

# Llangewydd Junior School

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December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

Annwyl Rieni a Gwarchodwyr/Dear Parents and Carers,

## Christmas Concerts

Next week will be our second week of Christmas Concert practice, followed by the actual concerts on December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. It is always a case of trying to strike a balance between maintaining working on pupils' topics and committing to the Christmas Concerts; in reality, at Llangewydd, we spend much less time than most schools do on Christmas Concerts but I'm sure they will be as enjoyable this year as they are every year. One other thing we have tried to do this year is share out roles a little more evenly, than perhaps has been the case in previous years. Of course some parts for pupils in the concerts will be bigger than others but an effort has been made, where possible, to share out speaking parts as fairly as possible.

## Teaching and Learning

You may be aware that, in 2017/18, we moved away from setting pupils in ability groups for maths and English; the reason for this is there is little evidence to show that setting really works and we recognise that pupils learn a great deal from each other during the school day. There have, in truth, been many changes to teaching and learning. Mr Evans, our Assistant Headteacher, has been working with all teachers to develop an approach in line with national priorities but more importantly which raises pupil engagement in our school. This approach began in earnest this term and we are very excited about the potential this has for us as a school and for your children, as we move forward.

## Engagement

It has been wonderful this term to welcome so many parents, carers, guardians and 'significant- adults' into our school. All of our year groups have held end-of- topic events which have been extremely well attended and received. Thank you so much for your support with these occasions, as without this they would not be the success that they clearly are.

## Site Safety

Just a reminder that only school staff and adults, with explicit permission to do so, are allowed to bring vehicles onto our school site. Our risk assessments are based upon this understanding as children can, on occasion, find they need to walk through the car park and as such the car park cannot be a thoroughfare.

## Dinner money

A polite reminder that dinner money must be paid in advance and not in arrears.

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## **GDPR**

You may be aware that from May 2018 new regulations came into being about how organisations should manage their data. On our website under the 'Reporting Documents' section, contained within the 'About Us' option, you will find our privacy notice which sets out how we use pupil information.

## **Year 4 – J5**

This is Miss Rachel Lewis' last week with us. Miss Lewis joined us in 2017/18 and has continued in a temporary job share role with Mrs James this year. We wish Miss Lewis the very best for her in her new role at Brynmenyn PS. As anticipated, after Christmas Mrs Hatch-Walker will share J5 with Mrs James, however for the last two weeks of this year, Miss Francis will support Mrs James in J5.

## **'Paid for' after school club**

There is now an after school facility, run independently. For more information or to book, please call 01656 372910 or email [fionna@simplyoutofschool.co.uk](mailto:fionna@simplyoutofschool.co.uk) or [emma@simplyoutofschool.co.uk](mailto:emma@simplyoutofschool.co.uk).

## **School Calendar**

We now enter all upcoming events on the Llangewydd Junior School Calendar, which can be found on the home page of our website at: <http://www.llangewydd.co.uk/>

Thank you for your support.



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