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Dear Parents / Carers,

Annwyl Rieni / Warchodwyr,

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda / Happy New Year! I hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas. It has been lovely to see the children return today, greeting friends they haven't seen for a couple of weeks. There has been a lovely, positive atmosphere in school today and we look forward to all the new and exciting activities planned for the new term. Firstly though, I should like to update you with some important information and staff news.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Michelle Davies will be off work for the next two weeks. Dosbarth Gwy will be taught by Mrs. Sian Davies from Monday to Wednesday each week, supported by Miss Gittoes. Mrs. Westlake will teach the class this Thursday and Friday and then next week it will be Mrs. Liz Davies. The children are very familiar with most of these members of staff and Mrs. Michelle Davies has planned the work for them to follow so we are confident we can manage this brief absence very well.

Mrs. Joseph-Morgan has returned to work and to her job-share with Mrs. Gill Williams in Dosbarth Elan.

Mrs. Rachel Jones, our ALNCo and teacher of Dosbarth Bryn Garth, has two days per week to undertake her ALN responsibilities. I am pleased to say that Miss Bowkett will now be able to teach the class when Mrs. Jones isn't with them. Miss Bowkett knows the class well and is a very experienced member of our staff. Mrs. Meadows will be supporting the teachers as TA every day as usual.

We have appointed Mrs. Enfys Davies as a teaching assistant for the Welsh stream. She is due to start very soon in the Welsh Foundation classes, Irfon and Gwy.

We have a live advertisement for an SEN TA to take over from Ms. Kerrie McCarthy who left at the end of last term. Details can be found on the Powys Jobs website. The closing date is 11th January.

Just before we broke for Christmas, we heard the wonderful news that Mrs. Coryn Lewis had a baby boy, Oliver. I am pleased to report that both mother and baby are doing well.



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Sadly, we lost a dear friend to the school over Christmas. Mr. Paul Davies, known to many as 'Paul the Chemist', passed away suddenly and unexpectedly during the break. Mr. Davies was a regular Reading Buddy with Dosbarth Tryfan and has also been a regular volunteer in class and when we are out and about in the local area. I have shared the news with the children in Dosbarth Tryfan and encouraged them to come and speak with us if they are feeling particularly upset or worried.

Free School Meals

Hopefully, you will be aware that the Universal Free School Meals provision has been extended to include Year 4 from the start of this term. The plan is for Years 5 and 6 to come on board with the roll-out after Easter. Parents on lower incomes are still encouraged to register with Powys for free school meals as you can access other grants and the school receives additional funding.

Uniform

We are very proud that our children look very smart in their uniforms but please be reminded that they should wear black shoes, trainers or ankle boots; no brown redback boots or steel toecaps please. Children should also be discouraged from wearing necklaces, rings and dangly or hoop earrings.

Swimming

Years 5 and 6 will be swimming this term, starting on Friday 19th January. If you are able to help walk the children to / from the swimming pool during the morning, please let us know as soon as possible.

Eco Club

Eco Club members are collecting plastic sweet boxes of the type many of us will have had over Christmas (Quality Street, Roses, etc.) If you still have any at home, please send them to school and we can contribute them to help raise money for the MacMillan Cancer charity.

Coming Up

Tuesday 16th January – Mrs. Thompson from Ysgol Calon Cymru is having a first transition meeting with Year 6.

Tuesday 23rd January – Meeting of The Friends of Builth Wells Primary School.

Thursday 25th January – Urdd Girls and Mixed Netball competition Y5/6.

Tuesday 30th January – The Sleeping Beauty Pantomime performed at school for everyone. There will be no charge to parents.

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