

## November Newsletter

### **Harvest Celebration**

Thank you to all who attended our Harvest Celebration before half term – all food donated was passed onto PATCH. We also collected £135 which was donated to CAFOD.

### **Disco**

Friends of Holy Name School helped to run our first disco- we raised £205. This money will be used to develop and maintain outdoor learning areas. As you will know in this day and age school budgets are facing increasing financial cutbacks and your support allows us to ensure we are giving pupils extra opportunities and continuing to develop our learning environments.

Thank you to everyone who supported the disco and helped supervise, man stalls, face paint.

### **Children in Need**

Pupils enjoyed wearing spotty clothes, eating spotty toast and having their faces painted on November 17<sup>th</sup> - £135 was raised for Children in Need

### **Visitors**

We were pleased to welcome Annette and her guide dog Morgan to school this month. Pupils enjoyed a fascinating talk where they were able to learn about life with a guide dog

### **Stay and Play**

Classes 1 and 2 enjoyed welcoming their families to Stay and Play. Class 1 shared their fantastic nursery rhymes as part of National Nursery Rhyme Week. Class 2 created spotty activities linked to Children in Need to share with their families.

### **Light Night**

The Friends of Holy Name ran a successful stall at Light Night selling reindeer hot chocolate cones, reindeer food, reindeer poo, cakes and games - £105 was raised for school funds. Pupils from Holy Name School also sang carols on the Golden Mile.

### **Christmas Fair**

As you will know you our Christmas Fair takes place this weekend – we hope you will be able to join us on Saturday between 10am and 2pm. Pupils and

staff have been working incredibly hard to prepare for this event and we will have a range of fabulous items for sale.

As well as stalls, games, Father Christmas and refreshments we will also be selling **school uniform at a discounted price.**

### **Staffing**

Mrs J Jones will be joining us as our new administrative assistant on December 4<sup>th</sup> she is a very experienced administrative officer and will be a huge asset to the school.

I am sure you will make her feel very welcome and support her as she gets to know pupils, parents and staff at Holy Name School.

During the past 4 weeks we have been very fortunate to have had fantastic help running the office from our Governors, Mrs Hazel Evans and Mrs Alyson Jones.

### **Christmas Dinner**

Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday December 13th. If you would like your child to have dinner on that day please could you send a message to the admin account on ClassDojo.

Reception - Year 2 - £2.25

Years 3 - 6 - £2.35

### **Christmas Pantomime**

On December 7<sup>th</sup> a visiting theatre company will be performing a pantomime for the whole school.

Classes 4 and 5 will also be going to Ysgol Bro Gwaun to watch their Pantomime Aladdin on December 11<sup>th</sup>

### **Christmas Plays**

Christmas Plays will take place on Tuesday December 19th and Wednesday December 20th

Tuesday 19th - 1.30pm Classes 4 & 5

7pm - Classes 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 20th - 1.30pm Classes 1,2 & 3

7pm Classes 4 & 5

Tickets will be £3 each - money raised will pay for the plays and licenses - any

extra money will be used to develop our outdoor learning areas.

Initially we will offer 2 tickets per family per performance - if extra tickets are available we will let you know.

**Tickets will be on sale after December 6th - please do not send money in before that.**

Dates for your diary

December 13th Additional Learning Needs drop in Coffee Morning, 10:00 - 11:00. This may be of particular interest to parents of children in Years 5/6 as we will be joined by Rhian Lewis, ALNco at Ysgol Bro Gwaun.

December 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Plays

December 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Plays

December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Outfit Day – on the last day of term pupils can wear their own clothes to school – we would love to see lots of Christmas jumpers. On that day we will be organising a range of Christmas themed activities.

January 8<sup>th</sup> – Pupils return to school