

Lexia

Congratulations to Ethan and Gracie for completing a level on Lexia.

Remembrance Day

All classes joined together on the yard to stand in silence for 2 minutes on Remembrance day in our short service. During the day, each class also visited the memorial by the church. Please visit the memorial to see the [stones](#) and [poppies](#) made by the children.

Governor Vacancies

The window for nominations for the 2 parent governor vacancies has now closed. Two nominations were received and therefore no ballot will be necessary. Sean McLaughlin (parent of Tia-May in Reception) and Sarah Bowles (parent of Harriet in Year 3) are duly appointed as members of the school Governing Body.

Admission to Primary School

The application process to start primary school in September 2021 is now open for children born between 1st Sept 2016 and 31st Aug 2017. Parents/carers will need to complete an [online application](#). If you are unable to complete an application online, please email admissions@powys.gov.uk

Pencil cases

At the start of this term we issued all pupils with the stationery they would need in class. Pupils from Year 2 upwards were also given a clear, wipeable pencil case to keep their individual pens and pencils in. Unfortunately, these are beginning to fall apart (broken zips, etc). If you wish, you could provide your child with a replacement pencil case, either in the coming weeks, or after Christmas. It would need to be easy to clean and thin enough to fit in their tray. Please do not send in other stationery. Pupils in Dosbarth Bedwen do not need a pencil case.

Access to school work

In the event of school being closed to a group of pupils, the first contact to pupils from their teacher will be through j2message. Please ensure your child is able to access this from home (through the j2launch app on tablets or via Hwb on PCs). If you have any difficulty, please contact the school.

If your child has an [Xbox or PlayStation](#), this can also be used to access Hwb

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). Please do not ask staff about the absence of other pupils.

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

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 3rd December School Christmas dinner
(All pupils will eat together in the hall – within their bubbles)

Monday 21st December – Monday 4th January
Christmas Holidays

Return to school Tuesday 5th January

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

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.**