November 20th 2020

Dear all,

I hope that you are all well and have had a good week. We have had yet another lovely week in school and the children are really settled and working well.

We have been discussing bullying and how we can tackle and prevent it over this last week and it was great to see so many odd socks – some children have enjoyed wearing them all week!!

The flu nasal spray went very smoothly on Tuesday. There were some children absent, so the nurses are coming back on Wednesday 25th in the afternoon for anyone who still needs it. The nurses will be in touch with you if you were one of the families absent that day.

As I told you last week, we have been doing a lot of work around Remembrance. Each class made poppies and all classes were different from each other. Miss Waring and Mrs Jackson displayed them all earlier this week and I attach a photo of them so you can see it and appreciate how beautiful it looks. We shall keep that display up into the New Year.

Mr G and his partner have gone into hospital today to await the birth of their child, so I will update you when I have further news. Mrs Schofield will be covering Mr G for his 2 week paternity leave. I am sure that Y6 will be able to have a Teams meeting and meet Baby G during the time that he is away!! I am sure that you join me in wishing them a safe delivery.

I had a letter this week from Stackpole and it saddened me greatly as they have had to make the decision to close their doors to school residential groups, not just this year, but forever. We have had many years of visits there and I have written to them on behalf of our school to thank them for all they have done for our pupils over the time we have been visiting. We do have contact details of other residential centres, so we will be investigating them in depth for next year. This year, I am sure, will not be a year where we are able to have any residential trips. However, we have found some companies who will come into school and deliver some activities for a day, and we are looking to plan something for the classes who should have been going away, so they have at least one day which is different to the usual and one that they will remember. We will keep you updated when we have further information.

Next week, PC Skyrme will be coming in to deliver some of his police liaison lessons to the children. He will be in Y5 and 6 talking about anti- social behaviour and dangers of the internet and also Y3 talking about internet safety. He will be observing our strict guidelines when he is in the building.

On Friday 27th, we have the final non- uniform day in return for a cash donation towards prizes for the Christmas raffle. Thank you for all your contributions last week.

Thank you too for those of you who have brought in some food or small gifts or toiletries for Hay, Brecon and Talgarth Refugee Sanctuary. There is box in the foyer and it will be there for another week if anyone has anything they can donate.

This year, I am sending Mrs Jackson and Mrs Gregory on the Forest School training course, so we will then have 3 trained members of staff across FP and KS2. I am also sending Miss Young and Mrs Davies on the Level 2 Outdoor Learning course, which looks at using the outdoors to enhance the curriculum, which will marry well with the Forest School approach. We really are determined to develop the outdoors this year as we were really hampered last year by lockdown. As we develop our new curriculum for Wales, we really want the outdoors to be a larger focus, and look forward to when we can also start to go off site again too.

Ian Davies has kindly offered to help to put our gazebo up, so we can create an outdoor classroom area. If there is anyone who could offer some time over a weekend to help him, we would all be really grateful. Please contact Ian if you are able to help and then arrange a time to suit yourselves. Thanks in advance!

As I said last week, Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday 15th December and we will be collecting numbers next week, so that Sarah can cater for all those who will be ordering one (Please see attached menu)

Could I also ask that you check your balances on parent pay for lunch and breakfast club as debt amounts are starting to rise again. Thank you.

There has been a rise of positive cases in Powys recently and I have reminded staff to ensure that we stick to the protocols in place, as it can be easy to relax and become complacent. Could I also please remind you, as we move into the colder weather, to remember to keep your distance from each other on the yards and use all the exits. Anyone showing any one of the symptoms must stay home and organise a test. You have all been wonderful so far and thank you!

When you receive your negative result, could you please e mail the result to office@hay.powys.sch.uk and not the school mobile. It is only a £20 phone and can not accept screenshots or photos!!! (I had to practice with it so I could remember how to use one that basic!) It is purely for ringing out of hours if anyone has a positive case, so we can act as quickly as possible.

We will celebrate Christmas jumper day for Save the Children on Friday December 11th. That is the same day that the Christmas raffle will be drawn. We are also going to arrange a Chinese auction for just the children, with lots of prizes, so I shall send out further details next week.

The school calendar is ready! We will have an example of one in the reception area. They cost £5. If you wish to purchase one please return the order form or email office@hay.powys.sch.uk. Thank you to those who have already placed an order, these will be processed next week and added to Parent Pay for payment.

PTFhAy have chosen the winners of the front cover competition as follows (their prize is being on the front cover!):

Jan: Joseph W

Feb: Freddy

Mar: Annie

Apr: Indie

May: Ronnie

June: Imogen

July: Joseph R

Aug: Willow

Sept: Tilly

Oct: Alex Lloyd

Nov: Ava

Dec: Poppy D-B

Stars of the week are as follows:

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| **Reception**  | **Norah** |
| **Year 1**  | **Bo** |
| **Year 2** | **Tilly** |
| **Year 3** | **Freddy** |
| **Year 4** | **Arran** |
| **Year 5** | **Rhys** |
| **Year 6** | **Ava** |

Dinner menu for week commencing 16th November (week 2) is as follows: -

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| **Monday**  | Lamb Grill in a Bap |
| **Tuesday**  | Roast Chicken dinner |
| **Wednesday** | Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese |
| **Thursday** | Roast Pork dinner |
| **Friday** | Fish Fingers or Salmon baked, chips or pasta, baked beans or peas |

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Mrs B