



# Gwernymynydd CP News

7<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents,

## **Children in Need**

Huge thanks for the very generous donations via the Just Giving page. Last year we raised £316 and this year we raised an amazing £502. Many thanks.

## **My Child's Art**

Many thanks for the positive feedback regarding the My Child's Art project that we took part in earlier this term. The company cannot guarantee Christmas delivery for any new orders placed after today. Currently we have £132 in commission so thank you to those who ordered items. This money will be used to purchase extra craft/art materials.

## **Christmas Recordings**

The Christmas recordings will be uploaded to the Google classroom by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Staff and children are busy rehearsing with those children in school at the time and we are hopeful that all children will be present on the same day for us to do a final recording next week. To access the recording, you will need to log onto your child's Hwb account and access their Google classroom. Please can you email the school office if you have not yet accessed your child's Hwb account this year and we will send instructions and the login details.

**Please can you complete the online Google Permission for your child to be included in the class recording which will be uploaded to the WG secure platform of Hwb no later than Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

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## **Foundation Phase reading workshops**

Unfortunately, due to staff shortages we are unable to release Mrs Windsor from class to deliver these sessions on 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December. We will run them in January.

## **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Extra curricular after school and lunchtime clubs finish on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. They will continue in January and further details will be sent in the New Year.

## **Outdoor Learning**

We have braved Storm Arwen and are about to brave Storm Barra but this is the last week for outdoor learning. Children will not be going outside after Friday 10<sup>th</sup> until January. They should come in school uniform on their outdoor learning day.

## **Christmas DVD night – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

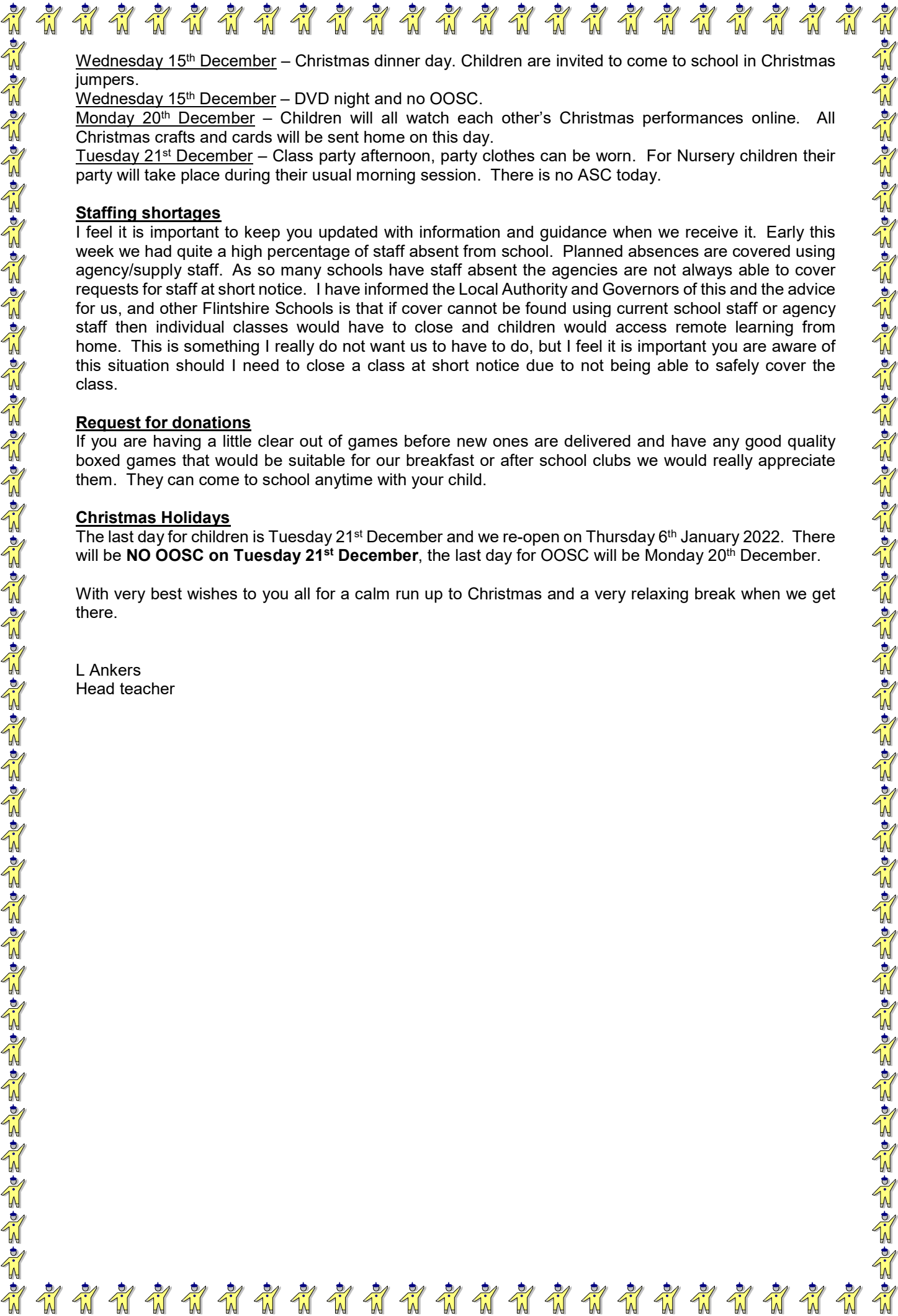
There is no full ASC this evening, however it is the Christmas DVD night. £5 payable via Parentmail to 'Gwernymynydd School Fund'. Children will have hot chocolate and treats during the interval. The finish times will be 4.50pm for FP and 5.00pm for KS2. We will bring children to the gates, please can KS2 parents wait in their cars until they have seen the earlier class be dismissed. You must complete the Google form to let us know if your child is staying, also if you require ASC provision beyond the film finishing please can you let us know on the Google form.

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## **Christmas dates**

Christmas cards can come to school and be placed in the post box, these will be sorted on a Friday by the School Council.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – last date for you to email the video consent for our Christmas recordings.



Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner day. Children are invited to come to school in Christmas jumpers.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – DVD night and no OOSC.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Children will all watch each other's Christmas performances online. All Christmas crafts and cards will be sent home on this day.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Class party afternoon, party clothes can be worn. For Nursery children their party will take place during their usual morning session. There is no ASC today.

### **Staffing shortages**

I feel it is important to keep you updated with information and guidance when we receive it. Early this week we had quite a high percentage of staff absent from school. Planned absences are covered using agency/supply staff. As so many schools have staff absent the agencies are not always able to cover requests for staff at short notice. I have informed the Local Authority and Governors of this and the advice for us, and other Flintshire Schools is that if cover cannot be found using current school staff or agency staff then individual classes would have to close and children would access remote learning from home. This is something I really do not want us to have to do, but I feel it is important you are aware of this situation should I need to close a class at short notice due to not being able to safely cover the class.

### **Request for donations**

If you are having a little clear out of games before new ones are delivered and have any good quality boxed games that would be suitable for our breakfast or after school clubs we would really appreciate them. They can come to school anytime with your child.

### **Christmas Holidays**

The last day for children is Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December and we re-open on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022. There will be **NO OOSC on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**, the last day for OOSC will be Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

With very best wishes to you all for a calm run up to Christmas and a very relaxing break when we get there.

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Head teacher