



## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

Just a quick update as this term is always a very busy term and one that seems to just fly by with all the excitement of Christmas!

As usual we have many festive activities planned both in school and outside of school. Please remember to check our twitter feeds and sign up for the school app so that you keep up with all the exciting activities our children and staff are involved in.

Thank you.

Mrs Magiera

### Attendance Monitoring

As stated in our first newsletter of the year, my attendance officer will be putting our new policy in to practice and following our very clear protocol for any attendance that dips below 96% consistently, where a child is absent on the same day each week and where medical evidence is not provided.

As per our Attendance Policy, a copy of which can be found on the school website, we will also be reporting any unauthorised absences from school to our Education Welfare Officer and a Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued to you [and your partner/husband] in accordance with section 444 of the Education Act 1996. The current rates payable by parents are £60 where the amount is paid within 21 days and £120 where the amount is paid within 28 days. This charge is **per parent/carer per child**. If the fixed penalty notice remains unpaid this could lead to prosecution in the Magistrate's Court.

### Christmas Activities

It is getting to that wonderful magical season....Christmas...ssshhh, we can't say that word until December. We have lots going on as you know we always do and although it is a very busy time it is a most enjoyable time and it is important that the children have everything they need for each day. From Christmas jumper day to watching the pantomime, the nativity play, Christingle, bringing in bottles for the tombola.....and the list goes on. Please ensure that you follow our twitter accounts and that your phone number is up to date in the school office so that you get the information in good time.

Please update your home calendar with the website regularly, check twitter, our school app and watch for the odd reminder flyers and text messages! There is a handy list of dates for your diary at the end of this newsletter.





We have a provisional date of 12<sup>th</sup> December for the KS1 Nativity performance and we will be sending a letter home very soon to confirm the date and timings. Tickets will be available at £2.50 per person.

When we visit Brio Memorial Court to watch Cinderella please ensure your child has a healthy snack and a bottle of water that they can carry to and from the performance themselves.

### Snow and Ice

Our snow and ice letter will be out next week, please ensure you read it so that you are aware of our protocol if we need to close the school or of we decided to close certain gates to school for safety purposes. Please remember you have your own responsibilities for you and your children to stay safe during the snow and ice we can only take precautions to allow access to school. During this time it is important that we work together to limit the closure of school. Sensible footwear is important, **wellingtons and UGG boots are NOT allowed in school**. Children can wear black leather boots and can change wellingtons and UGG Boots in to their school shoes on arrival in to school. Please read this letter carefully and keep your eye on the website and twitter if the weather reports are threatening ice and snow. Our snow and ice risk assessment is also on the website for you to look at.

As the school days get darker earlier, please also be aware of the need for your child to be more visible than usual, try to wear something that has a reflective panel on it, if your child comes on their bike make sure they have a cycle helmet and lights, and when walking home that they hold your hands.

### PTA

Our PTA is fantastic and make an excellent contribution to our school resources and community, however it is lacking in active volunteers at the moment. If you do have a spare hour to wrap some of Santa's gifts, design a flyer, sort out the tombola or the raffle etc, please could you pop in to the office and give your name and a number which a member of the PTA can get you on, it would be very much appreciated.

If we are unable to get volunteers to help and support events like bingo, the May Fayre, Christmas Fayre...the list goes on...they will not be able to be held. The small number of people we have cannot do all this work. It would be a huge shame if we were unable to hold these events as the children thoroughly enjoy them and the money raised reduces the costs to you for school visits, provides crackers and gifts at Christmas, ipads for our children, the list goes on and on.

Please, please if you can offer some time, your children and my staff would be extremely grateful. Thank you in advance for your offer of support. Check our diary dates to see what the PTA are organising this term!

Here's to a wonderful end to our first term. Please ensure that if you have any concerns or you would like to celebrate anything in school that you contact me and we can find a mutually convenient time to meet.



Kindest regards,  
Kathryn Magiera





| DATE                            | ACTIVITY  | INFORMATION   |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| w/b 12 <sup>th</sup> November   | Anti-Bullying week  | Performance by Gripping Yarns   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> November       | Family cooking on a budget  | Family Learning course  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November       | Children in Need – NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TODAY  | Dance-athon. Details to follow.<br>  |
| w/ 19 <sup>th</sup> November    | Y6 residential to Menai – all week<br><b>Mrs Magiera will contact Y6 parents if she needs to meet you about medication</b>  |   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November       | Y5 Lantern Workshop<br>Family cooking on a budget   | Family Learning course  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> November       | Wear your own clothes Day   | Children to bring in an item for the PTA Christmas Bingo  |
| <b>30<sup>th</sup> November</b> | <b>INSET DAY</b>  | <b>SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN</b>  |
| w/b 3 <sup>rd</sup> December    | Last week of After School Clubs   |   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> December        | Key Stage 2 – Sing the Christmas Story at St Helens Church<br>PTA Christmas Bingo   | Children only as several local schools will be taking part<br>3.30pm start  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December       | Nativity performance – further details to follow  | 9.30am start – tickets £2.50 each<br>1.45pm start – tickets £2.50 each  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> December       | Christingle Service in St Helens Church   | 1.30pm – everyone welcome   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> December       | Christmas Jumper Day <br>Whole School Pantomime<br>Christmas Picnic Party Lunch<br>PTA Christmas Fayre | AM - Brio Memorial Court<br>2.30pm start – <b>to be confirmed</b>   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> December       | Flu vaccination – details to follow   | Reception – Year 5  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> December       | Whole School Christmas Lunch   |   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> December       | Last Day of Term<br>   | School closes at 1.30pm<br>Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to you all  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019    | School re-opens for the new Spring term   | 8.50am start  |





Here are the holiday dates for the rest of this school year and the next school year. Please remember that family holidays during term time cannot be authorised and any absence will be reported to our Education Welfare Officer and a Fixed Penalty Notice could be issued.

**HOLIDAY DATES 2018/2019**

|                              | <b>Date of Closing</b>           | <b>Date of Re-Opening</b>         |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Summer 2018</b>           | Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July     | Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September |
| <b>Autumn Half-Term 2018</b> | Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October  | Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November  |
| <b>Christmas 2018/2019</b>   | Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December | Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January    |
| <b>Spring Half-Term 2019</b> | Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February | Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February  |
| <b>Spring Break 2019</b>     | Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March    | Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April     |
| <b>Easter 2019</b>           | Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April  | Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April    |
| <b>May Day Weekend 2019</b>  | Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May       | Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May       |
| <b>Summer Half-Term 2019</b> | Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May      | Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June      |
| <b>Summer 2019</b>           | Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July  |                                   |

**INSET DAYS (Teacher Training) – 5 in total**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018  
 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

**HOLIDAY DATES 2019/2020**

|                              | <b>Date of Closing</b>           | <b>Date of Re-Opening</b>           |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Summer 2019</b>           | Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July  | Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September |
| <b>Autumn Half-Term 2019</b> | Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October  | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November    |
| <b>Christmas 2019/2020</b>   | Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January      |
| <b>Spring Half-Term 2020</b> | Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February | Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February    |
| <b>Spring Break 2020</b>     | Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April     | Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April       |
| <b>May Day Weekend 2020</b>  | Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May       | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May         |
| <b>Summer Half-Term 2020</b> | Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May      | Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June        |
| <b>Summer 2020</b>           | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July     |                                     |

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Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

