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Dear Parents and Guardians

I hope you have had a good week.

Last week our girls football team went to Ruthin to take part in the Vale of Clwyd Football Tournament. They played brilliantly and no one would have known that they were a newly formed team! They came up against some much larger schools, but they managed to roll with it and held their own. Best of all, though, they represented the school in such a positive way. Da iawn!



One of the things I think is brilliant about our learners here is that they will have a go at almost anything. Especially with sports activities. This is evident in our extra curricular clubs. This, in turn, builds resilience. Some might say "children are resilient" - that maybe true, but only if they are allowed to develop those skills of resilience in a safe, supportive and nurturing environment. Its nice when we win, but what do we do when we don't? This is where, little by little, children build their resilience.

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	1.8	4.6	1.7	93.4	3	4.3	3.7	0.7	93.0
4	1.3	2.9	1.8	94.6	4	1.8	4.4	0.0	95.6
5	4.3	6.7	4.8	88.2	5	6.3	8.3	4.0	87.7
6	1.5	3.9	4.3	91.8	6	2.0	4.7	2.0	93.3
Totals	2.2	4.6	3.2	92.0	Totals	3.6	5.3	1.7	92.3

Year 4 continue to be on target to hit our whole school yearly target of 95% as they, once again, maintain an attendance percentage of over 95%. If they keep this up until Christmas they should reach the target. This week there were no unauthorised absence in Year 4. As we mentioned last week, there is a direct link between attainment and behaviour when it comes to punctuality and attendance. Year 4 are going supersonic!

The Welsh Government have released their vision for how we can all play our part in improving attendance. Mr Redgrave will be in touch with those learners' parents who fall below the threshold as set out by the Welsh Government which is any learner who has missed 10% of their schooling. Mr Redgrave is going to be very busy with this next week.

Bethlehem Bandits

At the start of the year the children asked if we could do something a bit different for our Christmas service this year. Pupil voice is everything and this allows us to fully integrate this into our curriculum planning. The children have designed the tickets, designing and making their costumes, designing and making the set as well as Year 6 planning and developing pop up businesses to sell products on the day. They will be making and baking. That's before they use the expressive arts skills in singing, acting and dancing.

It really has been a whole school approach and the children have been both excited and engaged in this project. We decided on the town hall in Denbigh as it is a venue to suitably hold the number of people we anticipate coming. We would love to hold it in St Asaph but there isn't a venue suitable and Denbigh isn't half the world away with it just being up/down the road.

It may not be the traditional service some of you are used to, but the effort and hard work the children and staff are putting into this is really pleasing to see and deserves all the praise and attention we can give it.

Christmas Dinner

We will be having our school Christmas dinner on Thursday the 7th. In order to get an idea of numbers can you please fill in this form by Wednesday the 29th of Nov <https://bit.ly/yemasdin23>

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

This form gives us an indication of who will be having a dinner—they will still order as usual on the day.

Dates (all on our website)

Nov 27—Year 5 Swimming (weekly)
29—Year 5 Trip to Blists Hill
30—Non Uniform for Biscuits. Christmas Bazaar, Hotpot and Quiz
Dec 1st—Year 6 Forest School
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.

Christmas Bazaar, Quiz, Hot Pot and Raffle

Tickets went on sale on Tuesday—and as we thought they were the hottest ticket in town! They have already sold out.

Don't worry if you can't be here now for the quiz as we have the Bazaar as well. Entry to this is free—and everyone is welcome to that. There will be games to play, prizes to win and The Big Man will be here!!!!

One last big push, if we could please, on the raffle tickets. Send any unsold back in and we have one week to make sure Mr R doesn't win!

Sustrans

Sustrans is a charity that works to improving walking, wheeling and cycling routes across the UK and Ireland. They visited the classes this week where the children learned about the Zig Zag lines outside the school.

They found out that your are not supposed to park on them , or opposite them, or even stop on them,

They also learned that no one should park on the corner at the T junction just outside the school! So the children know now! We know they like to remind adults when they do things that they know is wrong , so it might best to avoid doing the above!

Extra Curricular Cubs

Clubs will finish the week ending December 8th.

Next week (week beginning 27th) there is no Lego club.

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

Mon—Rugby (*all ages*)

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

Netball (*Years 5 and 6*)

Weds—Dance (*all ages*)

Thurs—Coding (*Years 3 and 4*)