

*'Living and growing together,
 Learning that lasts forever.'*



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Autumn



Well I don't know where the first half term of the school year has gone? We've already filled this term with so many memories and have so many more to come. We were so excited to launch 'Reading Buddy' last month.



Oxford Reading Buddy

It's the perfect way of making screen time at home purposeful whilst encouraging good reading strategies. If we can help, let us know.

Our Choir sang live on BBC Radio Wales alongside our friends at Hengoed Court. That was truly amazing! Another very memorable moment was the British Sign Language lessons which inspired our children so much that Class 9 included sign language in their wonderful Harvest Assembly.

Our new **engage** room has proven very popular, with an almost full timetable of community partners who are happy to share their expertise with our families. We've already supported charities, such as Foodbank, SRTRC and Macmillan whilst having fun along the way. The Welsh Folk Dance Group and 'The Pirates of the Chillibeau' were big hits too! Thank you for supporting our events. The children are very busy at Cwm Glâs!

A Few Helpful Reminders

To help us work together, here are a few things that will help:

- **PE kits** are best kept in school to offer teachers flexibility
- **Fruit tuck** is £1 per week / 20p per day. Juniors have a Welsh Fruit Tuck Shop in the Hall, manned by the Healthy Schools Pupils
- **Wear uniform every day** – make use of the £1 Rail or buy uniform from the office. You can now also buy direct with Bergoni
- Children need to wear a coat to school in inclement weather, so that we can still go out at play times for fresh air and enjoy outdoor learning
- **Good attendance (90%+)** is essential for good progress at school
- **Good punctuality** helps children settle into their school day
- If your child has packed lunch, please support their healthy-eating by providing a healthy packed lunch box. Fizzy drinks and chocolate bars provide too much sugar (and calories) at lunchtime
- **Breakfast Club is a FREE provision** for all pupils. The door opens at 8:15 when we are ready to serve breakfast. PLEASE refrain from driving your car up the drive to drop off at this time. Pupils attending Breakfast Club will be served Breakfast. The door closes at 8:30. Supervision is offered on the Junior yard from 8:40. We advise F.Phase parents to remain with their child / children until the 8:45 buzzer
- If you ever experience difficulty with school trip payments, especially if you have a number of children at our school, please speak with the Headteacher



OUR FOODBANK COLLECTION

Thank you for again supporting our Harvest Assembly and Foodbank Donations. Mr Ward said it was a brilliant assembly and that we had donated 110.6kg of food which is the equivalent of over 260 meals for people of Swansea in crisis. That's amazing!

Some Important Dates This Half-Term

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| 4 th Nov | School reopens – Autumn 2 begins |
| 6 th Nov | Harry Potter School Trip – Cl.5, Cl.6, Cl.8 & Cl.10 (back late) |
| 7 th Nov | Show Racism Red Card Event, Liberty Stadium – Y6 |
| 9 th Nov | (Sat) Remembrance Choir Festival, Brangwyn, 4:00-9:00pm |
| 11 th Nov | National Safeguarding Week & Anti Bullying Week |
| 11 th Nov | FREE Safeguarding event at Cefn Hengoed for Y5 & Y6 3:15pm |
| 14 th Nov | HSA Bingo & Quiz Night 6:00-8:30pm, School Hall |
| 15 th Nov | BBC Children in Need Day – details to follow |
| 18 th Nov | Road Safety Week – Focus on Traffic and Parking Hazards |
| 19 th Nov | Chillibeau Quiz – Cl.4 & Cl.9 (pm) |
| 20 th Nov | Universal Children's Day / Children's Rights Day |
| 20 th Nov | Termly Gov Body Meeting – 5:00pm |
| 22 nd Nov | Citizenship Workshops with The Police – KS2 Classes |
| 4 th Dec | HSA Festive Fair and Santa Photos after school – details to follow |
| 8 th Dec | (Sun) Community Carol Service (Choir) – details to follow |
| 10 th Dec | Foundation Phase Christmas Concert (1) 1:30pm |
| 11 th Dec | Foundation Phase Christmas Concert (2) 9:30am |
| 12 th Dec | Christmas Dinner for Pupils |
| 13 th Dec | Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (£1) |
| 13 th Dec | Nursery (morning) Sing-a-Long Nativity – 9:30am |
| 13 th Dec | Beauty & The Beast Panto – KS2 (am) |
| 13 th Dec | Traditional Carols, Coffee & Mince Pies in the Hall – 2:00pm |
| 17 th Dec | KS2 Christmas Concert (1) 1:30pm |
| 17 th Dec | KS2 Christmas Concert (2) 5:30pm (pupils to stay after school for tea) |
| 18 th Dec | Christmas Trip to the Gower Heritage Centre – Cl.1, Cl.2, Cl.3, Cl.4 |
| 18 th Dec | Choir singing at Hengoed Court – 1:00 – 2:15pm |
| 19 th Dec | Christmas Dinner for Staff – because they deserve one too ☺ |
| 20 th Dec | End of term assembly and Festive Fun Day (last day of term) |

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 Christmas & New Year break
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Mon 6th Jan

School reopens – Spring 1 begins

Countdown to CHRISTMAS

As you can see above, there is so much to look forward to as we creep closer to Christmas. It is the most magical time of the year to work in a Primary School! We have been asked to act as a Polling Station on Thursday 12th December. We are going to **remain open** (as it's Christmas Dinner Day) and separate the Nursery area from the rest of the school. Nursery will use our Learning Lounge or the hall that day. More details to follow.

Mrs K Davies remains on maternity leave, so Mrs R Batcup continues to be our Nursery teacher. Miss C Howells was successful in securing a promoted place at another school last month and we wish her well for the future. Temporarily, Miss M Snead and Miss H Richards are covering PPA.

We are very excited to reveal that our **NEW WEBSITE** is ready for launch this month. We will let you know so that you can take a look yourself on any digital device. For safety reasons, please **do not park** on our double yellow lines or drive your car up to the car park. Our aim is to minimise moving traffic as much as possible. Police may well be paroling the area in the near future. Likewise, we are a **NO SMOKING** site. Thanks for working in partnership with us.

Mr N Craven-Lashley - Headteacher

