



High Street Primary School

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Friday 6th December 2024

ATTENDANCE: 90% for week ending 6th December 2024 - Target is 95%

UP and COMING REMINDERS

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 9th and 11th DECEMBER

- Entrance to morning concerts for 9.15am start will be via middle door on playground.
- Entrance to afternoon concerts for 2pm start will be via main entrance on Aberystwyth Crescent.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL – SHERMAN THEATRE – TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

All children who have asked for a grab bag will be provided with one to take on the trip. If your child is bringing a packed lunch, please ensure they have a drink (not a fizzy drink) and a fruit or biscuit snack to eat during the interval. No yogurts which require spoons today. Please **do not** provide your child with sweets.

CHRISTMAS DINNER 12th DECEMBER:

If you have not booked a Christmas dinner for Thursday, please provide your child with a packed lunch. As stated previously, there are no baked potato or baguette alternatives

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 12th DECEMBER:

Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers or Christmas related!

NURSERY CHRISTMAS SONGS FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER:

Parents invited to attend:

- 11am Morning Nursery
- 2.20pm Afternoon Nursery

CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER

- Grab Bags only today. Items for parties will be requested by class teachers at the end of the week.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS -

- Mon 23rd Dec to Fri 3rd January - INSET DAY: Monday 6th January 2025. School reopens on Tuesday 7th January for children.

OTHER NEWS and INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you for joining us on Wednesday. £500 was raised from non-Enterprise items – Thankyou. This money will subsidise trips, opportunities and experiences in school.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to share and sell their Enterprise creations through this wonderful authentic learning opportunity. All profits will be going straight back into classes! An update on this will be provided next week.

RBL POPPY APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal in High Street. We have received an email from the organisers thanking everyone for their contributions. We raised £190.05! Amazing!

As well as raising vital funds to support our Armed Forces community, it is so important that our younger generation continue to remember and understand the work and efforts undertaken by so many individuals.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Our service providers have informed us that only Sky Mobile customers are experiencing difficulty with our telephone system. This appears to be a Sky network issue, which we have been reported to them. Parents are advised to contact Sky Customer Service directly to report the issue and request an investigation.

LATENESS - REMINDER:

Lateness continues to be a hindering factor to us achieving our targeted 95% attendance each week. Research and investigation into the impact of children being late on a regular basis emphasizes the negative impact this has on learning. If you need support to get your child into school on time, please let us know. We can help.

YOUNG CARERS

Please let us know or ask if you think your child could be identified as a young carer. We can engage you with support and activities that will enable your child to step away from the pressures faced by you as a family on a daily basis.

At High Street Primary we are aware that some of our pupils are young carers.

A young carer is someone under 18 who is caring unpaid, for a family member, or friend, who is mentally or physically unwell, frail, disabled or who misuses substances.

They often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult.

The latest Census data for Wales states there are 22,520 unpaid carers aged 5 -24 years old caring for family members in Wales. However, many do not realise they are an unpaid carer which means the figures may not be a true reflection on the number of young and young adult carers providing support to family members on a daily basis.

We know that young carers may need a little extra support to enjoy and do well at school. At High Street Primary School, we are committed to ensuring that all pupils who are young carers are identified, and supported effectively.

As the Young Carers' Leads have a responsibility for ensuring all young carers are able to enjoy school and make good progress. If you think your child might be a young carer, or could be affected by any of the issues we've highlighted, please let me know by filling in the form below and bringing it into school in a sealed envelope addressed to me. If you do not feel comfortable doing this, or have any further questions, please contact me on WalkerA98@hwbcymru.net or speak to me directly.

Any information that is given to us will be treated sensitively and no information will be shared without your knowledge.

ALUMNI – FORMER STUDENTS – PLEASE HELP!!

If you're a former student of High Street or know someone who was, we want to hear from you! Your experiences since leaving could help to motivate and inspire our current learners to feel more confident in making decisions about their future.

We'd love you to join our alumni network and stay connected with the school.

You can choose how and when you help – perhaps you just want to share your job or career information with us or could become a role model, sharing your experience of work directly with the children. Please get in contact so we can start building this resource as an inspirational toolkit to build the aspiration and opportunities our learners need to dream big and attach true purpose to the Education they experience each day.

We would also love to hear from you if you did not attend High Street but could help us on this journey.

Please get in contact Mckees12@hwbcymru.net

NOVEMBER 2024 - MONTHLY UPDATE

VOUCHERS FULFILLED

271

5% less than Nov 2023



Stock In: 4806.99 Kgs
Stock Out: 4626.90 Kgs

Monthly vouchers fulfilled down year on year for third month in a row.

AMAZING RESPONSE TO HARVEST & TESCO COLLECTIONS

In the last two months we have had record breaking donations to Vale Foodbank.

We are so grateful to all the wonderful volunteers who helped us with our collection days in TESCO Barry and Penarth last week. Especially the clubs and societies who supported.

We are equally grateful to all the churches, schools and organisations who supported us during harvest.

But most of all, our thanks go out to every single person who donated food to us. Your generosity this year was fantastic.

Here are the numbers we achieved:

Harvest collection: 6,952 Kgs

TESCO collections

Barry	1,594.95 Kgs
Penarth	1,919.00 Kgs
Total:	3,513.95 Kgs

Total collected last year: 2,500 Kgs



MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Sugar
Tinned carrots
Tinned sweetcorn
Jam
and Carrier bags

75 households referred for first time to food bank Nov 2024



Wreath making at Connect Community Cafe huge success

November Connect Community Cafe offered visitors more than access to advice & support. Everyone who attended had a great time making Christmas wreaths with Ali.



368 ADULTS



ADULTS & CHILDREN FED IN NOV 2024



228 CHILDREN

Christmas & New Year

There are no foodbank sessions over Christmas. The last one is in St Peter's Rhoose on Monday 23rd December 10am - 11am and in Coastlands from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. The warehouse will be closed on Christmas Eve. Sessions re-start from 2nd January 2025

We at Vale Foodbank wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.