



## Parent/carer information newsletter – February 14th 2019

### Parent Teacher Consultations (PTCs)

PTCs will take place next week on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February. You should have had appointments by now to meet with your children's teacher. It is important that you attend PTCs as teachers will share the levels that your child is working at and how well they are doing in relation to individual targets.

There will be no clubs next week.

### A Debrillator for Cwmffrwdroer

As you will know, Mrs Cornwell has successfully led the fundraising for a defibrillator and we are thrilled that we now have a defibrillator in Cwmffrwdroer. Mrs Cornwall supported Donna from the Welsh Hearts Charity who delivered CPR training to all our pupils throughout the school day as well as a session for staff after school.

The defibrillator is a lifesaving resource which can be accessed by the whole community when it is installed outside our main entrance. Donna will return to school next Tuesday after school in the hall during Parent Teacher Consultations (PTCs) where she will provide defibrillator awareness and CPR training for anyone who comes along. **Anyone from the community can come along, not just parents and carers. Please spread the word!**

Please come along and see Donna who is volunteering her own time to make as many of our community aware of how to use the defibrillator and possibly save lives.

### Heart Awareness Month – Wear red for Welsh Hearts

To show our support for the charity Welsh Hearts that provided our defibrillator and training for staff and pupils, we are asking pupils and staff to wear red this Friday for a donation of £1. All proceeds will go to Welsh Hearts who are totally reliable on fundraising.

### Opening Celebration Event – Extension of Cwmffrwdroer Primary School

Last week Kirsty Williams, the AM Minister for Education in Wales officially opened the new teaching and learning extension last Thursday. The choir performed for the event and brought tears to the eyes of a few in the audience. It was a fabulous performance and a clip of them singing had thousands of views on the Torfaen Facebook page!

Children from the Pupil Equality Group, School Council and Eco-Committee met with the Minister and answered questions about life in school. We were very proud of how well they discussed school issues and their own ambitions.

### Dementia Friendly School

We are very proud to tell you that we are now a Dementia Friendly School. Pupils and staff have been trained to become a Dementia Friendly School and we look forward to making intergenerational links in the community. All children were presented with a badge to celebrate that we are dementia friendly at Cwmffrwdroer Primary.

### Mindfulness Outdoors and Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Coaching UK have delivered workshops for many classes including team work, archery, problem solving and bushcraft skills as well as experiencing tipi life. Pupils and staff have been using the outdoors as a focus for understanding and appreciating how mindfulness can improve and inspire wellbeing in the learning environment. Year 3 pupils from Dosbarth Tresaith have experienced weekly workshops developing 'Mindfulness Outdoors'; we will invite parents/carers in for a final celebration session later in the term.

### **Year 1 Coffee afternoon – February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:15pm**

All parents/carers of Year 1 are invited to a Coffee afternoon this Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:15pm in the year 1 class to share some exciting news about a forthcoming event. Please make every effort to attend, it will be lovely to see you.

### **We are going paperless!**

Following an Eco Committee suggestion, from next week, we will no longer be sending out paper newsletters. All our newsletters can be accessed on the school website [cwmffrwdoerprimary.co.uk](http://cwmffrwdoerprimary.co.uk)

We will send a text to let you know when a new newsletter is available.

If you are unable to access electronic copies, please come into the office to request a paper copy.

### **PTA events**

Upcoming events include

- A Daffodil Tea – date to be confirmed
- Eisteddfod on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March
- An Easter disco on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April. The PTA will send out further information.

Kind Regards

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