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Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Friday 13 December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers



Christmas has certainly arrived at school! We began the Christmas count down last week with our Step into Christmas day on the 3rd December. Since then, we have had our school Christmas dinner served by our wonderful kitchen staff, who worked very hard to ensure dinner was a great success (I thoroughly enjoyed mine – thank you). We've also had our Community Christmas event this week and the first of our concerts. A huge well done to our Year 5 cohort for a brilliant production of Scrooge and a huge well done to our youngest children who performed 'The Night Before Christmas' for their grown-ups today.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY EVENT

A huge thank you to all who attended the Community Christmas event. It was a very busy evening, and we are thrilled that we were able to offer everything free of charge. We hope you enjoyed joining us and felt a little Christmas cheer!

I would like to personally thank Carlie Preston-Thomas and Diana Mollaney who have put a lot of time and hard work into organising a wonderful event!

A huge thank you also to Miss Woods for working with our staff, organising different activities for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to our wonderful staff for all the planning, donating prizes, working longer hours on Wednesday evening and for being as jolly as they were during this very busy time in school– your hard work doesn't go unnoticed.

We would like to thank families, our school PTA, supporting charities and local businesses for donating gifts, food and money to purchase items for activities – without their generosity this event wouldn't have taken place!

It was wonderful to see our very own Miss Williams playing her brass instrument with other band members, inside and outside – the music made the event all the more festive!

It was lovely to see Torfaen Councillor, Gaynor James, attend and show her support.

The raffle has also been drawn this week. If you were one of the lucky winners, you will have been contacted.



CHOIR SUCCESS

Our school choir has been very busy during the festive period. They performed on Sunday 8th December at Merchant's Hill Baptist Church, then again on Thursday 12th December during a Christmas Service at St Cadoc's Church in Trevechin. They will be performing this Sunday (15th December) at the Salvation Army at 4pm. This event is also a free event, so if you would like to attend to support our choir, please do so.

YEAR 6 MANOR ADVENTURE TRIP



Last week, our Year 6 children went on their long-awaited trip to Manor in Abernant, Mid-Wales. They had the most amazing time strengthening friendships, making memories, conquering fears and braving the elements; we hope your washing machines are still functioning after washing all the mud out of the hundreds of outfits the children took with them. Children were a credit to George Street as always and staff were constantly given compliments about the children's enthusiasm for trying new things and their behaviour throughout the trip. A very successful trip indeed!



PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

A huge well done to three of our pupils who were chosen as finalists for the Community Christmas Card competition. We are very proud of them!



COMMUNITY LINKS

Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service

NEW YEAR PLAY DAYS

Thursday 2nd January
Friday 3rd January 2025

Play & Respite Sessions
100 Spaces Available (Referral Only)

Play and respite sessions are a lifeline for both children and their families. These sessions offer a safe, engaging environment where children can explore, learn and socialise through play. They provide much-needed breaks for parents and caregivers, allowing them to recharge while knowing their children are in good hands.

Fun & Wellbeing Camps
160 Spaces Available (Pre-booking required)

These camps place an emphasis on promoting and supporting positive wellbeing. Activities will be framed around the '5 ways to wellbeing' and will be delivered through games, art and craft, sports, and lots more.

Play & Activities Camp
150 Spaces Available

A wide range of play and sporting activities will be available to allow children to play freely and safely in a staffed environment. This provision runs on an open access basis.

Greenmeadow & St Dials Community Centre (The Cockle), Off Fandy, Greenmeadow, Cambran, NP44 4LE, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Thornhill Community Centre London Court, Thornhill, Cambran, NP44 5TJ, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Mount Pleasant Hall Mount Pleasant Rd, Cambran, NP44 2JN, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Victory Church (The Ark) Greenlodge Way, Cambran, NP44 3BQ, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Blenheim Road Community Primary School Blenheim Road, St Dials, Cambran, NP44 6QZ, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Garnieg Primary School Hicoriaid, Cambran, Pontypool, NP4 7SJ, 10:00am - 3:00pm

5-11 years old

For more information please contact: torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

Other than the Play and Respite sessions, all camps can be booked directly through Torfaen Play. If you would like to access the Play and Respite sessions, please click the link:

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Join Our Karate Classes in Pontypool!

Starting 11th January 2025



Discover the art of self-discipline, confidence, and fitness with our Karate Classes for children and adults aged 6 and up! Whether you're a beginner looking to learn the basics or aiming to advance your skills, our classes are designed to cater to all experience levels. All instructors have enhanced DBS.

What We Offer:

- ✔ Fun and engaging sessions for kids and families
- ✔ Professional instructors passionate about martial arts
- ✔ Focus on building strength, coordination, and karate skills
- ✔ A welcoming and supportive community

🕒 **Class Times: Tuesday 6.30pm, Saturday 10.30am**

📍 **Location: High Street Fitness – George Street – back entrance**

Join us and experience the benefits of karate, from improved fitness to enhanced focus and self-confidence. Bring your energy, and let's get started!

📧 **Sign Up Today—Spaces are limited!** For more details, contact us at: smdiskn@yahoo.co.uk or 07557646815

👤 **Meet the teacher – Tuesday 7th January at 6pm**
High Street Fitness

Christmas Events

Community Cafe & Shop
Open Tues & Wed 10am-2pm
Sat 10am-12
(closes 20 Dec reopens 7 Jan)

Toddlers Fridays 9.30-11
(closes 13 Dec reopens 10 Jan)

Community Carol Concert
Sun 15 Dec 3pm (includes refreshments)

Christmas Fayre
Wed 18 Dec 5pm
(Free Entry includes
Father Christmas, Crafts & Snacks)

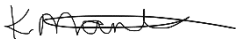
Children's Nativity Service
Sun 22 Dec 10am

Sharon Church, Osborne Road, Pontypool

DIARY DATES

| December 2024 | |
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| Tuesday 17 th December | Year 1 Christmas Event – families welcome 2:15pm |
| Tuesday 17 th December | Years 3 to 6 Panto at Riverfront, Newport |
| Tuesday 17 th December | Reception to Year 2 Santa visit |
| Wednesday 18 th December | Year 2 Christmas Event – families welcome 2:15pm |
| Thursday 19 th December | Years 3 to 6 Christingle at church – families welcome 1:30pm |
| Friday 20 th December | INSET DAY |

Kind regards




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