

13.02.23

Please see all attachments

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10th February 2023

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#### PARENT SURVEY

On Monday 6th February, we sent out a text containing a link to our parent/carer survey. Please complete this survey in order to tell us what you think about our school. We value your feedback. Closing date 13.02.23

#### EISTEDDFOD

Please refer to page 3 for information on this years Eisteddfod competitions and the theme which has been selected for our competition entries. The final date for entries to be brought into school is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Any entries after this date will be showcased in the hall, but will not be considered for the draw.

#### CHOIR EVENT - VOICE IN A MILLION

Reminder: The choir will be taking part in the prestigious Voice in a Million event on Wednesday 15th March. Please remember you can purchase your tickets online at store.voiceinamillion.com. Make sure you select 'best view for your school' when choosing seats. A letter regarding the pupils bus should have come out this week.

#### **VALUES**

As a result of our recent survey (parent, governors, staff and pupils), we are pleased to announce that we now have six new values which will underpin all that we do an Nant-y-Parc Primary School. These values are:

Friendship

Respect

Positivity

Curiosity

Honesty

Individuality

Thank you to those of you which took the time to complete the survey, it's very much appreciated.

#### **LATENESS**

We have noticed that there has been an increase in the number of children arriving late for school. Classes open from 8:50am and school begins at 9am. Please make every effort to arrive on time so that your child/children can engage with Soft Start or Secretarial Skills. Thank you for your continued support with improving attendance.

#### MENU CHANGES

Please refer to pages 2 and 3 for upcoming changes to the menu. There will be a change to the menu on the following dates:  $17^{th}$  February and  $1^{tt}$  March 2023.

#### PANCAKE HOMEWORK

Over half term, the children will be set a homework task of making pancakes – more details to follow. Pancake mixes will be provided on Friday  $17^{th}$  February.

#### Y5&Y6 Parents Only — Paris Trip

Recently, we have shared a number of texts of what needs to be relation to the Paris trip. Here is a recap of those messac

#### <u>Payments</u>

Please can you ensure payments are made on time. Payment I — Deposit — This has been paid

Payment 2 - £135 by Wednesday 1st February

Payment 3 - £190 by Wednesday 15th March

#### Medical Forms

Please can you complete and return the medical form provided ASAP. You must include travel sickness tablets also if your child suffers from travel sickness.

#### Passport Photos

Please can you provide school with two passport photos by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February. These must've been taken within the last six months.

## Value of the month: Trust

A peek at the next few weeks...



# **Diary Dates**Valentines / Half Term Disco

| 27.02.23         | Pupils return following the half term break              |
|------------------|--|
| 01.03.23         | St David's Day / Eistedd fod                             |
| 02.03.23         | World Book Day   |
| 03.03.23         | Parent Panel Meeting                                     |
| 05.03.23-10.03.2 | Romania trip for a selection of Y6 leadership pupils     |
| 06.03.23-10.03.2 | 23 World Religion Week                                   |
| 08.03.23         | Family Engagement Workshop — Focus: Welsh & Bilingualism |
| 13.03.23-14.03.2 | 23 British Science Days                                  |
| 14.03.23         | Family Engagement Event — more details to follow         |
| 15.03.23         | Voice in a Million Concert                               |
| 17.03.23         | Red Nose Day — Comic Relief                              |
|                  |  |

## Term Dates

| 20.02.23 - 24.02.23 | Half term week                      |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 31.03.23            | End of spring term                  |
| 17.04.23            | Summer term begins                  |
| 28.04.23            | INSET Day (school closed to pupils) |
| 01.05.23            | Bank Holiday                        |
| 29.05.23 - 02.06.23 | Half term week                      |

## Welsh Phrase of the Week

Week beginning 13.02.23 — Cerddwch yn dawel Week beginning 27.02.23 — Ble est ti? (PSI+PS2) Beth wnest ti? (PS3)



## Opportunities for pupils to dress up...

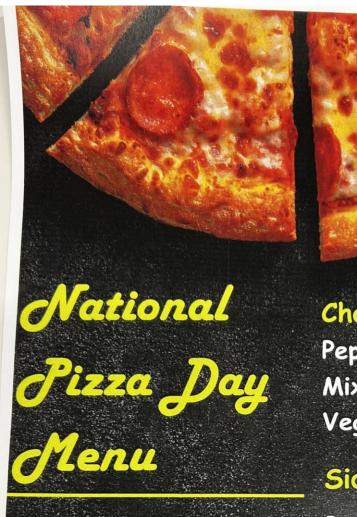
13.02.23 - Disco - Children are invited to wear their party clothes to school for in class discos.

01.02.23 — Eisteddfod — Children are invited to wear traditional Welsh dress, Welsh themed clothing e.g. rugby/football top or the colours of the Welsh flag.

02.03.23 — World Book Day — Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character.

## **NEW INFORMATION**

# **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February**



Choose a slice of:

Pepperoni Mixed cheese Veggie meatball

## Sides:

Potato Wedges
Potato Croquettes
Peas
Sweetcorn

## Desserts:

Jelly And Ice-cream
Fresh fruit Pot

Children: £2.20

Adults: £3.45

Please note this menu contains allergens





# ST. DAVIDS DAY 1ST MARCH 2023



SAUSAGE ROAST DINNER

PORK & LEEK SAUSAGE SERVED WITH

YORKSHIRE PUDDING,

PEAS, CARROTS & GRAVY

CHEESE, LEEK & POTATO PIE

SERVED WITH BAKED BEANS

OR JACKET POTATO - SALAD BAR

CHOCOLATE SPONGE & PINK CUSTARD

RICH CHOCOLATE SPONGE SERVED WITH
PINK STRAWBERRY CUSTARD



## **NEW INFORMATION**

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

## Nant y Parc Primary School

THIS LETTER WAS SENT OUT PREVIOUSLY

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E-Mail: nyppa@caerphilly.gov.uk
Head Teacher - Mrs. N. Davies

16th January 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year, the whole school will be given the opportunity to take part in an Eistedd fod to celebrate St. David's Day on **Wednesday March**1st 2023. Each class will be taking part in the Eistedd fod by performing a traditional dance or song.

Activities, competitions and presentations will take place in our special Eistedd fod. There will be PSI (Nursery + Reception), PS2 (YI, Y2 and Y3) and PS3 (Y4, Y5 + Y6) competitions with individual prizes and certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners in each class. All pupils taking part will receive a class house point and competition winners will also receive a 'house token'.

This year the Criw Cymraeg have decided that the theme of the entries will be Welsh 'Habitats' (e.g. — Coastal, Farmland, Freshwater, Grassland, Heathland and Moorland, Marine, Rocky habitat, Towns and Garden). Think about the 'habitat' that is local to where you live in Wales, or a place that you may have visited. Their decision was based on allowing pupils the opportunity to explore a broad topic and not limit pupils in their creations. Some examples provided below, however please interpret the theme as you wish. Electronic entries can be emailed to Miss Ford — Missford@nantyparc.org.

Photography (colour / Black and White)

A poem / song

3D Models

A presentation

Computer graphic

Comic Strip / Character

T-Shirt design

Cake decorating (Photo of cake can be emailed)

Picture / Painting

Collage

Jewellery

Recyclable picture

Poster / lea flet

## ALL ENTRIES WILL NEED TO BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS AND BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL BY MONDAY 6th, FEBRUARY 2023.

If your child is a member of the Urdd (Information shared on weekly newsletter), their entries will also be sent to represent our school at the local Eistedd fod in May 2023.

Pupils are encouraged to wear something symbolic of Wales (Welsh lady / Rugby Kit) or dress in red on St David's Day.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Davies Headteacher

















# ME KIDS EAT OUT FOR LES

Morrisons - Kids under 16 eat for free at Morrisons Café when a adult spends £4.99 or more on a meal.

ASDA Kids Free Hot Breakfast Between 8am-12pm every day d Half Term no purchase necessary.

Kids Eat for £1 with no purchase necessary until end of March 2 Bella Italia - Kids Eat for £1 when an adult purchases a main m between 4pm-6pm at Bella Italia.

Dunelm - Kids Eat for Free at Dunelm when an adult spends £4 more at Pausa Cafe.

YO Sushi - Kids Under 10 Eat for Free at YO Sushi Between 13th - 24th Feb when an adult spends £10 or more.

**Dobbies** -Kids Eat for Free at Dobbies Garden Centre Cafes who adult purchases a main meal.

Sizzling - Kids Eat for £1 at Sizzling Pub and Grill when an adul meal is purchased.

Hungry Horse - Free Kids Breakfast at Hungry Horse Pubs whe adult spends at least £3.49.

Farmhouse Inns - Kids Eat For £1 when you sign up to receive t email newsletter on their website.

IKEA - Pasta with Tomato Sauce and a soft drink for 95p or an Kids Meal for £1.50. Available every day from 11am in their resta Beefeater, Brewer's Fayre & Table Table -Two kids under 16 ea breakfast for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased.

INFORMATION CORRECT AT TIME OF POSTING





## Diwrnod Santes Dwynwen Hapus!

Agorwch eich calonnau a'ch clustiau – mae rhestr chwarae 'Santes Dwynwen' <u>Miwsig Y Siarter Iaith</u> yma! Awr o gerddoriaeth Gymraeg gariadus mewn clic! Perffaith ar gyfer y dosbarth, y neuadd, adre, yn y car, yn eich clustiau – unrhyw le!

Cliciwch ar y linc neu dilynwch y côd QR - syml!

Mae rhestr chwarae newydd sbon ar gael BOB mis. Ma'r un linc a chôd QR yn gweithio drwy gydol y flwyddyn!

Dewch nawr, rhowch glic i gerddoriaeth Gymraeg!



Happy St Dwynwen's Day!

Are you ready to open your hearts and your ears?

Miwsig Y Siarter laith's St. Dwynwen's Day playlist is here! A whole hour of love-fuelled tunes, in Welsh. Perfect for the classroom, assembly, at home, in the car, in your ears – anywhere!

Just click on the link or scan the QR code. Simple!

A new playlist is available EVERY month, and the same link and QR code work all year round!

Go on, give it a try, you won't regret it!





## **Sue Noake Leisure Centre Astro**

Contact Claire Seaborne for more info <a href="mailto:seaboc@caerphilly.gov.uk">seaboc@caerphilly.gov.uk</a>
Use the QR code to secure your child's place

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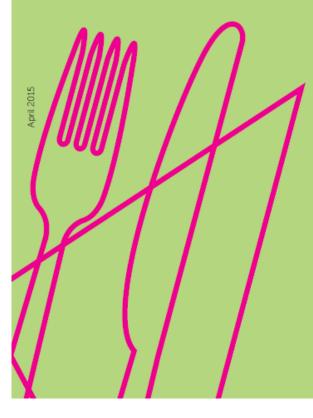


# Primary School Food Requirements

## Lunch

Lunch must provide the following foods **regularly**:

- At least one portion of fruit each day
- At least one portion of vegetable or salad each day
- Fruit based desserts at least twice each week
- · Fish at least once each week
- Oily fish at least twice in four weeks
- Meat cuts at least twice each week



## **School Day**

The following foods are not allowed **before 6pm**:

- Additional salt
- Confectionery
- Savoury snacks

Where food is provided after breakfast & before 6pm:

- Fruit & vegetables must also be available
- Break time snacks should be fruit θ vegetables only
- Condiments must be 10ml or smaller
- Cakes & biscuits with lunch only
- Potato & potato products cooked in fat or oil not more than twice each week
- Deep fried or flash fried food not more than twice each week
- Meat products not more than twice each week

For full details about the primary school food requirements & information about the nutritional standards for lunch refer to the Healthy Eating in Maintained Schools: Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities & Governing Bodies.

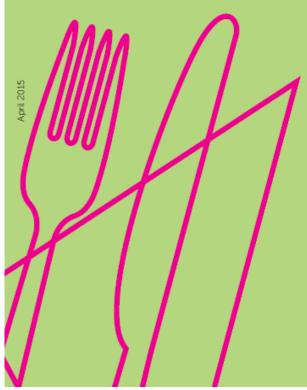


# Nursery School Food Requirements

## Lunch

Lunch must provide **each** of the following foods or achieve the primary school food requirements & nutritional standards:

- Fruit 
   ⊕ vegetables
- Meat, fish or other non dairy sources of protein
- · Starchy foods
- Dairy foods & milk



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Where food is provided after breakfast & before 6pm:

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- Snacks should consist of fruit, vegetables, salad, bread products, dairy products & non dairy sources of protein
- Cakes & biscuits with lunch only
- Potato θ potato products cooked in fat or oil not more than twice each week θ with lunch only
- **Deep fried** or **flash fried** food not more than twice each week θ with lunch only
- Meat products not more than twice each week & with lunch only

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# Primary School Drink Requirements

# Breakfast & Lunch

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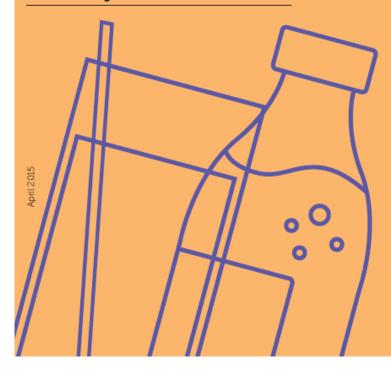
- Plain water (still or carbonated)
- Plain milk (semi skimmed or skimmed)
- Plain soya, rice or oat drinks
- Fruit or vegetable juice (still or carbonated)
- Fruit or vegetable juice (still or carbonated) combined with water (at least 50% juice)
- Fruit or vegetable blends

## **School Day**

Only the following drinks are allowed to be provided at other times during the school day **before 6pm**:

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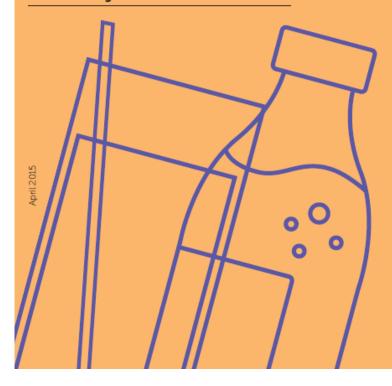
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# Back to school advice for parents in Wales to help protect against winter illnesses

Published: 6 January 2023

Public Health experts are reminding parents in Wales to keep children away from school and childcare settings if they are unwell and have a fever, following an increase in illnesses like flu. It's one of a number of simple steps parents can take to protect their child and to minimise the spread of winter illnesses when children return to schools and nurseries in Wales next week.

Flu and Covid-19 are currently circulating at high levels and an increase in cases of scarlet fever is also being reported.

Children who are unwell with a fever (a high temperature) should stay at home until they feel better and the fever is over.

Dr Graham Brown, Consultant in Communicable Disease Control for Public Health Wales said:

"It is also important to remind children about the importance of washing their hands to avoid germs spreading and to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues.

Adults should also try to stay home when unwell. If they have to go out when unwell, it is a good idea to wear a face covering to protect others."

The best way to protect against catching flu this winter is for those eligible to get the flu vaccine. Children can have a free flu nasal spray which is safe and effective. It is available for:

- · All children in primary school
- · All children in secondary school years 7 to 11
- All children who are aged two or three on 31 August 2022
- Children aged six months or over and who have any of the long-term health conditions that puts them at increased risk from flu.

# **NEW INFORMATION**

Children aged 2-6 in Gwent can get their free nasal flu vaccination at mass vaccination centres across Gwent.



## Free School Meals Arrangements School Holidays (up to February 2023)

Due to the ongoing Cost of Living Crisis and the pressure this puts on low-income families during the school holidays, Welsh Government have decided to extend the holiday provision offer for those learners who receive free school meals up until the end of February half term 2023 (this will include school holidays in October, December 2022 and February 2023).

Caerphilly County Borough Council will no longer be delivering free school meals to pupils' homes during school holidays.

A weekly payment of £19.50 per child (£3.90 per day) will be made to eligible parents / guardians. We are currently working in partnership with the Post Office to deliver this payment.

Parents will receive correspondence from the Post Office by Friday 4th November with further information about how to claim this payment.



## Holiday Free School Meal Payments – FAQ

## Why are payments being made in the holidays for free school meal pupils?

Due to the ongoing Cost of Living Crisis and the pressure this puts on low-income families during the school holidays, Welsh Government have decided to extend the holiday provision offer for those learners who receive free school meals up until the end of February half term 2023 (this will include school holidays in October, December 2022, and February 2023).

Please see FAQ below for the eligibility of free school meals.

## Who is eligible for this Free School Meal Holiday Payment?

Children who currently attend full-time school in Caerphilly County Borough and are eligible for eFSM. You need to apply for eFSM - here is the link to the application form Caerphilly - Caerphilly County Borough

For children/young people to be eligible to receive free school meals:

- · you, as a parent, or your child, must receive the relevant benefit or support payment
- you should have submitted an application for free school meals to the local authority (or an application should have been submitted on your behalf)
- the application should have been approved by the local authority, or documents should have been seen by the local authority which strongly indicate your child is eligible.

Excludes part-time nursery children

Excludes pupils who are eligible for UPFSM (receive free school meals in school but have never applied for free school meals)

## When will I receive my Post Office Pay-out letter?

The aim of the Post Office is to send the letter one week prior to school holidays

## When will you receive your cash payment?

You will receive it when you take your letter to the Post Office with the appropriate Proof of ID.

#### What Proof of ID do I need?

- Driving Licence (paper or card)
- Passport
- 2 Utility Bills
- 2 Official letters e.g., Tax office, council letter, legal letter, benefit letter which include your address
- P45
- P60

## What if I haven't got the ID?

Please email fsmholidaypayments@caerphilly.gov.uk or call 01443 864055

## What do I do if not all my children are listed?

Please email fsmholidaypayments@caerphilly.gov.uk or call 01443 864055

## What happens if I can't get to the Post Office straight away?

There will be an expiry date on your letter; one month is given to redeem the voucher.

This can be redeemed in any Post Office in Wales - this should give you sufficient flexibility to make arrangements.

## What happens if I have moved and did not let you know?

You will need to email us on fsmholidaypayments@caerphilly.gov.uk urgently

## How much will I get?

This will be stipulated in the letter you receive. Currently it is £19.50 per eligible child, per week. (£3.90 eligible child, per day)

## What if I don't want to receive the payment?

You do not need to take your letter to the post office. Please notify us so we can remove your details from our database. Please email fsmholidaypayments@caerphilly.gov.uk

## What if I think I'm eligible but I don't receive a letter?

Please email fsmholidaypayments@caerphilly.gov.uk or call 01443 864055 stating the reasons why you think you are eligible. Please include contact details so we can contact you if necessary.