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Dear Parents and Guardians

We had a wonderful start to our festive season on Thursday with our Christmas Bazaar, HotPot and Quiz night. I was so pleased with how it all went, with the Christmas Lights shining and delighted we could keep the cost down again this year for the food. Great to get feedback on it, and maybe next year we try something like a chilli or curry—something as warming as a Hot Pot but, don't panic, keep the cost low. Sorry if you missed out on tickets, they sold at the speed of sound! That's why we held the Bazaar at the same time.

I think the hardest part of putting together an event like this is trying to have something for everyone. Please, if you are ever unsure of anything, just give us a quick shout at the school. We are all happy to clarify anything. WhatsApp groups can be fabulous for somethings, and the absolute worst for others. For example, this week it only took one person to say you couldn't come to the Christmas Bazaar for that, incorrect, rumour to spread among the various groups! Therefore, to keep the positivity flowing on WhatsApp threads about the school, please could I ask you to engage with us at the school if you are unsure of anything.

Our website is going to be changing and with it will be an app. This should help with some of the things discussed this week regarding communication. Everything can be found in these newsletters, which I text to you all, put on both X (formerly Twitter) and Facebook, and posted on the website in the newsletter section. You can also synch your Calendar to the school one on the website for all the information. Things do change quickly and we either text these changes out or post on SeeSaw. I always feel its better to have as much communication as possible. Many thanks and have a wonderful weekend.—**Mr Redgrave**

Attendance and Punctuality

Year to date	Late	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	%
3	2.0	5.1	1.9	92.8
4	1.2	3.2	1.8	94.4
5	4.1	6.5	4.9	88.3
6	1.6	3.9	4.3	91.8
Totals	2.3	4.7	3.3	91.8

W/B 27/11	Late	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	%
3	3.6	10.3	4.0	85.7
4	0.3	6.3	1.5	92.2
5	3.0	4.7	6.0	89.3
6	3.0	2.7	5.0	92.3
Totals	2.5	6.0	4.2	89.8

Our attendance this week has dipped from the yellow to the red. There is a bit of a cold doing the rounds as there usually is around this time of year. There is no trouble if your child (ren) are too unwell to attend school.

Lateness is down in nearly every year! This is great work and thank you all for this. Please can we keep this up. As of next week we will be recording the reasons for lateness—so please can you inform us if you are running late. We are worried that some children are being allowed to walk to school and a taking the long way round so parents are unaware that they are late.

Post Lockdown Issues

We are very honest with the children when we talk about the affects of school closures. Sadly, we can't turn back the clocks—we can only help where we can.

Some children need that extra bit of support and we gladly give it. We explain to the children why we're doing it. For example, as Mr Redgrave mentioned in his newsletter last week, children need to build their resilience skills so that when situation occur they can respond in positive ways. At the moment, some children respond with name calling, or get physical. We encourage all our learners to seek out an adult to help in any situation if they feel uncomfortable, rather than trying to deal with it on their own, causing themselves distress.

Once again, if you child comes home and says something about what we are trying to do, whether it is on an individual level, or as a whole class, and you are unsure of it, please contact the school. We want to avoid occasions where you, as our parents and guardians, assume negative intent based on what your children are saying. **We promise that everything we do is with positive intent to help your children.**

Christmas Dinner

As of 12 noon today we had 30 responses for the Christmas Dinner next Thursday. We usually have about 100 children having the lunch—so don't worry as we have ordered enough and if your child (ren) wants one they can order one on the day.

Remember Years 3 and 4 are entitled to this dinner free. Years 5 and 6 will be at the usual price of £2.50

Christmas Bazaar, Quiz, Hot Pot and Raffle

What a fantastic night.

We hope you had as much fun as we did at the event. It was a lovely social event. So nice to get together as a school community. It was another brilliant event ran by our PTFA with the school.

The raffle alone raised in excess of £1300. We too about another £1000 on Hotpot and Games etc on the day! The PTFA will be in touch with a final figure .

Thanks very much to James who cooked the wonderful Hotpot for us. Your time and skill on this was very much appreciated.

Thank you to all who came and supported this event. Your generosity , especially at this time of year, is very much appreciated.

Personal Hygiene

We have always encouraged hand washing at Esgob Morgan and had hand sanitiser stations around the school long before the pandemic.

The toilets, in school, is one of the most difficult areas to manage. We talk to them regularly about the importance of hygiene. We know it should go without saying, but if you could chat with your child (ren) about how to keep themselves healthy by using the toilets in the correct manner.

Extra Curricular Cubs

This is the last week for clubs. Clubs will finish the week ending December 8th.

All other clubs will run as usual from 3:15 to 4PM unless stated

Mon—Rugby (*all ages*)

Tues— Lunctime Football (*Years 5 and 6—change of clothes needed*)
Netball (*Years 5and 6*)

Clubs are subject to change. Please note there is NO DANCE or CODING next week.

Dates (all on our website—please sync your phone calendar, if you have one, with this)

December

7th—School Christmas Dinner

13th—PTFA Film Night (Details to follow)

14th—Bethlehem Bandits (6:30 start at Denbigh Town Hall)

21st—School Closes for Pupils

22nd—Staff Training Day

Jan 8th—Staff Training Day

9th—School Opens for Pupils.