



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to yet another packed newsletter for the month of November, full of Christmas dates and, most importantly, dates for individual Pupil Progress Meetings in the last two weeks of term: your perfect opportunity to meet the class teacher and talk about how to support your children in their learning.

**Paul Keane, Headteacher**

### ***Christmas Plays and Panto***

The dates for our Foundation Phase Christmas plays and panto are as follows:

- Year 2: **Thursday 21st December (pm)**
- Year 1: **Monday 18th December (pm)**
- Reception: **Tuesday 19th December (pm)**
- Nursery: **Tuesday 19th December (am + pm)**  
**Wednesday 20th December (am + pm)**

**Further details about tickets will be sent home by class teachers in the near future.**



We are delighted to be supporting this year's Children in Need day, which will be taking place on:

**Friday 17th November**

The children can wear their own clothes to school that day, with a suggested donation of 50p towards the charity.

### **Mount Pleasant Christmas Services**

Christmas services for KS2 children will take place on the following dates:

**Monday 18th December—Years 5&6—2:30pm**

**Tuesday 19th December—Years 3&4—2:30pm**

We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Pupil Progress Meetings**

Sign-up sheets for you to meet with class teachers to discuss your children's progress will be going up outside the school office in the next two weeks.

**Please sign up for a meeting with your child's teacher as soon as possible.**

Monday 11th December	<b>Reception</b>
Tuesday 12th December	<b>Year 6</b>
Wednesday 13th December	<b>Year 5</b>
Thursday 14th December	<b>Year 4</b>
Monday 18th December	<b>Year 3</b>
Tuesday 19th December	<b>Year 2</b>
Wednesday 20th December	<b>Year 1</b>
Thursday 21st December	<b>Resource Base</b>

The meetings are your essential chance to discuss your children's progress, the next steps in their learning and what you can do at home to help them progress. Meetings will take place on the dates above. Arrangements for Nursery meetings will follow separately.

## Friday Class Assemblies

**Please note: we are changing the time of our Friday afternoon class assemblies to 3:00PM.**

*Friday 24th November*

**Class Assembly:**  
Year 2 Melyn

The assemblies remain very popular and we would like to thank you for coming to see and support your children. **Please arrive before 3:00pm in order to be seated before the assembly begins.**

*Friday 1st December*

**Class Assembly:**  
Year 1 Gwyrdd

**Thursday 7th December**

**Class Assembly:**  
Year 1 Melyn

Here is the timetable for assemblies up until Christmas:

*Friday 15th December*

No assembly:

*Friday 10th November*

**Class Assembly:**  
Year 6 Joint  
Assembly

*Friday 22nd December*

No assembly:  
Last day of term

*Friday 17th November*

**Class Assembly:**  
Year 2 Gwyrdd

Assemblies will finish by 3:15pm. Parents/ carers will not be able to collect siblings until the end of normal school at 3:20/3:30pm.

## Loose Parts Play Equipment Appeal

We are quickly working towards becoming the best school for playtimes in Blaenau Gwent. All of our support staff have taken part in high-level training days to improve their skills and provide your children with great play experiences every day. Part of our training is in the use of 'loose parts' and we are always looking for donations of the following items to enhance your children's playtimes:

- saucepans
- wooden spoons
- plastic jugs, bowls, etc.
- plastic guttering pipes
- bamboo sticks
- milk crates
- plastic flower pots
- toy cars/toy garages
- old sheets/duvet covers/curtains
- old clothes and shoes (adults)

All items can be left in the School Office. Thank you for giving generously!

## Car Parking

Following a number of polite requests, we are now having to block the staff car park with cones to prevent parents/ carers parking inappropriately, especially after school. **Kindly do not remove these cones or park in the staff car park: it is needed for staff access and also for emergency service access in the case of emergency.**

**Please also look to show courtesy and consideration to other carpark users before and after school by parking carefully and only in allocated bays.**

## Parent/Carer Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the Governing Body of the school for the position of Parent/Carer Governor. If you are interested in the putting yourself forward for the position, please let the School Office know by Friday 17th November.