



FORDEN SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 3rd December

Children in Need

Thank you for your generosity. Together we raised a fantastic £534 for Children in Need.

Powys Catering Service – New Facebook Page

Powys Catering Service have launched their own Facebook Page Book page. This can be used for any queries relating to school meals.

[Powys County Council Catering Service | Facebook](#)

Lexia

Well done to Seth K, Alistair, Olivia C, Evie R, John, Reuben, Izzy and Jake (Y4) for completing a level on Lexia.

Criw Cymraeg

Wythnos diwethaf, siaradwr yr wythnos yn Dosbarth Bedwen ydy Amelia, yn Collen ydy Fletcher ac yn Ysgawen ydy Tommy. Heddiw, mae siaradwr yr wythnos yn Dosbarth Bedwen ydy Cameron, yn Collen ydy Mia ac yn Ysgawen ydy Kiarra. Longyfarchiadau i bawb!

Christmas Activities

Through discussion with the School Council and older pupils we have considered which Christmas activities can be adapted to fit in with current measures in school, and activities that will need to be adapted or changed. For all activities, school will maintain the two current bubbles of pupils.



Christmas Cards – Each class has its own post box where pupils can post Christmas cards to other pupils in school.

Christmas Dinner – This will take place on Thursday 9th December with children sitting in their class bubbles. (Children will still sit together, even if they are bringing a packed lunch).

Pantomime – Pupils will be watching the online interactive pantomime Cinderella (purchased through the Friends fundraising balloon race).

Carol service – Children will be holding their Carol Service in church on Tuesday 14th December. Regrettably, due to current guidance from PCC, parents will not be able to join us.

Home time carols – pupils will be singing their Christmas carols and songs just before home time on Friday 17th December. If you are waiting to collect your child on the playground, you are welcome to listen.

Christmas parties – Class bubbles will be holding their Christmas parties on Monday 20th December. Pupils are welcome to come to school in party clothes.

Christmas jumpers – pupils can wear their Christmas jumpers to school for the last 3 days of term (20th -22nd December).

If you have questions about any of these activities, please get in touch.

Bishop Gregory Christmas Card Competition

Pupils in Dosbarth Ysgawen submitted entries to design a Christmas card for Bishop Gregory to use on his official cards this year. Congratulations to Demi whose design was Highly Commended and Ellie whose design was Very Highly Commended. The theme for the designs was 'Journeys'.



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.

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

Future dates

Christmas activities – see above

Wed 22nd Dec Break up for Christmas

Wed 5th Jan Return to school

Mon 21st – Fri 25th Feb Half term holiday

Thu 7th April Break up for Easter holiday