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Monday 18th December 2017

Dear Parents,

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Parents**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the last year. Your positive feedback and/or challenge is of great importance to us. Your kind correspondence and dealings with the school make Hendrefoilan a happy and fun school to work and learn in.

**Christmas Parties**

* Pupils in Years 3 to 6 are invited to wear party clothes to school tomorrow for the KS2 Christmas parties (Tuesday 19th December).
* Pupils in Nursery to Year 2 are invited to wear party clothes to school on Wednesday for the Foundation Phase Christmas parties (Wednesday 20th December).There will be a special visitor attending the Foundation Phase Christmas parties!

**INSET day in January**

There is no school for pupils on Monday 8th December 2018.

**Parental Questionnaires**

Because of your feedback, we have improved our after school clubs, music and sports provision. We hope that you can see the improvements.

We will send our next parental questionnaire home to parents in January 2018.

**Universal Credit**

Instead of making a new claim for Housing Benefit, Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance, Employment Support Allowance, Child Tax Credit and/or Working Tax Credit, people now need to claim Universal Credit.

If you are awarded an amount of Universal Credit, you will be eligible for Free School Meals. Even if your child does not wish to have the free dinners, it is important that parents/carers apply for free school meals if they are eligible, as the school receives funding because of the number of children in the school who are eligible for free school meals. This funding allows a range of measures to be put in place aimed at raising attainment, increasing opportunities and supporting all learners.

For information and to apply free school meals visit Swansea.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

For information on Universal Credit visit: Swansea.gov.uk/universalcredit

**Staffing News**

Mrs Hughes’ last day at Hendrefoilan will be on Tuesday 19th December 2017. Mrs Hughes has welcomed countless children to Hendrefoilan Nursery over the past twenty years and has made many improvements to the school, particularly in the area of Health and Safety. I am sure that you will join us in wishing Mrs Hughes our warmest wishes in all that she does.

**Reception**

From January 2018, Mrs Debbie Tidy will be taking over Mrs Hughes’ days in Reception. Mrs Tidy will share the teaching in Reception with Mrs Griffiths covering Tuesday and Wednesday every week.

**Y4**

Mrs Tidy has rearranged her days to teach in Y4 on Thursdays and Fridays. This means that from January, Mrs Bews will teach in Y4 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

**Important Dates**

* Tuesday 19th December: KS2 Christmas parties
* Wednesday 20th December: Foundation Phase Christmas parties
* Monday 8th January 2018: INSET day

*Date of next Newsletter: Monday 8th January 2018*