



Ysgol Feithrin Fair Oak

**Dear Parents**

**FETE AND PTFA**

Many thanks to all the families who supported our Christmas Fete, it was a lovely morning with lots of positive feedback despite the weather! The amount raised totalled £439.00, however our fabulous PTFA are continuing to sell some of the gifts at the end of Nursery sessions so this figure will rise. Look out for them if you are still looking for gifts! Our PTFA are a small but hard working group of past and present parents who continue to support us for which we are very grateful as ALL children benefit from the proceeds. If you would like to join the PTFA or help in anyway, please speak to Mrs Morgan who is the staff representative.

**MONTHLY RAFFLE**

The PTFA will be holding a monthly raffle with a fabulous prize for the whole family! Tickets will be sold at the end of the sessions. Tickets for the next raffle are going on sale today with a Pizza Hut voucher as the prize.

**ADVENTURES IN FOOD WORKSHOP**

Our first Adventures in Food Workshop for this year was also a great success with many of you joining with your child to make and eat some simple healthy eating recipes. There will be two further workshops with more recipes in the Spring and Summer term.

**ATTENDANCE**

Although Nursery Education is not statutory your child's attendance is recorded and monitored in line with the Local Authority's Attendance Policies and Procedures. You will receive a letter at the end of each term that outlines your child's attendance. Expected attendance is over 95%. Non-attendance is recorded either as authorised or unauthorised depending on the reason for the absence. Please let us know if your child will not be in Nursery as failure to notify us will mean they are automatically recorded as unauthorised.

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEASONAL ACTIVITIES**

You will have received details about the Christmas Activities by email depending on whether your child attends the morning or the afternoon nursery session. If you have not received this email, please ask as this gives more specific details about each event.

**REMINDERS**

Please remember to bring in fruit and pay your weekly/termly contribution to the enhanced activities fund. This fund pays for cookery/play dough ingredients; art and craft extras; fish food – to give just a few examples. We also want to remind you to send a coat, hat, gloves etc. as the children have access to outside provision every day. Please make sure all items of clothing including shoes have your child's name in them so they can be returned to you.

**INSET DAYS**

All schools are required to have five In-service Training days during the academic year. Nursery will be closed on these days to pupils. The four days left for this year are:

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

We like to give you as much notice as possible of up and coming events to enable you to plan or arrange time off if you are working, however this does sometimes mean that dates have to be changed. We try not to change dates unless we absolutely have to but we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible should we need to amend a date.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Nativity at St Joseph’s Primary School. Afternoon children will be taken by staff, morning parents and children who wish to attend meet at Fair Oak at 1.40 p.m. to walk to St. Joseph’s.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Visit to Greenmeadow – details have already been circulated.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Seasonal “ Concert”. Parents will be invited to join us to watch and listen to the Stars of Tomorrow! Children will attend for the morning session with parents joining us at Duckpool Road Church at 10.45 a.m. (A collection will be made on the way out to donate to the charity supporting the work of Marrow for Marley).

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party for Children only - in the Nursery 9.15 to 11.45 a.m.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Singing at Summerhill Avenue Residential Home at 2 p.m. Morning children are welcome to come along with an adult to help us sing. More details nearer the day.

## **END OF TERM DATES**

Last day of Autumn Term: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Return to school: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## **COMMUNITY:**

**We like to let you know of things happening in the local community. If you hear of any local events please let us know as we are happy to publicise them.**

Woodland Park Tree Day – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – events including hot chocolate around a fire!

Tredegar House Christmas Activities and Events start on 24<sup>th</sup> November – see National Trust website for details

Wetlands – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Big Skies – discover new wonders!