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## Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back. I hope you all had a restful half term and enjoyed Halloween and Bonfire Night. I am delighted to inform you that, following Mr Morris' application in May, we have been awarded our Silver Award for Cymraeg Campus. This is for all the work that we do in school on and in Welsh and on Wales. Da iawn pawb!

I always see this term as full steam ahead for Christmas. Its my most favourite time of year and we always do our best to try to make it as magical as possible for the children.

We are starting early this year by having our Christmas Bazaar, Hot Pot and Quiz night early (ish). We are working on the logistics of how many tickets we can sell, but the PTFA will be running an event simultaneously (details later in this letter) as I think tickets will sell out quickly.

All year groups are busily preparing for the Christmas Service which will be at Denbigh Town Hall this year on the 14th of Dec for a 6:30 PM start.

Please see the details in this newsletter about payments to the school and the After School Club booking procedures. This is really important information.

Many thanks and have a wonderful weekend.—Mr Redgrave

## Attendance and Punctuality

Year to date	Late	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	%	W/B 20/10	Late	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	%
3	1.4	4.5	2.1	93.4	3	1.2	5.0	4.2	90.8
4	1.2	2.8	2.1	94.2	4	1.8	1.4	0.9	97.7
5	3.7	5.7	5.0	88.9	5	3.7	4.6	5.0	90.4
6	1.5	3.3	4.7	92.0	6	2.5	1.7	4.2	94.2
Totals	2.0	4.1	3.5	92.1	Totals	2.3	3.2	3.6	93.2

As we progress through the year there is steady improvements of the overall yearly data. This is shown in nearly every indicator this week with only a small drop in Year 3.

This drop is due to the below expected attendance in Year 3 this week. However, attendance in Year 3 continues to be in the right area to be on target for 95% by the end of the year. Year 3 and 5 have halved their lateness record compared with the week before half term. Still far too many children arriving late for school.

With the exception of Year 4, unauthorised absence is still proving to be a problem. Now, included in this data is when we have had no reason for an absence. This results in an N code in the register and a letter coming home for you to fill in for our records. Please, if your child is absent for any reason, let the school know at the earliest opportunity. Many thanks. Your help is, as ever, appreciated.

## After School Club

Once again huge thanks to Kim who has kept the ASC running and we are so grateful that she was there for the inspection this week.

The booking form goes out earlier in the week now and closes Sunday evening. Should you need a space once the booking form is closed please use the contact details on the response you get from the form in order to make arrangements. **Please do not phone the school as bookings can not be made through the school.**

Details for the ASC can also be found on our school website. Please do book in early as the club is getting full on most days now.

## PTFA News

The PTFA would like to send out a giant thank you to all the wonderful parents who helped with the Monsters Ball. We really couldn't have done it without you. With your help we were able to raise over £350 for the school that's without counting ticket sales! Even as we work behind the scenes to bring about these events and fundraisers, it is YOUR PTFA and we are very grateful for your support and assistance. We have a lot of wonderful events coming this year and we look forward to working together to build this parent community. Please join us at the next meeting on **December 7th**, and catch up on news in the Esgob Morgan Parent Teacher Friends Association on Facebook.

## School Events

As we all continue to recover from the events of the pandemic it is important to understand that children were badly affected. Many children are "bouncing back" well from the disruption, however many are still finding it hard to adjust to being back at school. This can manifest in the playground, especially at lunch time. Some children's skills in play are underdeveloped and this leads to conflict. In addition, some children's conflict resolution skills are underdeveloped. This can lead to poor behavioural choices.

We have invested in a multi use games area, as well as a lot of playground equipment, in order to help the children develop their play skills.

We continue to work with those pupils who make poor behavioural choices as they need our help more than ever. We thank you for your understanding as we help all our pupils in Esgob Morgan.

## Christmas Bazaar, Quiz, Hot Pot and Raffle

At the last PTFA meeting it was agreed that in addition to the quiz and hot pot, we would also have a bazaar! Not a bizarre, we will leave that to Mr R's fashion sense.

At the bazaar will be games, activities, a film area, there may even be a special guest to have a picture with (they're looking for elf helpers) ... and this will run before the quiz for those who can't attend the hotpot and quiz, as well as during the quiz if the children need something else to do instead of the quiz. Something for everyone we hope.

Raffle ticket sales are going well, please sell all sold stubs in with the money collected as well as any unsold tickets. We have had some more printed as they have gone really well!

### Nov

**10th**—Into film Year 5 and 6

**14th**—Safer Internet Day

**15th**—Vale of Clwyd Girls Football

**17th**—Non Uniform (Tombola / smellies)

**21st**—Into Film—Whole School

**24th**—Non Uniform (Bottles)

**29th**—Year 5 Trip to Blists Hill

**30th** - Non Uniform (Biscuits) / Christmas Bazaar, Quiz and Hotpot

### Dec

**5th**—Choir to visit Bryn Derwen

**6th**—NSPCC Concert for those involved

**13th**—Concert Rehearsal at town hall

**14th**—Christmas Concert

**21st**—School Closes for Pupils

**22nd**—Training Day

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**8th** Training Day. Open on **9th**.

### Clubs w/b 13th

**Mon**—Rugby—**3:15 to 4**

**Tues**—Netball Year 5 and 6 **3:15 to 4**

**Weds**—Urdd Dance. All year groups / Lego club Year 3 and 4 (change over during the half term to Year 5 and 6)

**Thurs**—Coding Club Years 5 and 6.

Football will happen during lunchtimes—we will let you know.