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IMPORTANT ARRANGEMENTS AND DATES

Dear Parents,

Please find below some key dates and important information and guidance with regards to the next few weeks at school.

1) School Christmas Dinners.

Due to the current challenges with regards to keeping classes/bubbles separate, this years Christmas lunch will take place over 2 days as follows :

The foundation phase (Full time nursery to Year 2) will have their Christmas dinner on Wednesday 9th December. There will be no hot food provision for Key stage 2 pupils (Years 3 to 6) on this day and therefore these pupils will need to bring a packed lunch to school on Wednesday.

Key stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) will have their Christmas dinner on Thursday 10th December. There will be no hot food provision for the Foundation Phase pupils (full time nursery to Year 2) on this day and therefore these pupils will need to bring a packed lunch to school on Thursday.

You will need to pre order and pay for Christmas lunch via ParentPay :

<https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/#/login>

2) Christmas jumpers

The school will be celebrating Christmas Jumper day on Friday December 11th and would encourage the children to wear Christmas jumpers to school this day. Children are also allowed to wear Christmas jumpers to school the whole of the last week of term which is 14-18/12 if you wish.

3) School Christmas Song video.

Unfortunately, the current pandemic has resulted in us not being able to hold our Christmas shows/carol service this year. We have been busy putting together a little surprise for you parents (within the restrictions of the current operational guidance for schools) and this will be shared with you before the end of term.

4) Christmas cards / Gifts for staff

As part of the schools risk assessment to reduce the risk of transmission and to protect the school community, pupils are not to bring any items into school with the exception of what is needed for their learning eg a small bag, lunchbox, water bottle and coat etc. Due to this, we kindly ask that pupils DO Not bring any other items including Christmas cards, games etc into school to distribute. Unfortunately the children will also not be able to bring any toys/games to school the last day of term.

Many parents wish to buy gifts for staff at the end of term. I am immensely proud of the team here at Parc y Tywyn however we kindly ask that you do not buy any gifts for staff this Christmas. Whilst we appreciate your expressions of gratitude for the dedication and hard work of the staff during these challenging and tiresome times, our ultimate aim is to ensure the health and safety of the whole school community. The best gift we all can receive under the current climate is to ensure that we all adhere to the schools and Welsh Government guidance ie maintain social distancing, wearing face coverings, washing hands, following correct TTP procedures, limiting the places we go to in the community etc, to help protect each other so that we can all be well and spend a healthy and happy Christmas with our families.

5) School dates

Following the correspondence from Mr Gareth Morgans stating that schools in Carmarthenshire will remain open for the last week of term, I therefore confirm that the last day of term for pupils will be Friday 18th December. The school will be closed to pupils on Monday January 4th 2021 for an INSET day and pupils will return for the start of the Spring term on Tuesday January 5th 2021.

Half term holidays is as follows : 15th-21/02/2021

We have also allocated another INSET day for Monday February 22nd 2021 and therefore the children will return after the half term holiday on Tuesday 23rd February 2021.

Thank you for your ongoing support during these challenging and unprecedented times.

C Davies

Headteacher

