



Friday 1st December
2017

The Grove Valer

Christmas Cards

Our school post box will be ready for Christmas post on Monday 4th December. Please send cards into school making sure they are clearly labelled with the child's first name, surname and class. Class lists will be sent home next week. Mrs Pickett will also be choosing some children to be Christmas postmen, delivering the post to classrooms each day.

Plas Gwynant Residential

Last week, most of Year 6 went on a residential trip to Plas Gwynant, which is in Snowdonia (North West Wales). There they learnt how to make a raft out of canoes, and then how to steer canoes on a lake as a team. Also, they learnt how to abseil and all managed it despite the challenging conditions. In addition, they worked as a team to help each other climb up a gorge with fast flowing water which was also freezing cold, as most found out when they had to make their way through a deeper part! And, if that wasn't enough, they also trekked up Sygun Hill, taking in the spectacular views when they reached the top and passing the famous copper mine on the way down. The thing that made all the staff proud was that the children did all these demanding activities in such unpleasant weather with such enthusiasm. Their effort, positivity and teamwork are a credit to all their families! We all hope they gained a lot from their trip to Plas Gwynant, but also appreciate how lucky they are to have such a great school.



Christmas Jumper/Donation day

Friday 8th December children can wear non-uniform and come to school in a Christmas jumper. We are also asking for donations for the tombolas for the Christmas Fayre.

KS1—please bring chocolates and biscuits

KS2—please bring a bottle of alcohol or pop

Please can we have any donations of children's books and toys sent into school as soon as possible. The PFA are also looking for raffle prizes so if anyone has anything to donate (in the past we have had tickets to the Albion, beauty vouchers, hampers etc.) Please speak to a member of staff or call the office.

Christmas Fayre Thursday 14th December 3.40pm—6pm
50p per adult (£1 with a raffle ticket)



Attendance and Punctuality

Class with the highest attendance:

5H

Most punctual classes:

RDP, RGB, 1M, 2D, 3C, 3B, 4A, 5B, 5H

Number of lates:

After School Club

There will be NO after school club on Thursday 14th December due to the Christmas Fayre.

Children in need

Total money raised **£1187.73**

Thank you to all our families for your kind donations.



Hot Chocolate Stall

Continuing their fundraising efforts the school council will be selling hot chocolate and marshmallows to parents and children before school on the playgrounds next week. Cost £1

Tuesday 5th December
Infants

Wednesday 6th December
Juniors.



Football News



Girls football match results:

GV 3 Hanbury Primary 2

Goals from- Harkirtat (2) Sadiqa.

School readiness survey

As part of Sandwell's **Health Readiness for School project**, Sandwell is asking for parent/ carer views and asking parents with children aged 6 years or under to complete the survey by following the link: <http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Sandwell-Parents-and-Carers>. The survey seeks to collect feedback around the subject of preparing children to be ready to start reception at age 4. The survey results are reported anonymously and the survey should take around 5 minutes to complete. The closing date is Friday 12th January. Thank you. www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Sandwell-Parents-and-Carers

Dates for your diary

The closing date is Friday 12th January

Have a Great Weekend!