rehearsal will be on Friday 2nd December at 9.30am. Please could we ask that all costumes are in school by 30th November.

The performances will take place on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th December from 6pm in the school hall. **Tickets will go on sale on Monday 28th November, please send a request for tickets, please state number of adults and children, in a sealed envelope with payment. The cost will be £2.50 per adult, £1.50 per child or OAP.**

PE Days

Foundation Phase children need to bring their kits on a Monday and take them home on a Friday.

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School Meal Prices

The cost of both infant and junior meals will increase to **£2.10** per day after half term. School gateway has now been updated. You can pay for school dinner via this or send in cash or cheque in a named envelope. Next week is week 2 of the school menu.

School Snack – Healthy Schools

After half term The Foundation Phase snack will be provided by Kate at The Shop. A range of fruit and vegetable sticks will be provided at a cost of £1.50 per week. We would like to encourage all of our children to have healthy snack. Crisps are allowed in lunch boxes but shouldn't be eaten at morning playtimes. **We would like to offer snack to our Y2-6 pupils in an attempt to encourage this healthy eating, but can only do so if we have enough children to take part. If you would like your child to have fresh fruit or vegetables supplied by a local business (supporting the community,) Please complete the reply slip below and return it after half term.**

Congratulations

The athletics team represented the school fantastically at the small school completion in Deeside last week. There were 11 schools there, 266 children and Ysgol Y Foel came 4th!! Fantastic. However I was just as proud of the children's behaviour off the track. Their sportsmanship was lovely to see. Thank you all who took part and drivers and supporters too.

Christmas Events

PTA Event Thursday 1st December - 5.30pm -Christmas Carol Singing around the village. Pupils to meet at school.

6pm – Christmas Fayre at the village hall. There will be an opportunity to buy your Christmas Craft, take part in some Christmas games and a chance to catch up with everyone for a mince pie and mulled wine. Raffle tickets will be sent home on Friday 18th please sell as many as you can, more can be obtained from the school office.

On Friday 25th November we will have a non uniform day. Please could children bring in a bottle for the tombola in exchange for wearing their own clothes.

We are also asking for cake donations to be brought to school on the morning of the fayre.

Please note there is free entry to the event but please bring lots of pennies for refreshments, games and craft. The PTA would like to raise £500 to fund some outdoor learning equipment for the Foundation Phase.

Mrs Owen Leaving

As you are all aware. Mrs Owen will be finishing her time at Ysgol Y Foel on 16th December. I know she has been a valued member of staff and has taught lots of the children in your families in her 11 years at the school. We would like to buy her a gift to remember the school by. If you would like to contribute to this please send in your donation in a sealed envelope marked for the attention of Mrs Watts.

Parking

A polite notice. A formal complaint has been made regarding parking opposite the school gates and in the bay marked for the bus stop. It has meant that pedestrians have not been able to access the pavements. Please park considerately outside school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Health and Safety

Once you have collected children from the yard at the end of the school day please make sure they do not run out of school onto the road. Many Thanks

Snow Closure

Please note the decision to close a school in adverse weather conditions is not taken lightly and is only done so once all risks have been assessed. If this decision is made you will be notified via email, text and twitter. The closure also will be on the council website who notify local media and Flintshire Twitter.

Dates for Diary – some changes have been made.

November

18th Children in Need- wear spots and bring pennies for Pudsey (2ps, 1ps) to fill up a Pudsey

18th Mountain League Football Tournament at Mold Alun

Wednesday 23rd November 6pm – 6.45pm : Keeping you informed. A guide to planning, assessment and data and how it affects your child. I will be explaining the processes we use in school and showing you the documents we use to do this, from Nursery through to Year 6. Please support this event as it is in response to your questionnaires. The governors will also be available to discuss, The Governors Annual Report to Parents. Please return the reply slip so I have an indication of numbers.

25th Non uniform day in exchange for a bottle for the tombola.

December

1st December

1st Carol Singing around the village PTA event, craft (made by children) will be on sale

2nd 9.30 am Christmas Play dress rehearsal

5th and 6th 6pm – Christmas play

7th – Rock and Roll Panto Aladdin at Theatre Clwyd

13th Christmas Dinner

15th 10 am – 11 am Y2-6 Carol singing at Tesco's Mold – drivers wanted

15th Christmas Party

16th Christmas Jumper Day

Mrs O'Neill

Headteacher

Reply Slip

I am interested in my child _____ receiving a healthy snack for morning playtime and agree to paying £1.50 for this service.

Reply Slip

I would like my child _____ to attend craft club and enclose £ 12 for all 4 sessions/ £3 for the first session (delete as appropriate)

Reply Slip

I will/ will not be attending the parents information session on Wednesday 23rd November.

Signed _____

Reply Slip

I can/ cannot help with transport to the Carol singing in Tesco on 15th December.

Signed _____

