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Dear Parents and Guardians

Its not unusual at this time of year to be full steam ahead! Again, this week in school has been a busy one as our Christmas Play "Bethlehem Bandits" reaches its completion. Thank you for support with this. A letter has gone home with our Year 3, 4 and 5 learners regarding us taking them up there on Thursday. There is really important information on that letter. If you haven't received one then contact us at the school.

Ince there was a time where the end of term was a time to relax just a little, but post lockdown, with this and that, the landscape has changed somewhat. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, children approach situations differently than before school closures and need greater assistance with how to approach situations. We encourage children to find an adult when they are in need of assistance and that they are not responsible to sort out situations when things go wrong. I spoke about resilience and it is vital we have your support in helping our children understand the importance of talking to us and not bottling things up at home. We are here to help.

Also, there are times when we have to take difficulty decisions and implement different strategies for different pupils. Anything we do is to help your child (ren). We rely on your support when we do do this. If any further clarification is need on anything we do at the school—then please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Many thanks and have a wonderful weekend.—Mr Redgrave

Attendance and Punctuality

Year to date	Late	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	%
3	2.3	5.8	1.6	92.6
4	1.3	3.7	1.6	94.7
5	4.3	6.9	4.8	88.3
6	1.7	4.0	4.1	91.9
Totals	2.4	5.1	3.1	91.8

W/B 04/12	Late	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	%
3	6.0	12.0	0.0	88.0
4	1.8	10.0	0.0	90.0
5	6.0	11.3	4.0	84.7
6	2.3	6.0	1.3	92.7
Totals	4.1	9.8	1.4	88.8

Definitely the time of year for coughs and colds! Can't be helped and the best place for you child (ren) when they too unwell to attend school is at home. Really pleased to see the unauthorised absences drop this week. There has been an increase overall in unauthorised absence. The reason for this is that although we encourage you to let us know of any absence on the first day of absence (if your child is unwell) or request absence in advance. When we do not receive any notification from you, we follow up with a text, a phone call and then, ultimately, an N code letter asking for a reason. After several attempts at sending home a letter to be returned and still no reason given for the absence it will be marked as unauthorized. A cumulation of unauthorised absences could result in a fine. Please could we urge you to inform us if your child (ren) is absent from school on the first day of absence.

Please note school BEGINS at 9AM. Ensure you have you child (ren) in school before then.

From the PTFA

What a wonderfully festive night was had at the Bazaar and Hot Pot. We had a great time, and steep learning curve, doing our first family event. Thank you all for attending and sharing your time with us. We raised well over £2000 for the school from last night's activities. Together we are doing great things.

As I wrap up the last bits of the Christmas Bazaar I am turning my attention to movie night on Wednesday the 13th December from 3:30 to 5:00. We will be showing Arthur Christmas for the kids who wish to attend payment is on Parent Pay. If the children want to bring PJs, Onesies, Dressing Gowns to change into for the film night—they are most welcome to.

As we get past the hustle and bustle of the holidays you may be tempted to do a closet clean out and I encourage you to do so as we will have a used clothing collection in mid January to benefit the school. Your family, extended family, neighbours, and co-workers can participate! So please set any clothing donations aside and more information will be coming as soon as school is back in session in January.

We also secured Charity Status of the Ysgol Esgob Morgan PTFA. This opens up a world of fund raising opportunities for us and we would be delighted if you could join any way you can.

We wish you a wonderfully joyful end of term in the coming weeks and thank you for all of your generous support so far.
-Rachel Cleveland, Chair, Ysgol Esgob Morgan PTFA

Personal Hygiene

We have never really come across this before. It really is a quandary. We, naturally, allow the children to use the toilet at anytime they need to use it. This is a basic human right.

However, we are finding that, as this is a place where there is no adult, some children are using it as an opportunity to act in a way that falls below our expectations. We encourage them to use the toilet as needed, wash their hands and leave. Currently, we have reports of children banging on the doors, climbing and even eating in the toilet.

As we mentioned last week, can you please reinforce the message at home that they need to use communal toilets with respect and now allow their standards of behaviour to drop. Many thanks for your help in this matter.

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 3:30PM to 5PM. Tickets £4 on ParentPay

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

In the last week pupils who celebrate Christmas are welcome to wear Christmas Jumpers if they want, and the others can wear anything similar but non Christmas.

21st—School Closes for Pupils

22nd—Staff Training Day

Jan 8th—Staff Training Day

NSPCC Concert

We were delighted that a small group of dedicated pupils joined Mrs Drumm on Wednesday night to take part in the NSPCC fundraising concert.

They were on first and sung beautifully and then had time to enjoy the rest of the concert. One comment from another choir member was that our children were lovely and gave them fist bumps on the way to the stage to help with their nerves!

Lovely.

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