



# Newsletter



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## Autumn Term - Dec 14th 2018



### **Wow!!**

What an eventful and busy few weeks! Seven Christmas performances in total, including the carol service and early years nativity, a Christmas market, and still being a school! We haven't stopped planning and organising, but it's all been worthwhile!! It's about making sure the children enjoy and remember these moments with you. Thank you all so much. From all your comments I believe we can safely say it's all been a great success. Photographs from the main school performance will stay on display until the end of the day on Monday so that we get them out to you by Friday. Order forms are in the hall with the photographs.

### **Chair of Governors**

On Dec 5th, Mr John Rogers announced that he is retiring from his role within the governing body. Mr Rogers has been Chair of Governors since 1981 so this will be a huge change for the school. On behalf of the staff, pupils and parents we wish him a long and healthy retirement. Hopefully he will continue to make his regular visit to see us though. He will most certainly be missed. In the meantime, the vice chair of governors, Mr Des Clarke will take on the role as chairperson. Parents will be informed who is appointed as Chair as soon as it has been decided by governors.

### **Year 2 Secret Santa Surprise!**

Mrs Jones has been an extraordinarily busy little elf preparing an amazing day for the children with crafts, presents, Santa hunt, a Christmas story telling session at the library and a magical Christmas treasure hunt! (It has the added bonus that it doesn't cost families a penny!! It is all paid for by PTA and Mrs Jones' time and organisational skills!) We do not need consent forms because the Santa hunt is taking place at a local venue and parents have already signed consent for local visits. We have also organised School Christmas lunch as part of this exciting day, with crackers, hats and music played too loud!

Sadly, there has been lots of talk about the year 2 children not having a trip, and we would like to assure you that we would *never* leave a class out! This class event will be a big surprise for the children and was in the school calendar as a Santa surprise!

Again, if you have any questions *please* contact the school. We have the answers for you, this will avoid any unnecessary gossip. Thank you.

### **Rags to Riches**

The bags of unwanted clothing etc raised £43.15 for the school. Thank you all.

### **PTA**

On behalf of the staff, governors, pupils and parents we would like to say a huge thanks to all those who help out with the PTA. Their events have been hugely successful! Not only do they raise money for the children in school they are providing some wonderful experiences for the children. The PTA are clearly a large part of school life now and everyone is welcomed. All PTA information is now posted on their Facebook page.

### **Children's raffle**

The children have asked if we can hold a raffle for them in school like we do for parents. We have collected a few gifts for children ready to raffle. If you would like to donate something to this it will add more prizes and more opportunities for the children to win. Maybe decorate a jar with your child and fill it with sweets as a prize? Tickets will go on sale on Monday. 20p a ticket and the raffle will take place on the last day of school before the holidays. Please do not feel that you have to send money into school. This is a bit of fun which the children have suggested.

### **Christmas lunch**

Christmas dinner on Thursday if your child fancies it. This is a big event and the children have table cloths, crackers, decorations, music etc! They thoroughly enjoy the experience. To add to the festive occasion your child can wear their Christmas jumpers again and any fun Christmas hats, face paints etc. It's a very happy fun occasion. It's a whole school event with all staff involved. It will help us a lot if you could send in the money for Christmas lunch on Monday so the cook can prepare.

### **Dinner money**

We hate nagging you for dinner money, we really do! We cannot continue to provide school dinners without payment, as some bills mount up and then we are questioned by the local authority. When we go to a cafe we pay for the food that we eat. We cannot say that we will pay them at the end of the week. The school will not see a child go without food. If it is a one off occasion school will provide a dinner and then take payment at the end of the day. If this occurs again School will ask you to provide a packed lunch for your child and this will need to be brought to the school on the day. Parents pay for dinner because it is a parental responsibility to ensure their child is fed. The Welsh government pay for the food for pupils entitled to free school meals. School is not in a position to pay for your child's food as it is a parental responsibility.

### **Welsh Phrase - are you practising?**

An early morning phrase as they wake and as they come into school.....Bore da ...Good morning

**New phrase**

**Sut wyt ti**

(Sit oi tee)

**How are you?**

you can answer in English or your child can teach you some words

### **Diary Dates**

<b>Dec 17th</b>	Year 6 parent meeting about Margam residential.
<b>Dec 19th</b>	Reception class - trip to Gnoll Park - Santa is there!! School choir singing at Filcos.
<b>Dec 20th</b>	Christmas lunch in school - yum yum ! Year 2 - Santa search
<b>Dec 21st</b>	Last day before the end of term
<b>Jan 7th</b>	INSET day - training day for staff
<b>Jan 8th</b>	Children start back to school for spring term