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Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Friday 10 December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy penultimate week. We began with those pupils not visiting Manor Adventure (see below) enjoying an ice-skating outing at the Secret Garden; a chance for some to show off their skills and others to learn new ones. On Tuesday, Reception and Year 1 pupils enjoyed a day together at Greenmeadow Farm and today pupils in Years 2-6 have visited the Blackwood Miner's Institute to enjoy a performance of Cinderella. Somehow between all of this Nursery and Reception have also squeezed in four performances of Wriggly Nativity.

I am especially grateful to our hard-working staff this week for enabling such a busy schedule of activities to take place despite many staff absences due to Covid and the additional pressures presented by managing these events safely at this time.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT



On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a residential visit to Manor Adventure in Abernant, Powys. The children participated in a wide range of activities including climbing, raft-building, abseiling, shooting etc over several very full and exciting days. The visit's overlap with Storm Barra made sure that the December conditions were especially challenging and I was hugely impressed by the positivity and resilience of the children who tackled everything with grit and good humour. They also enjoyed three very generous hot meals every day which I'm sure served well to keep everyone warm and boost energy levels when needed. Well done Year 6, you were a pleasure to spend time with and showed great spirit, teamwork and camaraderie. I know that the memories you have made this week will last for years to come.

I would also like to give special thanks to Mr Edwards, Mr Bowen, Mrs Jones and Mr Keir who also invested their time and effort in accompanying the visit and without whose generous commitment the visit could not have happened. I am sure that children and staff alike are looking forward to a much deserved opportunity to recover this weekend.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH / JUMPER DAY

Our Christmas lunch is taking place next Wednesday 15th December. All children are invited to come to school wearing a **Christmas jumper** on this day regardless of whether they are having Christmas lunch or not.

Please be aware that all payments for Christmas lunch need to be made via the cashless payment system.



END OF TERM

The final day of this school term is **Friday 17th December**. School will close at **1.30** on this day to allow for cleaning and reorganisation before the play camp starts on Monday 20th. Pupils will be able to have lunch as normal on this day. Afternoon Nursery pupils are invited to join the morning Nursery session (9.00-11.30).

Tuesday 4th January is a staff training day

Together we live learn and value

School will reopen for pupils at the start of the spring term on **Wednesday 5th January**.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Thank you to our Early Years parents/carers who have attended our Nursery & Reception performances of Wriggly Nativity this week. Your cooperation with the requirements for attending in-school events has made sure that these have run smoothly and safely.

Year 2 will be hosting screenings of Cinderella Rockerfella next week on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th December (at 10.00am and 2.00pm each day). Please can parents/carers who have pre-booked their attendance make sure that you follow the instructions below:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ANYONE ATTENDING A PERFORMANCE

In order to meet our risk assessment, all parents/carers attending in-person events are required to observe the following requirements.

- Only one adult to attend for your child.
- All attendees will be required to show either;
 - a) an up-to-date **Covid pass** (via your phone) or
 - b) a **text** confirming a negative lateral flow test completed in the last 24 hours and reported to the NHS online testing portal (<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>)
- To sign in on arrival and out at departure providing a contact number for Test and Trace.
- To wear a **face covering** throughout the performance

Anyone who is unable to meet these requirements will not be admitted. I appreciate that these rules are strict, but I trust that parents/carers will appreciate the need to respect these measures to ensure that these events can take place safely.

All parents attending in-school performances are reminded that you may record your child's performance for your own use. Recordings are not to be shared via social media or internet. Any parent/carer sharing a recording without the consent/approval of others is liable as the data controller.

Kind regards



Mr A Brasington