



Clyro Church in Wales  
Primary School

# Clyro School News -

"Many hands build a house,  
many hearts build a school"



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## Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

### Diary Dates -

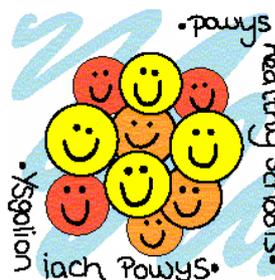
Don't forget these are  
available on the website

- ◆ **Wednesday 4th December** - Class 3 & 4 visit to Caerleon;
- ◆ **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Foundation Phase theatre visit to Brecon to see "Dear Santa";
- ◆ **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas lunch with Father Christmas visit;
- ◆ **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - 2pm, Performance of Foundation Phase Play "Stable by Starlight";
- ◆ **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - Non-Uniform day, £1 - Wear your Christmas Jumper to school; Christingle Service, 2pm at Clyro Church; Break up; **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**
- ◆ **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** - Back to school

 We are now in the season of Advent, the time of preparation and coming, and we are all getting ready for Christmas! Every child in school has made a "Star of Hope" for our Christmas tree of Hope in the hall, kindly donated by Mr. & Mrs. M. Jenkins. Please feel free to come into school and look at our tree and your child's star. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff and governors, to wish you all a very restful and enjoyable Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and relaxed in the new term in 2019!



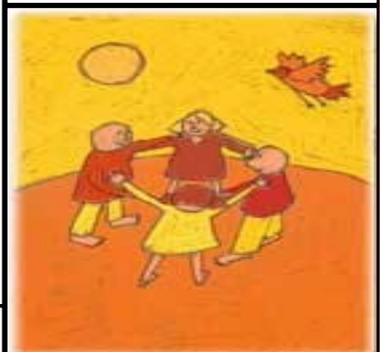
**Healthy School success!!!!** We are delighted to announce that we have just been assessed and achieved Phase 4 of the Healthy Schools Award! This phase of the award dealt with health and well being and involved the assessors looking at our evidence in relation to healthy food, Tuck Shop, etc. The assessor spoke a lot to the pupils about sugar levels and so, in light of the award, we are overhauling our Tuck Shop. From January 2020 we will only be selling fruit and vegetables. We are also going to adopt a **zero policy** on crisps, biscuits and chocolate for break time healthy snacks - so please do not send these in for your child, only healthy options. The assessor's also looked at the children's lunchboxes. Can we also remind you that lunchboxes should be healthy too - some children are being given several sweet items on a daily basis, such as chocolates, sweets, biscuits and crisps. We are hoping to put on workshops on healthy foods for the children and also some parents information evenings led by the Food Standards Agency, in the new year. Well done to the whole school, as this is a culmination of our work over the years and a big thank you to Miss Long and the "Healthy Schools Committee" for gathering the evidence and working so hard.



**Criw Cymraeg** - We are working towards achieving our Bronze award which will be assessed in January 2020. Criw Cymraeg will be running The Much Hut, Tuck Shop on a Thursday. If we say the phrase of the fortnight we will now get a red token to put on a silhouette of a dragon and when the silhouette is full of tokens we will be rewarded.  
**Ellis Davies & Ashley Ricketts - Class 4.**



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December is:  
**HAPPINESS**

## GOVERNOR NEWS

### **Safeguarding report by Mrs. C. Price - Thursday 17th October 2019.**

The meeting was to discuss and ensure that all Safeguarding processes and procedures are in place, easily accessible and being used and carried out throughout the school. The whole point of 'Safeguarding', as the name suggests, is to make sure that all pupils are safe and therefore relaxed and happy which in turn promotes a healthy environment in which to learn.

This was my first Safeguarding meeting with Mrs. Groves since I became Parent Governor. Mrs. Groves has well organised systems in place and clear to see. Any visitors to school are asked to read the Safeguarding leaflet, sign in and wear a red lanyard, clearly stating to staff, other visitors and pupils that they are a visitor. They then sign out and hand back the lanyard. Security cameras are present in school and recordings can be called upon if needed. The green gates are locked at 9.15am and are open again at 3.30pm. Any visitors must report to reception and have no other means of getting into the school building. Any parents who arrive with their children after 9.15am, must report to reception and pupils are taken to their classroom.

All adults who work with the children have a DBS check and Mrs. Groves keeps the records of approval. Mrs. Groves has undertaken the Radicalisation training and all staff will do so at the next in-house training session. Various policies relating to Safeguarding are readily accessible and staff are aware of their contents. Any sensitive data is kept in Mrs. Groves' office. All necessary Advisory and Information posters and notices are on notice boards, appropriately positioned throughout the school. Emergency and possible referral procedures are in place. Parents are encouraged to advise the school when their child/children are using the school bus from/to home and, of course, to notify school of an absence. No child is allowed to leave with another parent/guardian unless they have verbal/written request from their own parent/guardian.

For my first visit focusing on Safeguarding I am pleased to say that all possible procedures are firmly in place and followed. As a parent, we all think that we leave our children safe and secure and I am pleased to say that I genuinely believe staff do their utmost to make that happen. Staff should be proud.

**Mrs. Ceri Price**

**A WINNING GUY!!** - Well done to those pupils in "Bees Knees" After School Care who worked with Miss Burnett-Thomas and Mrs. George on their "Guy" for Bonfire Night. They entered the Black Mountain Lions Guy Fawkes competition and won! They received a shield, a certificate and £100 for the school in assembly. Well done everyone!



**FUNDRAISING** - Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Rags2Riches collection. After the weigh-in, we raised £125! We also raised £148 for Children in Need, which is excellent. A great effort made by all, many thanks to everyone.

**Please remember** - all of our important diary dates are listed on our school website, under the section marked "About" and then in "Diary dates".

**School Meal debt** - The Governing Body have been contacted by Councillor Phyl Davies, Cabinet member for Education and Mr. Jason Rawbone from Powys Catering, raising their concern regarding the increasing level of school meal debt and parents use of ParentPay across Powys. They have asked for their concerns to be raised at all school's next Governing Body meetings and for this to be communicated to all parents. As of 15th November, school meal debt across Powys was £88,450! Sadly, our school has some school meal debt which must be cleared. Therefore, please can we urge you to ensure that your accounts are always in credit as the Catering Service cannot sustain this amount of debt. Whilst they do not want to refuse pupils school meals in primary schools, it may have to come to that if parents do not pay up front for their children's meals. We thank you for your support and cooperation with this matter.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** - We return to school on Tuesday 7th January as Monday is a training day for staff. Also, as previously informed, there is an extra training day for staff, therefore a "day off" for pupils on Friday 26th June.

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November saw two wonderful fundraising events - Toy Story4 film night was a great success. Thanks to Abi Jenkins for her amazing organisation and all of the lovely children who came and enjoyed it! It raised £265. Meanwhile there will be some still recovering from a marvellous night out last Saturday, thanks to Lisa-Marie Badham and DJ Max Galactic's Disco at Clyro Court. Thank you for selling and buying raffle tickets and particularly dancing! Also a massive thank you to unsung heroes - Kate Platt who raised £50 with her Round Britain quiz and Ceri Price for car booting our Buttermarket Sale left overs, putting another £100 in the kitty! These great fundraising efforts mean that the Friends have been able to contribute towards the Foundation Phase trip to "Dear Santa" and the Key Stage 2 visit to the Roman Legion Museum in Caerleon, plus Hockey Wales coming in and providing tuition for Class 4.

We will be holding a Christmas Bazaar after "Stable by Starlight" on Wednesday 18th December. Make sure you come and enjoy some mulled wine and mince pies, join in the games, buy the lovely Christmas crafts and generally celebrate the festive season with us! We will be asking for donations of wine and raffle prizes closer to the date. (Expect to hear more on this via Schoop and the Messenger feed!!!!) **Lou Davies**