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Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 17th December 2021

A lovely final week



The children had their Christmas parties at the start of the week and much fun was had by all. Despite both our kitchen staff being ill, The Big Fresh Company put on a very successful Christmas Lunch for pupils and staff – I am extremely grateful for the extra effort put in to ensure the children didn't miss out.

I apologise for those who had issues accessing the virtual 'Zoom in for Christmas' concert but I hope you all

eventually enjoyed it! The link remains live until Christmas Day but please remember not to share it on any form of social media.

Alex and Devon took all our donations down to 'The Big Wrap' on Tuesday and they were extremely grateful. The charity will be helping 100 teenagers over the Christmas period and I am so proud that we are a part of this. Thank you to all those who donated.

I am sorry that some children were unwell and missed some of these activities and we really hope they are all well enough to enjoy Christmas with families.

This week, my Headteacher awards go to Ava and Sienna in Year 6 for always demonstrating such a kind and caring nature to others. Diolch a da iawn merched ☺



PTA

We would like to thank everyone for all the support given to the PTA this term. It has been wonderful seeing the school community come together, raising money whilst having fun. Over the term we have held a variety of campaigns, raising around £2000.00. On top of this, we have also been successful in winning grant applications. We will update you in the new year. The money will be going towards improving the outdoor learning with work starting on installing equipment in the new year. We hope all our children and teachers enjoyed their Christmas reindeer. Have a wonderful well deserved Christmas break and we look forward to a happy new year!

(Message from Mrs Hallett) I would like to thank the PTA for working so hard this year to hold events and raise funds despite the restrictions in place. This will all go to support the school's priority to improve provision for outdoor learning and as a result improve pupils' well-being. Thanks to everyone who has supported the PTA activities this term.



Start Dates for Spring Term

Please refer to my email yesterday with regards to planning days.

Friday 7th Jan – School starts for pupils in current Nursery to Year 6.

Mon 10th and Weds 12th – New Nursery starters

INSET days (Repeated Message)

Following my email yesterday, the INSET days are now as follows:

- Weds 5th January 2022
- Monday 25th April 2022
- Friday 17th June 2022
- Thursday 21st July
- Fri 22nd July 2022

Taith Adfent



We lit the 4th purple candle on our advent wreath at the start of the week and today we lit the final white candle representing the birth of Christ. During the period of lent, the pupils have taken part in Taith Adfent which focuses on Christian values and welcoming people, in particular those who seek refuge.

As Evie in Year 5 said, *“Please help us make everyone feel welcome especially refugees, just like Mary and Joseph welcomed Jesus into their lives. We are thankful that we belong to Jesus’ family and we have loving families who care about us. We want peace for everyone in the world.”*



Christmas Message

As I say every year, it is a privilege to work in such a wonderful Church in Wales School during such an important time in the Church Calendar when we look forward to the birth of Jesus and the hope and joy that this brings to us all. We now look forward to what will no doubt be another tricky but busy and successful spring term. A huge thank you to all the staff for their hard work and the governors for the support they offer us all. We are very grateful for the continued support from you, our families. Working together is so essential to the success and development of the school and the progress of each and every pupil. Despite the ongoing pandemic and all the challenges this brings us all, I see and hear happy pupils across the school who are engaged well in their learning. I do hope you find the time to have some quality family time together during the holiday period and look forward to seeing you all on **Friday 7th January**.



As we look with hope and prayers towards a better year, may I take the opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2021.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'G. Hallett'.

Gen Hallett
Headteacher