



# High Street Primary School

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**ATTENDANCE: 90.0% for week ending 6th December 2024 - Target is 95%**

## **LATENESS - REMINDER:**

- Lateness continues to be a hindering factor to us achieving our targeted 95% attendance each week. In line with our Vale directed Attendance Policy, parents will be contacted next week where lateness is a persistent issue. We can help so please contact us using the details above.
- Since September 2<sup>nd</sup> we have recorded 388 single instances of children arriving in school before registers have closed (after 8.50am).
- Since September 2<sup>nd</sup> we have recorded 113 single instances of children arriving in school after registers have closed (after 9.20am). By the time these children arrive in school – phonics, spelling and reading sessions have been completed for the day – a significant barrier to learning and progression.
- Please also be reminded that we do not authorise holidays.

## **UP and COMING REMINDERS**

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

- **Grab Bags only on THURSDAY. Roast dinner Wednesday instead.**
- Letters will come home today regarding requests for party food.
- Children are invited to wear party clothes but please be mindful that they will still be going outside and participating in routine activities like outdoor learning. No heeled shoes or sandals, and please provide a warm coat for outdoor play.

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS -**

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

## **OTHER NEWS and INFORMATION**

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERTS**

- Thank you to everyone who joined us! The children were stars, celebrating Christmas in true style. We are currently working on uploading photographs of both concerts to our website.

### **SHERMAN THEATRE**

- An amazing live experience of 'A Christmas Carol' that was enjoyed by all! A true kick start to the Christmas season!

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

- Thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff who served up around 200 Christmas dinners on Thursday!! Whilst some children found the endless sprouts and carrots a bit of a challenge, most thoroughly enjoyed the experience of Christmas dinner with their friends.

### **SCAFFOLDING**

- You may have noticed that we have scaffolding at various points around the front and back of the school building. We are in the process of having several roof leaks addressed. This process will involve further disruption over the next few months but will hopefully mean an end to some of the many challenges we face with being in a very beautiful but old building.

## **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](mailto:Mckees12@hwbcymru.net)

## **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](mailto: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.