



Ysgol Gynradd **Tycroes** Primary School

*Pontarddlais Road, Tycroes, Ammanford, SA18 3QD
Pennaeth Dros dro / Acting Headteacher: Mrs Louise Rees*

December 6th, 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Staffing Update

It gives me great pleasure to announce that I will be leading the school for the next few weeks as Acting Headteacher until Mrs Watts returns in the new year. I will be ably supported by our current senior management team, Mrs Wendy Jones and Mrs Lowri Williams, and also our dedicated and committed team of teachers and support staff. In order to maintain consistency of teaching and learning during this time, Mrs Laura Thomas will teach year 5 pupils full-time whilst Mrs Dawn Carby will teach pupils in year 4. I'm sure you will join me in thanking Mr Stephen Thomas for his excellent leadership and support as Acting Headteacher over the past ten weeks.

Christmas Raffle

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Grand Christmas Raffle again this year, both in purchasing tickets and in donating raffle prizes. A total of 529 tickets were sold. This was another great success as a result of fantastic teamwork between the PTA members and school staff, as well as the wonderful support from you as parents. Thank you also to the two year 6 pupils who readily drew the winning tickets. Congratulations to all prize winners, who have now all been contacted regarding their prizes. A full list of winners will be available on the school website soon.

Ammanford Foodbank

A big thank you to everyone from our Year 6 Action Group for your kind donations of food items last Friday for the local foodbank. What a mountain of items we collected between us all! I'm sure the Action Group members will provide us with further information regarding the collection by the end of this week.

Christmas DVD

We have almost finished filming pupils in preparation for our Christmas DVD. Thank you ever so much for your tremendous support in ensuring pupils wear their Christmas jumpers on the correct days. It made me realise last Thursday what an outstanding team of parents you are, when I witnessed every single pupil from Reception Class to year 6 appear on the stage in turn, **all** dressed in the required Christmas clothing. We are so fortunate at Ysgol Tycroes that all parents offer the school continuous support which is second to none!

We intend to complete our recording by the end of Tuesday this week, so please can all pupils wear their Christmas jumpers tomorrow and Tuesday again. Please bear with us, as it is taking us a long time to film pupils, ensuring that we keep within the necessary Covid restrictions and guidelines.

We will start taking orders tomorrow for the DVDs. The cost will be £3 per DVD. Please send money in an envelope marked with your child's name and class. The closing date for orders will be Friday, December 11th as we need to know in good time how many DVDs we need to produce. We intend to have the DVDs ready for the last day of term so that you receive them before Christmas.

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Dates Until the End of Term:

Monday 7 th December 2020	Final filming for Christmas DVD
Tuesday 8 th December 2020	Final filming for Christmas DVD
Wednesday 16 th December 2020	Christmas Dinner Day for pupils
Thursday 17 th December 2020	Once upon a Christmas Ball – pupils to dress to impress!
Friday 18 th December 2020	Last day of school before Christmas holidays
Tuesday 5 th January 2021	Pupils return to school. (Monday, January 4 th is an INSET day for staff)

Football

Congratulations to Dylan Cadwallader, our year 6 pupil who represented Carmarthenshire Schools in football over the weekend in a match against Gloucester. Well done indeed, Dylan. A great win!

Thank you once more for your continued support and co-operation. Please do not hesitate to contact myself, Mrs Jones or Mrs Williams if you need to discuss any school matters. I am available most mornings from 8.45 on the front yard should you have any questions, comments or queries. Our aim for the next fortnight is to use our time productively whilst making it an enjoyable time for pupils. With your continued exceptional support, I am confident that Ysgol Tycroes will continue to be one of the county's flagship schools.

Best regards,

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