



*Tyfu gyda'n gilydd, dysgu am byth*  
*Growing together, learning forever*

12<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## RE: DECEMBER UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers

It's been wonderful to see so many of you all at our various Christmas events over recent days. Many thanks for your continued support – we really appreciate it. A special thanks also to our PFA for all their continuing support with events such as the Christmas Pop-up shop, the Christmas Fete and providing refreshments at the Christmas Concerts. This makes a massive contribution to the school and is very much appreciated.

### Spring Term Dates 2025

<b>Monday 6th January</b>	Start of term
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	INSET day, school closed
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	PFA Disco
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Half-term break
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	INSET day, school closed
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Eisteddfod Celebrations
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> / Weds 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parent Consultations
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Last day of spring term

### Lost Property

This being the season of hats, scarves and gloves – please take some time over the Christmas break to get names on all your child's school clothes / equipment as we continue to gain lost (un-named) property at quite a pace. We have an increasing amount of unclaimed items (mostly jumpers, some coats, gloves etc) so please ask at the office if you want to 'browse'!

### Dogs

Recently, we have noticed a few dogs being brought into the school grounds. Could I remind everyone that dogs are not permitted onto the school site, either on the ground, or being carried. Could I also ask that dogs are not left tied up at the entrance gates either.

### Breakfast Club

This term, there has been an increase in the number of pupils regularly accessing our free Breakfast Club provision to the extent that we are now approaching our maximum intake number. We are in discussion with BCBC to see if they can provide additional staff to allow us to increase numbers further, but without that, we may need to have a waiting list for new requests next term. In this situation, we review the register each half term and may remove any children from the register who are not using the breakfast club in order to provide spaces for those on the waiting list. I will update you on this further when I have any more information.

### Collecting pupils from school

This term, we have seen an increase in occasions where children have not been collected from school on time. These *are* a very small minority, but it does seem to be happening more frequently. Whilst we completely understand that there may be occasional and unavoidable issues, there are no contingency plans for this with school staff. If you are late collecting your child, then this will inevitably delay staff in either attending meetings after school, getting their preparation done for the following day or indeed leaving school for other commitments, or simply going home. Most importantly, please do let the office know if you expect to be delayed, but can I politely ask everyone to make an effort to get here in good time.

We have a commercial after-school childcare provision, Simply Out Of School, which runs in the main hall after school every day and can be used as and when needed to suit families own requirements, but you do need to register with them in advance. Please contact [admin@simplyoutofschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@simplyoutofschool.co.uk) or ring 01656-372910

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind Regards



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