

9 November 2016



Dear Mums and Dads

What a change in the weather! How lovely to have some crisp autumn weather. I think that we can all feel winter in the air, which is reminding teachers that it is time to start thinking about Christmas Concerts for this year.

Christmas Concerts As usual we will be holding Christmas Concerts and parties for all year groups. Dates of concerts and parties are detailed at the end of the Newsletter. Tickets for Christmas concerts will go on sale on 25<sup>th</sup> November and are priced at £2.00 each. Please be aware that you will need a ticket for all adults and children who attend the concert, as we have a limited number of seats in the hall. Many thanks for your understanding. Further ticket information will follow.

Christmas Party Week Children may wear their own clothes on party day. At the beginning of the party week we have booked a Children's Entertainer for all of the children.

Attendance We are continuing to work hard to secure good attendance for all of our pupils. We follow guidelines set by Caerphilly Council and send letters to parents of all pupils whose attendance falls below 95%. Additionally we are required to meet with parents of pupils whose attendance falls below 85%. Please be reassured that our aims are to support parents and pupils to secure good attendance for all pupils. Should we ask you to attend a meeting please attend with the understanding that we wish to work with you to secure good attendance for your child. Many thanks.

To support the school, and ensure that we have up to date information we would kindly request that you telephone school, (or send a letter to school) should your child be absent. Additionally, in line with the guidelines set by our Education Welfare Officer we are also required to see copies of medical/hospital/dental appointments, in order that we keep our records up to date. Many thanks.

Harvest Festival Many thanks for your donations for Harvest this year. We have sent all contributions to Risca Foodbank who were overwhelmed by the support and quantity of foods that they received from the school.



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Macmillan Coffee Morning Many thanks to all of those parents who attended our Macmillan Coffee morning. We are pleased to say that we raised £192.00 for this very worthwhile charity.

Children in Need Don't forget that it is Children in Need day on Friday 18th November. All children are encouraged to wear something spotty, and bring a pound to donate to charity.

Armistice Day Once again our children will be singing in the Armistice Remembrance Service in Moriah Church on Friday 11th November. Tickets are free and available from the school office, Risca Library, or entry on the door.

Shoebox Collection Do not forget that Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November is the last day for a shoe box donation. Shoe boxes are due to be picked up early next week. Many thanks.

Dates:

November

Friday 11	Last day for Shoe boxes.
Friday 11	Choir to sing at Armistice Concert
Friday 18	Children in Need
Monday 21	6F Safe Cycling
Tuesday 22	6F Safe Cycling
Friday 25	6F Safe Cycling
Friday 25	Parent Walk - Maths
Monday 28	6R Safe Cycling
Tuesday 29	6R Safe Cycling
Wednesday 30	6R Safe Cycling
Tuesday 29	Infant trip (Rec Yrs 1/2) Brecon Mountain Railway

December

Thursday 1	Choir to sing at Twyn Carn Day Centre
Monday 5	Yrs 5/6 Carol Concert 6.00 pm
Tuesday 6	Yrs 5/6 Carol Concert 1.30 pm
Tuesday 6	Infant Concert 6.00 pm
Wednesday 7	Infant Concert 1.30 pm
Wednesday 7	Yr 3 / 4 Concert 6.00 pm
Thursday 8	Yr 3 / 4 Concert 1.30 pm
Friday 9	Nursery Party - children wear own clothes - 8.50-12.00
Monday 12	Children's Entertainer booked
Monday 12	Christmas lunch for pupils
Tuesday 13	Yrs 5/6 Party - children can wear own clothes - 1.00-3.00
Wednesday 14	Yrs 3 / 4 Party - children can wear own clothes - 1.00-3.00
Thursday 15	Infant Party - children can wear own clothes - 1.00 -3.00

School finishes Friday 16 Dec 2016 at 1.30 for Christmas and reopens Tuesday 3 Jan 2017

Yours sincerely

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