



# Newsletter



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## **My child is unable to attend school ..... what do I do?**

Ring the school as soon as you can to let us know why. We will need to hear from you on the first day of their absence. For example - ill, medical appointment, cultural event, recognised sport event etc. Let the school know how long they will be off school. Keep informing the school if illness continues. If we do not hear from you, you will be sent a text asking for reasons for absence.

Alternatively, you can provide a note explaining the absence or call into the office when your child returns.

If you inform the teacher at the start or end of the day, please do not be offended if they ask you to report the absence at the main office. This is due to the fact that their registers are closed down to ensure children are not accessing the teachers log in within the classroom. Office staff are able to keep registers open at all times.



## **Sesiynau Ymgynghori i Rien**

### **PARENT DROP IN**

Ydych chi'n Rhiant/Ofalwr i blentyn ag anghenion dysgu ychwanegol (ADY)?  
Are you a Parent/Carer of a child with Additional Learning Needs (ALN)?

Mae Gwasanaeth Cynhwysiad CNPT yn cynnig cyfle i chi gwrdd ag aelodau o staff i drafod unrhyw bryderon sydd gennych Dydd Llun 20 Ionawr 2020 rhwng 9am a 12pm yng:

NPT Inclusion Service is offering the opportunity for you to meet with staff members to discuss any concerns you may have on Monday 20th January 2020 between 9.00am – 12.00pm in:

**Canolfan Gymunedol Castell-Nedd/ Neath Community Centre,  
10-12 Stryd Orchard/ 10-12 Orchard St  
Castell Nedd/ Neath  
SA11 1DU**

Os hoffech gadw lle ar gyfer ymgynghoriad e-bostiwrch [addysg@npt.gov.uk](mailto:addysg@npt.gov.uk)  
If you would like to book a slot for consultation please email [education@npt.gov.uk](mailto:education@npt.gov.uk)



### **Class newsletters**

These have been sent out this week. If you haven't received one please let us know.

## Dinner money

Unfortunately, due to increasing debts from unpaid dinner money and unnecessary paperwork, we are no longer able to have flexibility on payments. If you want your child to have a dinner in school it has to be paid for on that day, just as it works in an every day cafe. You order a meal, pay for it and it is served to you.

To explain how the dinner service works ..... The school dinner service is provided by the local authority, not the school. It is a service that parents can buy if their child is not entitled to free school meals. School collect the payments for the local authority and send the money into the local authority. It is this service who provide us with the information on food that has been ordered and not paid for. School has to pay for any outstanding debts, so this then has to come out of our school budget!

It is parents responsibility to provide food for their child. So .... If you want your child to have a school dinner you will need to pay for the dinner and then food will be provided. If school has not received payment, you will be contacted and asked to provide payment before we can order the food. Alternatively, you can bring a packed lunch to the school for your child, or take them home for lunch. Staff will never leave a child go hungry, but, I am certain that you would agree that we would be concerned if parents failed to provide food for their child on a regular basis!

To make payments easier for parents we are currently investing in a 'pay pal' system so that parents can pay for school meals online. We have now bought into this system and we are awaiting its installation from the company. We have considered lots of possible problems around this and hopefully we have covered all solutions too!

Thank you all, as usual, for your support with this.

**St. theodore's, port Talbot**  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020**  
**At 4pm**



CHRISTINGLE Service for all the family  
The young and not so young  
Everyone welcome  
Come and celebrate faith and joy  
Guest speaker Fr. Ben Andrews rector of Barry  
{Walsingham youth pilgrimage leader for Llandaff}

## Get your FREE Microsoft Office and Minecraft at home !!!!

Look here!

[hwb.gov.wales/microsoft](http://hwb.gov.wales/microsoft)

Tells you how to get it! Take it whilst you can, and before someone changes their mind!

Just to say .... these children are amazing here at school. I am so proud of them all. They are working hard to achieve what they want and to improve where they can. They are developing wonderful values and morals to become respectful members of society. It's lovely seeing them so happy. Thank you!

## Diary Dates

Jan 14th	Medical forms to school please Nursery coffee afternoon
Jan 16th	Class newsletters will come home with the children Tots group
Jan 26th	Christingle service 4pm St Theodor's church - all families welcome
Jan 30th	Year 5 visit Cwm Brombil
Jan 31st	Year 6 transition day to Cwm Brombil. Humanities day
Feb 17th	Half term

