



# Newsletter



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Autumn Term 2020 - a new norm



## A very important newsletter

There's lots of happy things to share but also some worrying times to plan for. Please take time to read all the messages carefully. If you have any questions please contact school or use the website question page.

### Christmas Decorations

Our tree is up in the school yard and also in the early years unit. It is bringing lots of smiles. Photos are on our Facebook page and it's good to see how happy the children are to see signs of Christmas!

School fence - come on mums and dads. Help us fill the school fence with decorations. If we can make an impression I think it will deserve a photograph for Wales online!

### Children In Need

Mrs Cole counted the money after 72 hours from the time it was collected. The total raised was £450.62. This is amazing! Thank you everyone! This charity has provided so much support for children it is always important that we contribute.

### ChristmasJumpers

Save your money! We are asking families to make them for a change. Any jumper and decorate it with tinsel / baubles/paint on it/sew sparkles - whatever you can find.

### **Finishing date for this term**

There have been lots of rumours and speculation as to when school will finish for the Autumn term. The director of education has informed us that all schools will remain open until the end of term and there is no plan to close early. The concern around closing early lays with the supervision of young people in community areas who are not adhering to covid rules, and also the fact that children have missed so much education time they need to be at school with their friends learning.

Anyway, we cannot finish yet, the children have not finished their cards and calendars and Christmas cards yet, and there is the concert to film!! We need them in school! However, we do need them in school safely so we will ask for your continued support and commitment over the next two weeks.

We are now entering into a period of time that if any person is in contact with a positive case all families in that bubble would need to isolate and this could possibly overlap with Christmas. None of us want to be in this position! So we are asking all our families now to be extremely vigilant and ensure the covid safety measures are in place at all times. Please remember that although children do not need to distance from each other staff are finding that the children are unable to social distance from the adults. It has become impossible in some cases. Teaching staff have to be in school but they need to be protected to avoid any Christmas isolation.

If you as families can protect yourselves in the community then teaching staff can feel safe in their rooms also with 25 or more other families. The Eastern community has been lucky with only one bubble going into isolation recently. Let's get that track record back and help each other get through the next two weeks safely so that we can all enjoy our Christmas. Please remind each other as we do all forget at times!

- social distance
- wear face coverings
- wash hands and sanitize regularly
- limit the places you visit
- avoid any gatherings
- ensure older siblings are not gathering with friends in public places

**Help us to make the last two Christmas weeks in school fun and enjoyable and SAFE!!  
Thank you! All our families have been very respectful of our covid secure rules and together  
we CAN do it!**

### **Thoughts and prayers**

for the families within our Eastern community that have lost a loved one through this dreadful virus. Some are still battling in hospital and we send all our strength to these family members. Take care everyone. Keep safe please!

### **INSET DAYS (TEACHER TRAINING TIME)**

December 21st & 22nd - no school for children. Staff will be looking at how we can plan for the spring term thinking about the new curriculum and how we can teach it under the 'new normal'. We will also be analysing all aspects of pupils progress as a staff since we have reopened.

### **What if you or a member of your family tests positive for covid?**

It is important that you let us know so we can help track and trace let others know if they have had contact.

**Please ring school 882819 or text the school number - 07387903683**

