



## FORDEN SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

### Thank you

Your ongoing support for school has been greatly appreciated throughout this term - it has been a challenging time for staff, pupils and parents. Thank you.

### Return to school – January 2022

In Powys, it is currently planned for Spring term to start on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022, when learning will be delivered online. School will only be open to vulnerable pupils & children of [critical workers](#). If your child will be attending school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January, please contact/ email school to ensure we have correct staffing in place (Breakfast Club & lunches will also be available).

All pupils should return to school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January. If updated guidance means a change to this, you will be notified as soon as possible.

### Lexia

Well done to Willow, Rhys, Rosie, Frankie, Seth P, John and Evie C for completing a level on Lexia. Lexia will be available to pupils over the holidays.

### Staying Safe online this Christmas

Please follow the links below for helpful advice for parents.

[My Child's First Device](#)

[Privacy settings / Block / Report – different platforms](#)

Safe streaming set up – [Netflix](#) / [Sky Q](#) / [Amazon Prime](#) / [Disney +](#) / [NOW TV](#) / [Apple TV](#)

### Criw Cymraeg

The Criw organised an afternoon of Christmas themed Welsh activities for all pupils to enjoy. Diolch. Each class had a letter hunt and spelt out Welsh words and phrases. See the photos on the school website.

### Christmas Activities

Please click on the link to see a round up of our [Christmas activities in school](#).



Other images from the term can be seen on the school website.

### Pantomime

Pupils enjoyed their online pantomime today. Thank you to Friends of Forden for raising the money this. There is still time to buy a balloon for the Balloon Race – [Friends' Balloon Race](#)

### St Michael's Church – Christmas services

There will be a crib service at St Michael's church in Forden on Christmas Eve at 4pm. All children will be welcome.

There is also a 'midnight mass' on Christmas Eve, starting at 11.30pm.

### Ongoing school response to Covid-19

If your child is identified as a close contact of a Covid case in school, you will receive a Warn & Inform letter from school. This gives advice and guidance on PCR tests and self-isolation.

If your child has any of the 3 main symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature, loss of taste/smell) they **must not** attend school and should get a PCR test (call **01874 44251 Please note, this is a new number**). They should not return to school until the test result has come through. Tests can also be booked through the Powys Teaching Health Board website at <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/coronavirus-testing/symptoms/>

If your child has other symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, flu-like symptoms) you can still request a PCR test and your child can attend school whilst waiting for the result.

Your co-operation in this is greatly appreciated. **If your child receives a positive PCR test, please contact the school to inform us.**

**If you are unsure, please contact the school.**

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### **Primary School Admissions**

The Primary School Admission Round for learners born between **01/09/2017 – 31/08/2018** is now open. Parents/Carers need to complete an online application at <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/1158/Applying-for-a-School-Place>  
Applications need to be made by the deadline of **Friday 7 January 2022**.

If a parent / carer is unable to apply online they can contact [admissions@powys.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@powys.gov.uk)

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### **Future dates**

Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Online learning
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Return to school – all pupils*
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term holiday
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter holiday