Newsletter Christmas 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we begin the last week of term, we would like to send a few reminders and other important pieces of information.

Firstly, to avoid any confusion, children should wear non-uniform <u>every day</u> this week which may include Christmas clothes if you wish.

Important Events

Monday 18th December – Welsh Stream Foundation Christmas Performances, 2p.m. and 6p.m. at school.

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas parties for Foundation classes (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2).

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas parties for Junior classes (Years 3 to 6).

The Friends will provide party food to suit all dietary needs. Children can make a special effort to dress up for party days if they wish.

Thursday 21st December – 'The Friends of Builth Wells Primary School' has arranged for Pentre Farm to visit with their animals in order to create a 'Live Nativity' in the old barn with staff and children, together with festive carol singing.

The Friends will be making a sizeable contribution to the cost of the pantomime '*Sleeping Beauty*' which will be held at school on 30th January 2024. We are also working with the Friends to purchase a significant amount of additional outdoor play and learning equipment, and Maths resources for all classes in January. We will send more information in the New Year but for now, a huge DIOLCH YN FAWR to the Friends and Busy Bees committees for all they do to support our school and to all parents for always being there to support their events.

Hwyl Fawr!

As we break for Christmas, we will be saying good-bye to Ms. Kerrie McCarthy (formerly Mrs. Morgan), who has been employed at our school since 2012, most recently a Teaching Assistant based primarily in Dosbarth Nant yr Arian. She has also been employed as a breakfast club assistant and leader, a cleaner and a midday supervisor in her time at the school. I'm sure you would join with me in extending our sincere gratitude to her for all her hard work and in wishing her well with her new venture. We will be advertising for a replacement for Ms. McCarthy on the Powys Jobs website over the Christmas period.

Please remember the children return to school on **Tuesday 9th January**.

Finally, a massive THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have helped us to get to all the Christmas rehearsals and performances and for everything throughout 2023. We couldn't do it without you!

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda / Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

