November 27th 2020

Dear all,

I hope that you are all well. Tonight, should have been our Christmas fete and the switching on of the lights, complete with our choir singing loud and proud in the town. It certainly seems strange not to be doing that this year.

Thank you to all of you who are now wearing masks at pick up and drop off times, as the Welsh Government have advised. Could I please remind you that we are still expected to socially distance as well and please try to be mindful of not blocking the path, especially on the Little Stars side of the school as the walkway is quite narrow.

PC Skyrme came into talk to Y3/5/6 this week about internet safety and he also talked about anti -social behaviour with the older children. He will be back in the new year to talk to Y6 again and also Y4 as part of the police liaison programme.

Staff had a 2-hour training session on yoga techniques this week, so they will be able to incorporate some relaxation and mindfulness into lessons and PE sessions!

Thank you to all of you who sent in donations today for the PTFhAy raffle – it is greatly appreciated and hopefully there will be some great prizes on offer. The draw will be on December 11th.

We are going to hold a Chinese auction just with prizes for children this year and have been collecting items to raffle. We will set this up next week and I will send out further details in next week’s newsletter.

Thank you too for all the donations for the Refugee sanctuary – they were collected today and they were so grateful for all that had been sent in and wanted me to express their thanks.

We have shortlisted for the part time job in the office and we will be interviewing next Wednesday. I will let you know the outcome in next Friday’s newsletter.

In staff meeting last night, we talked about arrangements for Christmas and these are the things we have planned:

* We will have our advent calendar as usual so a child will be nominated each day for doing something special
* PTFhAy have paid for a virtual pantomime this year. It will be available between 14th-18th December and classes will watch that during the last week of term. The pantomime that was booked for Feb 2021 has been moved to Feb 2022.
* Christmas parties – classes can have parties in their classrooms. All children will have a packet of crisps and a drink, so they are easy to distribute and individual, not sharing. The parties that were booked for 16.12.2020 have been moved to 16.12.2021
* Christmas cards – we will allow children to bring cards this year but need to do it carefully. We will resurrect the post box and children can have 2 delivery dates – Friday 4th and Friday 11th December. All cards must be posted and not handed out individually. Cards will then be left over the weekend and sorted on a Monday. They then need to be sent home with the child and opened at home. Please could you make sure that the envelopes are well labelled with the name and class on so they get to the correct person!
* We are going to try to do a little bit of singing outside for you to come and listen to – further information will be sent out once we have a plan!
* Christmas dinner day is Tuesday December 15th - orders in by Monday please. Remember, if your child does not have lunch that day, there are no other options and they will need to bring a packed lunch
* We are going to do Christmas Scavenger hunt around town for the children to take part in and there will be some prizes. There will be a small cost to take part and clues will be hidden around the town in shop windows for you to complete in the evenings or weekends. I am sure that it will be lots of fun!

If you have any unsold raffle tickets, could you please return them to school next week – some of the PTFhAy are going to sell them in the market next Thursday so would like to have all the spare ones possible please.

Stars of the week are as follows:

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| **Reception** | **Rowan S-M** |
| **Year 1** | **Nancy** |
| **Year 2** | **Maddie** |
| **Year 3** | **Joseph** |
| **Year 4** | **Keira** |
| **Year 5** | **Azi** |
| **Year 6** | **Rebekah** |

Dinner menu for week commencing 30th November (week 3) is as follows: -

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| **Monday** | **Meat balls** |
| **Tuesday** | **Turkey dinner** |
| **Wednesday** | **Mini Grill** |
| **Thursday** | **Roast beef dinner** |
| **Friday** | **Fish & Chips** |

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Mrs B