

## **Criw Cymraeg**

The Criw delivered their weekly assembly via Teams. Mae'r tedi yn mynd i Ddosbarth Collen eto yr wythnos yma. Seren y Wythnos oedd Ollie yn Dosbarth Bedwen, Seth K yn Dosbarth Collen ac Ollie yn Dosbarth Ysgawen. Llongyfarchiadau i bawb!

## **Lexia**

Congratulations to Lara, Ellie S, John and Rhys for completing a level on Lexia.

## **End of Day**

If you are waiting for your child at the end of the day, please stand where staff can see you. With the wearing of face-coverings, it is increasingly difficult to identify parents/grandparents collecting children. If you are waiting on the pavement, please be mindful of blocking the way past for other parents and children. Unfortunately, we have witnessed a number of children having to walk in the road to get past groups talking on the pavement. Thank you.

## **Christmas Activities**

All pupils enjoyed the opportunity to come together for Christmas lunch on Thursday. There was fierce competition in the Christmas hat competition and, thanks to a donation from Tesco in Welshpool, there was a prize for everyone. Photos can be seen on the school website or by following the links for [Bedwen](#), [Collen](#) and [Ysgawen](#).

Pupils are busy making their giant Christmas card for the other two classes. Thank you for your support in not sending cards to school for pupils to exchange this year.

Dates for the 3 Christmas parties are below. We will be providing food at the parties (packet of crisps and individual cake) purchased in advance. Pupils should come in their PE kit on their party day.

Our whole school Christmas performance is in progress and should be ready to send out to all families by the end of term.

The last day of term is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This will be a non-uniform day where pupils and staff will have a chance to wear their Christmas jumpers if they wish.

## **Additional Non-pupil days**

Powys County Council have given notice of 2 additional non-pupil days. These will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021.



## **Absence from school**

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school before 9:00am with the reason for their absence. This contact can be by phone or email using the school office email address ([office@forden.powys.sch.uk](mailto:office@forden.powys.sch.uk)). Please do not ask staff about the absence of other pupils.

**If any member of the household is displaying symptoms then pupils should not be sent to school.**

If a child is absent because a member of their household is waiting for a test result, their teacher will not set work until the test result is known.

**School Newsletters** - All past newsletters are available to view on the school website.

### Dates for your diary:

Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Dosbarth Ysgawen Christmas party (Y4,5&6)
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Dosbarth Collen Christmas party (Y2&3)
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Dosbarth Bedwen Christmas party (Rec & Y1)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term / non-uniform

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Christmas Holidays**

Return to school Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

### Friends of Forden

Online raffle. Please support the Friends with their Christmas fundraising.

1<sup>st</sup> prize £50 Amazon voucher, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £40 Bunnings voucher and many more prizes.

<https://raffall.com/149403/enter-raffle-to-win-friends-of-forden-school-hosted-by-sarah-bowles>

### COVID\_19

It is vitally important that any pupils or staff members displaying any of the symptoms of COVID\_19 **do not** attend school and follow the appropriate isolation and testing guidance procedures.

If your child has a coronavirus test, please take a screenshot of the result (usually sent by text) and forward to the school. If it is negative, your child can return as soon as they are well enough.

If it is positive you will be contacted by TTP who will also liaise with the school to identify close contacts who will need to self-isolate.

If your child only has a runny nose or other cold like symptoms, and none of the above symptoms a COVID-19 test isn't required. Your child can go to school if they are well enough to do so. If you are unsure if your child's symptoms are COVID-19 or cold-like symptoms please use the [gov.wales symptom checker](https://gov.wales/symptom-checker)

The following links contain up-to-date guidance from Welsh Government

[Test, Trace, Protect – information for parents/carers](#)

[What to do if a child needs to self-isolate – information for parents/carers](#)

If a pupil displays any symptoms in school, you will be contacted to collect them from school immediately. **This will be applied rigorously in all circumstances and we ask for your total compliance and support in this matter.**