

Nant-y-Parc Weekly Newsletter



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8th December 2023

ADMISSIONS

Applications are now open for admissions to Reception class in September. The closing date is 15th December. Please refer to page 6 for further details.

CHRISTMAS MENU

Our Christmas menu is now available to view on page 7. This is the menu being served to pupils on **Wednesday 13th December**. The children can wear Christmas jumpers or bright colours on this day.

BARGOED WINTER FOOD & CRAFT FAIR

Wrap up warm this weekend and get into the Christmas spirit as the **Bargoed Winter Food & Craft Fair, featuring the Music and Light Lantern Parade**, comes to town!

This year's Bargoed Winter Food & Craft Fair is set to bring a Christmas sparkle throughout the town centre **this Saturday (9th December)**.

The Bargoed Winter Food & Craft Fair will give you an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping with a fantastic selection of approximately 40 food and craft stalls, which will run through the length of the town, selling beautiful gifts from Christmas decorations and jewellery to tasty bakes and traditional festive treats. A selection of children's funfair rides will be dotted around the town, with a feast of festive characters roaming the event site to keep the whole family entertained. A community stage with festive performances from local schools, choirs, bands and singers will also help to get everyone in the Christmas spirit!

The brand-new Music and Light Lantern Parade will start in the Emporium Car Park (CF81 8QY) at 5pm, before making its way through Bargoed High Street, and finishing at Hanbury Square (CF81 8NZ).

As well as the stalls and entertainment, there's a great range of independent town centre shops that the town has to offer. Grab your shopping bags and join in the festive fun from 9am until 6pm!

This event is completely **FREE!**

Find out more about our Winter Events on the Visit Caerphilly website:

<https://bit.ly/3QFe6Ye>

For further information, please visit <https://www.visitcaerphilly.com/> or email events@caerphilly.gov.uk.

Refer to page 3 for further information.

THANK YOU

For those of you that were able to attend the Christmas concerts this year, I am sure you would agree they were superb! The children gave 100% effort and were confident in their roles, but we know this would not have been possible if you hadn't have played a role in supporting them with learning their lines and for providing the costumes, so thank you. We also want to thank you for supporting the school by purchasing tickets and for showing your support on the day, it was very much appreciated by all.

We also want to thank the staff for their effort in putting the concerts together and ensuring every pupil had a role.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

On **Tuesday 19th December**, each class will hold their Christmas party during the school day. Your child is invited to wear their Christmas party clothes to school on this day. We kindly ask for a £1 donation to support with the cost of the snacks provided.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

On Tuesday 28th November, we sent out a letter regarding school's arrangements in the event of inclement weather. Please familiarise yourself with the content of this letter so that you have an awareness of what will happen if it snows, what will happen if it snows when school is open, and our distance learning arrangements. Please refer to page 4 for a copy of the letter which contains further details.

Value of the month: **Respect**

A peek at the next few weeks...



Diary Dates

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| 11.12.23-15.12.23 | World Religion Week |
| 12.12.23 | Snow White Pantomime (Years 2 & 3) |
| 13.12.23 | Christmas Lunch |
| 14.12.23 | Parent Panel Meeting (Focus: Assessment) |
| 15.12.23 | Progress Reports to Parents |
| 19.12.23 | Party Day (all year groups – party clothes can be worn) |

Term Dates

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| 21.12.23 | End of autumn term (1:15 pm finish) |
| 22.12.23 | INSET day |
| 08.01.24 | Spring term begins |

A message from the ABUHB School Nursing Service:

If your child still requires their nasal Flu vaccine this winter, the School Nursing Service will be running walk-in clinics on the following dates:

THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER, 16:00 - 18:30

Newport Vaccination Centre, Friars Walk vaccination Centre, John Frost Square, Newport NP20 IEA

TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER, 14:45-18:00

Beaumont House Clinic, Bloomfield Rd, Blackwood, NP12 IQB

WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER, 14:45 - 18:00

Ebbw Vale General Offices (vaccination centre), Steel works Road, Ebbw Vales NP23 8UW

THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER, 16:00 - 18:00

Newport Vaccination Centre, Friars Walk vaccination Centre, John Frost Square, Newport NP20 IEA

Attendance

School Target = 92%

| 2023-2024 | Class Attendance % for week beginning 27.11.23 | Class Attendance % for week beginning 04.12.23 (excluding Friday 8 th) |
|-----------|--|---|
| Nursery | 88.28% | 69.83% |
| Reception | 88.75% | 85.42% |
| Year 1 | 87.14% | 92.86% |
| Year 2 | 97.04% | 84.72% |
| Year 3 | 95.38% | 89.42% |
| Year 4 | 95.48% | 94.76% |
| Year 5 | 89.62% | 95.67% |
| Year 6 | 92.22% | 98.15% |

Your child should NOT have a day off school for the following reasons:

- It is their birthday
- The family have slept late
- They have a short medical appointment to attend
- They do not want to attend
- They are upset about something

Please communicate all absences with school on the first day of absence and if we can support, we will.

Ffair Bwyd a Chreffft y Gaeaf Bargod

yn cynnwys Gorymdaith Lusernau Cerddoriaeth a Goleuni

Bargoed Winter Food & Craft Fair

featuring The Music & Light Lantern Parade

Dydd Sadwrn 9 Rhagfyr 2023
Canol Tref Bargod, 9am - 6pm
(Gorymdaith 5.00pm)

Saturday 9th December 2023
Bargoed Town Centre, 9am - 6pm
(Parade 5.00pm)

**GWEITHDAI
GWNEUD LLUSERNAU**
25 Tachwedd a 2 Rhagfyr
Eglwys Santes Gwladys
10am - 4pm

**LANTERN
MAKING
WORKSHOPS**
25th November
and 2nd December
St Gwladys Church
10am - 4pm

..... Ffeiriau gaeaf eraill ar gyfer 2023

Ffair Bwyd a Chreffft y Gaeaf, Ystrad Mynach -
Dydd Sadwrn 18 Tachwedd

Ffair Bwyd a Chreffft y Gaeaf, Coed Duon -
Dydd Sadwrn 25 Tachwedd

Ffair Bwyd a Chreffft y Gaeaf, Caerffili
yn cynnwys Gorymdaith Lusernau Afon y Goleuni
ac Arddangosfa Tân Gwylt -
Dydd Sadwrn 2 Rhagfyr

..... Other winter fairs for 2023

Ystrad Mynach Winter Food & Craft Fair -
Saturday 18th November

Blackwood Winter Food & Craft Fair -
Saturday 25th November

Caerphilly Winter Food & Craft Fair
featuring The River of Light Lantern Parade
& Fireworks Display -
Saturday 2nd December

www.visitcaerphilly.com/cy/events www.visitcaerphilly.com/events

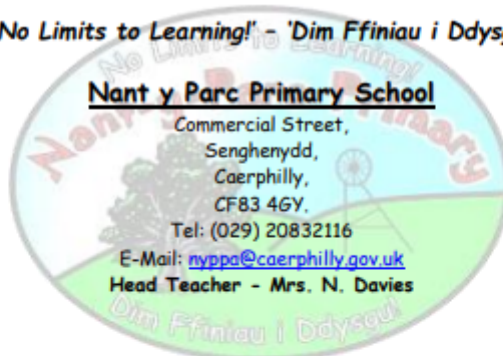
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BRO
LEVELLING
UP



'No Limits to Learning!' - 'Dim Ffiniau i Ddysgu!'



28th November 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Inclement Weather

What happens if it snows?

The best way to find out if the school is open or closed is to look on the Caerphilly County Borough website. I can access this from home and will update it when there is some news. Once this has been done I will also send a text message to all parents, please ensure we have an up-to-date number for you.

In deciding whether or not to open the school, I will need to take a number of things into account. These include:-

- The number of staff able to get safely to school
- The condition of main walkways to the school building including the nursery and two demountables
- The ability to provide food at lunch time

I, in conjunction with Mrs James, the Chair of Governors, will decide as to whether or not to close the school.

I always aim to put the decision on www.caerphilly.gov.uk by 7am at the latest.

As weather forecasts are not always accurate the decision to open or close will be made early each morning. However, we recognise the pressure on parents; during longer periods of severe weather I will always aim to give an indication the evening before.

Staff can only answer the phone if they can get into school. Please be aware we only have one line if you try to ring.

What happens if heavy snow falls when the school is open?

Parents will be texted/called and asked to collect their children. The closure will be listed on www.caerphilly.gov.uk. If parents are at all worried about the weather deteriorating and this could cause problems with getting children safely home from school, children can be picked up early that day. Please go to the school office if this is the case.

It is for parents to decide if they can get their child to school safely. If you are unable to get your child here safely, then we strongly advise that your child remains at home.

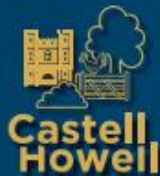
Distance Learning

All pupils have access to a virtual learning platform e.g. Seesaw or Google. Nursery – Year 6 pupils also have access to Reading Eggs and/or Maths seeds/Mathletics. Year 2-6 also have access to Times Tables Rockstars. These programmes provide continuous opportunities for your children to learn new skills at their own level.

If school closures is more than one day, staff will be in touch with parents to check in on wellbeing and your child's engagement with online learning.

Kind regards,
Mrs Nicola Davies
Headteacher





#CHSANTA GIVEAWAY



Win The Above Luxury
WELSH FOOD HAMPER



Spot our
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Christmas lorry and
send us your BEST
picture of or with it.
**DON'T FORGET
TO HASHTAG!**



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Admission to Reception September 2024

Applications are now open for admission to Reception classes in
September 2024

You must apply by 15th December 2023

You can apply by visiting www.caerphilly.gov.uk and searching for
school admissions or by scanning the QR code below
For help and support call the Admissions team on 01443 864870



CHRISTMAS
Menu

CAERPHILLY CATERING SERVICE

SUCCULENT TURKEY BREAST WITH
SEASONING,
CHIPOLATA SAUSAGE & GRAVY
OR
QUORN ROAST (V)

CHEF'S SELECTION OF SEASONAL
VEGETABLES AND POTATOES

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PUDDING
SERVED WITH WHITE SAUCE
OR
RASPBERRY RIPPLE ICE CREAM TUBS
(FRUIT ALSO AVAILABLE)

WATER / MILK

PLEASE NOTE: THE ABOVE MENU CONTAINS
ALLERGENS

Head lice and Nits

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.

Head lice can make your head feel:

- itchy
- like something is moving in your hair

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice.

You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.



How to get rid of head lice

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Medicated lotions and sprays

If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them.

If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments.

Some treatments are not recommended because they're unlikely to work.

For example:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice
- tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

You cannot prevent head lice

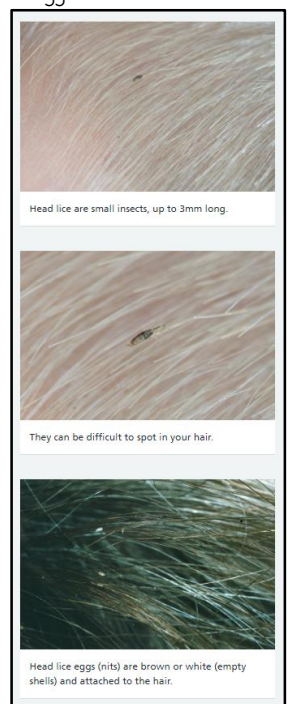
There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice.

You can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early.

Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. They can irritate the scalp.

There's no need for children to stay off school or to wash laundry on a hot wash.

Information taken directly from NHS website: [Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



School Essentials Grant (Replaces PDG Access Grant) 2023/2024

Key changes for families to be aware of for September 2023

- New name – School Essentials Grant replaces the PDG Access Grant
- There is no longer a requirement for families to submit a specific application for the grant. Families of eligible pupils will receive a Post Office letter, allowing the collection of a cash payment.
- The grant provides £125 (except for year 7 which is £200) for eligible pupils [Reception through to Year 11] to buy school uniforms, equipment, sports kit, and kit for activities outside of school.

Eligibility of pupils remains unchanged, full details are available on the Council's Website.

<https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/services/schools-and-learning/travel,-grants-and-funding/school-essentials-grant?lang=en-CB>