



## YSGOL GYNRADD A MEITHRIN STRYD SIORS GEORGE STREET PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Friday 26 November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We are seeing out the last full week of November with a flurry of activity. With Christmas honing into view, decorations are appearing, trees are being dressed and it even looks as though the weather may be chiming in too. Exciting times ahead.... Not least for our footballers who will be playing in the next round of the EFL trophy on Monday. Pob lwc!

### PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION RESULT

Following a recent election I am pleased to confirm that Mr Dan James has been elected as parent governor. Many thanks to parents who voted and to Mrs Kitson also for her nomination. All members of our governing body play an valuable role in supporting and monitoring the school's performance and progress. I should like to express my thanks on behalf of our school community for their interest and engagement.

### CASHLESS PAYMENTS

I would like to thank parents/carers for registering with the cashless payments system that has been introduced in all schools across Torfaen. I am pleased to advise that registrations in George Street now stand at 90%.

I do understand that in some cases registration has been problematic and I appreciate the effort parents/carers and our school admin team have gone to in persevering to resolve these issues. Where it has not been possible for parents/carers to register and there remains a need to pay in cash I can confirm that an arrangement to enable this has been made so that cash payments can be made at the Civic Centre in Pontypool on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** between 9.00am-1.00pm and then between 1.30pm – 4.30pm.



### PANTOMIME TRIP

A reminder that all payments (£12.50 per child) for the upcoming visit to see Cinderella at the Blackwood Miner's Institute need to be made by this **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. Outstanding payments that need to be made in cash can be completed using the information above.

### ELF DAY

A reminder that all children are invited to come to school on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** dressed in seasonal outfits for our annual Elf Day. Christmas-themed activities will run throughout the day to get the final month of the year started in the best way possible. Make sure to bring plenty of Ho Ho Ho!



### ECO XMAS CARDS

Our school Eco Team have been hard at work creating stunning Christmas cards to sell in school from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December for £1 each. Children will be invited to hang their Christmas cards on their class Christmas trees instead of bringing in individual cards. This will save on money and paper as well as being a more COVID-friendly way of sending good wishes to friends.

## CONTACTING TEACHERS

While all of our staff are happy to discuss any issues parents/carers may wish to raise about your child we respectfully advise that for teaching staff this can only be done at appropriate times. These include;

- At the start or end of the day when members of staff from your child's class are on gate duty
- By phoning our school office outside these times to leave a message with a member of our admin team or to request an appointment
- By sending an email to [office.georgestreetprimary@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:office.georgestreetprimary@torfaen.gov.uk)

Messages and emails are shared with our teaching team at a convenient time and an appropriate member of staff will get back to you in a timely manner (usually within 24 hours).

It is not possible for teachers or teaching assistants to respond to calls between 8.50 and 3.30 as their attention is focused on working with the pupils in their class.

I should also like to respectfully request that parents do not use the school Seesaw app to message teachers directly. On occasion staff are contacted during their evening in this way when they should be finding some time to recharge after their busy day. Thank you.

## CHILDREN IN NEED FUNDRAISING

Many thanks to our hardworking School Council members for staffing our Children in Need (CIN) cake stall as part of last week's Fabulous Friday. Thanks to their effort and the generosity of very many families all of the children enjoyed a sweet treat last week and raised over £450.00 for CIN. Taking into account the monies raised by Mrs Ralph's Marathon effort in October, our participation in the national Poppy Appeal and last week's efforts George Street children, families and staff have contributed over £3,000 to worthwhile causes this term. Many, many thanks.



Kind regards

*A. Brasington*

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