



Abbey Primary School Newsletter

November 2024 Tachwedd

Right of the Month
Article 19: The right to be looked after and kept safe

Friday 28th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to my November newsletter. I hope you find the contents useful and informative. As we approach the busy Christmas period, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. Christmas can be a happy and sad time of year for some, so please keep checking in on friends and family members.

Thank you – Children in Need

Congratulations to everyone, our Ramble for Children in Need raised a staggering **£3370** which is absolutely amazing. We were absolutely blown away by the support and the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the week's events and rambles. Diolch yn fawr!



Christmas

We are all excited to be celebrating Christmas over the next few weeks and school is looking incredibly festive. We hope you have all purchased tickets to come and see the concerts in school and also the Year 3/4 concerts which is in St. John's Church. **There will be some available to purchase on a cash only first come first served basis from tomorrow. Please head to the school office.**

The timetable of events is as follows:

Christmas Concert Timetable				
	Monday 9 th December	Tuesday 10 th December	Wednesday 11 th December	Thursday 12 th December
9.30am		Reception School Hall		
10am			Year 1 & 2 School Hall	
10.30am		Nursery School Hall		
2pm	Nursery School Hall	Year 5 & 6 School Hall	Year 3 & 4 St John's Church	
3.00pm	Reception School Hall			
5.00pm	Year 1&2 School		Year 5 & 6 School Hall	Year 3 & 4 St John's Church



Christmas Dinner Day/Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Party Day

We will be celebrating these events on **Thursday 12th December** and **Wednesday 18th December**. Please note, there will be no pasta available on these days.

Premises and Site Safety

Car Park/Drop-off Zone

I am pleased to say that the new car park/drop-off zone is working brilliantly with nearly all parents/family members abiding by the rules and parking appropriately. There are still a minority of parents/carers who are parking on the double yellow lines (particularly when I am not there monitoring). PLEASE DO NOT PARK INCONSIDERATELY.

There have also been a few occasions where parents/carers/grandparents have been very rude to our Site Managers, Paul and Jeff. If I hear of anyone swearing or being obnoxious to my staff, I will be taking a zero-tolerance approach and seeking advice from our legal team. There is absolutely no need for people to be rude to one another. Please can we all be kind and considerate, as all we want is for everyone to be safe.

The final piece of the car park/drop-off zone jigsaws are nearly complete. A **barrier** will be installed soon where the blue dividers are currently. This will be down during peak times (8:30am to 9am and 3pm to 3:30pm). We will also be having bollards installed to prevent cars parking where pedestrians are walking. Once these jobs are finished, the snag list is completed. We are extremely fortunate to have such a brilliant facility for our school. It has made the parking situation so much safer, and I am sure residents are also much happier. Thank you to the families who are using the facility properly and safely.

Plants

You will notice a change in the plants near the front of the school. Unfortunately, the contractors had planted plants which contained poisonous berries. Therefore, the council have now removed them all and replaced with non-poisonous plants.

Staffing

You may have noticed Mrs. Anderson hasn't been in school recently. She has had an operation, and all went well, thankfully. She will be recovering over the Christmas period and will be back in January.

Mrs. Hughes has also had an operation, and she too will be back after Christmas. We wish them both a very speedy recovery.

INSET Days

A reminder that I have booked in a number of new INSET Days for the forthcoming year.

These are as follows:

- Monday 6th January 2025 (Pupils are back in school on Tuesday 7th January 2025).
- Friday 21st February 2025
- Monday 28th April 2025
- Monday 21st July 2025

Confirmed dates for your diary

Date	Activity/Event
Wednesday 4th December	URDD Y5/6 Netball Festival
Thursday 5 th December	NPT Swimming Gala
Friday 6 th December	Nursery to visit Santa in Margam
W/B 9th December	Christmas concert week. See timetable above.
Thursday 12th December	CHRISTMAS JUMPER & DINNER DAY 
Tuesday 17th December	Year 1 to visit Santa in Margam
Thursday 19 th December	Reception & Year 2 to visit Santa in Margam
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Parties
Monday 6th January	INSET DAY for staff training
Tuesday 7th January	Pupils return to school after the Christmas holiday

I look forward to seeing you all for our Christmas concerts during the next week and celebrating this wonderful time of year.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. K. M. Hodder
(Pennaeth/Headteacher)