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Dear parents/carers,

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News

Mrs Bayliss and I attended the Dinas Powys Remembrance service with Mr McNicol and Year 6 this morning. Their behaviour was impeccable and they took part with great interest and respect. Well done to our two ambassadors who laid a wreath on behalf of the school. We were all very proud of them – da iawn Blwyddyn 6! Thank you to everyone who has sent in money to support our poppy appeal raising funds for The Royal British Legion. The collection tub is sealed but when we hear how much has been raised, we will let you all know. Year 6 parents, we look forward to welcoming you to the Year 6 Remembrance Worship on Monday. Please arrive from 9.15 so that we can seat you all prior to the service starting. Other classes have also been involved in activities to commemorate Remembrance. Yesterday the whole school took part in a live singalong World Cup Jambori. This was all part of the Urdd's centenary celebrations to mark Wales' involvement at the tournament in Qatar.



French Fridays

As a school, we already do a lot to promote the Welsh language and foster in our pupils a sense of pride in their language and heritage. The new Curriculum for Wales also includes the requirement for primary age pupils to experience and learn other languages. As well as learning Makaton we have decided to introduce French as another language. Since September, Miss Bush who speaks French has been going in to teach Years 5 and 6 every week. We will hopefully offer this to other classes in the future but in the meantime, we are also introducing French Friday where all children and staff will be encouraged to use simple greetings and phrases. We are also asking you to help with this and use the Welsh and French greetings on the gate at pick up and drop off. Diolch/Merci!

Volunteers

Prior to the Covid lockdown period, we were very lucky to have a small group of volunteers who came into school to help support in a variety of ways – reading, maths, Welsh, displays, school trips etc. I would also love to invite more parents in to talk to classes about what jobs they do. Next week, Mrs Green will be

sending out a link via Ping in order for parents and carers to sign up to volunteering at the school. All volunteers would need to have a DBS but this would be arranged and paid for by the school.

Children in Need – Friday 18th 2022

Next Friday is Children in Need day. To keep things simple for families, we are going to have a non-uniform day where the theme is 'Colour and Sparkle'. Children can wear anything bright and colourful and/or sparkly. We are asking for a £1 donation for this very worthy cause.

Parent/Carer survey

Before half term, I asked parents and carers to complete a survey to help us know what we are doing well and what we could do to improve. Although this survey closed last week, I have reopened it as we only had 11 responses. Please do take the time to complete the survey as it is really important for us to have parent/carer views. The survey will be open until the 25th November.

<https://forms.office.com/r/m4ThUWE5Jj>

Christmas Concert Arrangements (repeated)

Numbers in the hall for the Nativity are restricted due to Health and Safety and are as follows:

Nursery – for parents who only have children in Nursery, you will be allocated 2 tickets according to your child/children's session.

For all other pupils, each family are allowed up to a total of 3 tickets. You could have 2 for 1 performance and then 1 for the other or 3 for the same performance.

Tickets for the Junior Carol Service will also be restricted but I will confirm numbers once I have spoken to Father Andrew.

CONFIRMED DATES (New dates in red)

Mon 14th Nov – Year 6 Remembrance Worship in school at 9.30 (Y6 Parents invited to attend)

14th – 25th Nov – Year 5 swimming lessons (separate letter has been sent)

Fri 18th Nov – Children in Need (See above)

Sun 20th Nov – Y3 Contribution to St Peter's Service at 10:30

7th & 13th Dec – PTA Wreath making workshops

Tues 13th Dec – Infant Nativity at 1:30pm

Weds 14th Dec – Infant Nativity at 9:30am

Weds 14th Dec – Junior Carol Service at 1:30pm (St Peter's)

Weds 21st Dec – Last Day of Term

Our Value this half term is '**TRUST**' which we will be discussing in worship and in class.

Our linked UNC Children's Right for this period will be Article 3 '**All adults should always do what is best for you.**'

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett
Headteacher

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3: 5-6)