



# Blaenbaglan Primary School

## November Newsletter

### National Tests

Tuesday 28th April 2020 to Tuesday 5th May 2020 is the window set for Welsh Government National Tests for Years 2 – 6.

### Planned INSET Days

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020, Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 & Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020. School is closed to pupils.

### December

- **Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>** Walk to school
  - **Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>** School Disco & Stalls
  - **Mon 9<sup>th</sup>** St. Theodore's Practice KS2
  - **Tues 10<sup>th</sup>** Morning Nursery/Rec. Christmas Concert – 9.30am
  - **Tues 10<sup>th</sup>** FP 1 & 2. Christmas Concert – 1.30pm
  - **Tues 10<sup>th</sup>** KS 2 Christmas Concert – St. Theodore's Church, 6.00pm
  - **Wed 11<sup>th</sup>** FP 1 & 2 Christmas Concert – 9.30am
  - **Wed 11<sup>th</sup>** Morning Nursery/Rec. Christmas Concert – 1.30pm
  - **Fri 13<sup>th</sup>** Save The Children's Christmas Jumper Day
  - **Mon 16<sup>th</sup>** FP Pantomime Visit
  - **Tues 17<sup>th</sup>** KS2 Pantomime Visit
  - **Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Dinner
  - **Fri 20<sup>th</sup>** End of Term
- School Closes

### January

- **Mon 6<sup>th</sup>** School Closure - INSET
- **Tues 7<sup>th</sup>** School Opens 8.50am
- **Wed 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup>** Cardiff Bay Sleepover

### Further dates to follow

Please remember:



- to ensure all uniform is clearly named
- to have indoor & outdoor PE kits in school
- to have long hair tied up at all times
- not to wear earrings for swimming or PE
- no nail varnish
- to fill your child's water bottle with water – no juice please

### Christmas Disco

The PTA have arranged a disco for **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**. Various stalls will be set up in the corridor and classrooms that pupils can visit. Foundation Phase 4-5pm, KS2 5.15pm - 6.30pm. FP pupils need to be accompanied by an adult. £2.50 entry fee with a visit from Santa. Teas, coffees and mince pies will be on sale.

### Attendance

Our attendance target is 96%.

September - 96.13%  
October - 96.45%  
November - 92.00%

Please let us know if your child/ children cannot be in school for whatever reason **on the day** of their absence. Please notify the office or report the absence through Schoop. **Article 28 - You have the right to a good quality education.**

### Parent Pay

After a few teething problems, we seem to be finally up and running with the system. If you haven't already registered, please use the code which you should have received. Copies of your unique code are held in the office.

### Schoop

A new way of contacting parents & carers through an app called Schoop, is ready to be launched. Please download the app. Which is available for Apple and android devices. When prompted enter the code **8477** which will connect you to the school's account. We will eventually come away from using the text system and Schoop will be our main method of contacting you. Follow the steps on the website - <https://www.schoop.co.uk/>

### Enforced Closure - General Election

The school will be used as a polling station for the forthcoming General Election on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019. **School is closed to pupils.**

### Walk to School

Meet at Tyn Y Twr car park at 8.30am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, for our festive walk to school.

### Children In Need

We all got involved in the Big Morning Move with Joe Wicks, to raise money for BBC Children in Need. Thank you for sending in your donations, which helped us to raise **£298!**



### Llangrannog

Our Year 5 residential visit to Llangrannog is booked for the weekend beginning **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020**. Information on the residential centre can be found at: <https://www.urdd.cymru/en/residential-centres/llangrannog/>  
An extension until **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** for deposits is now in place. Please note that the 3<sup>rd</sup> April was a provisional booking. Sorry if there has been any confusion! ☺

### Cardiff Sleepover

We have received 32 deposits for the Cardiff sleep over in The Millennium Centre, Cardiff Bay. The provisional date of **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> January 2020** has been confirmed. Further information can be found at: <https://www.urdd.cymru/en/residential-centres/cardiff/>

### Blessing Bags

Mrs. Skelton has received a number of Blessing Bags for the homeless – Thank you. The cut-off date for sending them into school is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. More info at: <https://blaenbaglan-primary-school.i2bloggy.com/blog/blessing-bag-campaign/>

| Term        | Term begins | Mid Term Holiday |          | Term Ends |
|-------------|-------------|------------------|----------|-----------|
| Autumn 2019 | 02/09/19    | 28/10/19         | 01/11/19 | 20/12/19  |
| Spring 2020 | 06/01/19    | 17/02/20         | 21/02/20 | 03/04/19  |
| Summer 2020 | 20/04/19    | 25/05/20         | 29/05/20 | 20/07/19  |