

Parent/Carer Newsletter 20th December 2019

Christmas Concerts

I am so proud of all our children's performance in the Christmas concerts this year. All concerts were fantastic I'm sure you'd agree. Thank you to our children, all the staff for their efforts and to all our families for your support.

Mini Enterprise Sale

Thank you to all those who attended our Enterprise Sale where all classes including nursery sold products they designed through their enterprising ideas. All classes made a profit and can decide how the money will be used in the new year.

PTA

Thank you to our PTA who ran a brilliant Christmas raffle with over 70 prizes. The raffle was drawn today so you may well be a winner! Thanks to their efforts, the prizes were provided and over £700 was raised.

Santa visited school today and gave out class gifts purchased by PTA. PTA funds also provided food for all our Christmas parties.

Mufty Days

As a result of money collected through mufty days we have been able to purchase some fantastic outdoor gym equipment for the KS2 yard which has recently been installed. We will share photographs with you in the new year. Thank you for your support.

Additional Learning Needs (ALN) reform

There are big changes underway with procedures to identify and support children with ALN. Please see the information attached provided to inform you how this has been addressed at Cwmffrwdroer. We will keep you posted in 2020.

End of term

It is the end of Autumn term tomorrow. We will have a mufty day (sensible footwear, no hee-ees please!).

We finish at 1:15pm tomorrow.

Please note that school is closed for pupils on Monday 6th January so children return to school on Tuesday 7th January.

Have a fabulous Christmas and keep safe!

On behalf of all the staff and governors of Cwmffrwdroer Primary School.

S. Truelove

Headteacher

Information for parents/ carers about Additional Learning Needs (ALN)

You will probably have heard that there are proposed changes to the way children and young people's special educational needs (SEN) will be identified, assessed and met in Wales.

At Cwmffrwdroer Primary School all staff strive to provide a broad and balanced curriculum for all pupils. The National Curriculum is our starting point for planning that meets the specific needs of individuals and groups of pupils. When planning, teachers set suitable learning challenges and respond to pupil's diverse learning needs. Some pupils have barriers to learning that mean they have special needs that are additional to and different from their peers and require particular action by the school.

The ALN Bill

There are changes being made to the way that Special Educational Needs (now referred to as 'Additional Learning Needs' (ALN)) will be carried out in schools from 2023. In readiness for this, we are already making changes, e.g. in the way that meetings with parents and pupils are held. At Cwmffrwdroer we are implementing the new recommendations in line with Local Authority guidance. You will be informed of the changes and how they affect your child by your child's class teacher and/or by our Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator (ALNCo) Mrs. Jane Jones.

For the time being we will ensure that we continue to comply with the duties placed upon us by the Education Act 1996 and we will continue to have regard to the SEN Code of Practice for Wales (2004) (gov.wales/docs/dcells/publications/131016-sen-codeof-practice-for-wales-en.pdf).



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