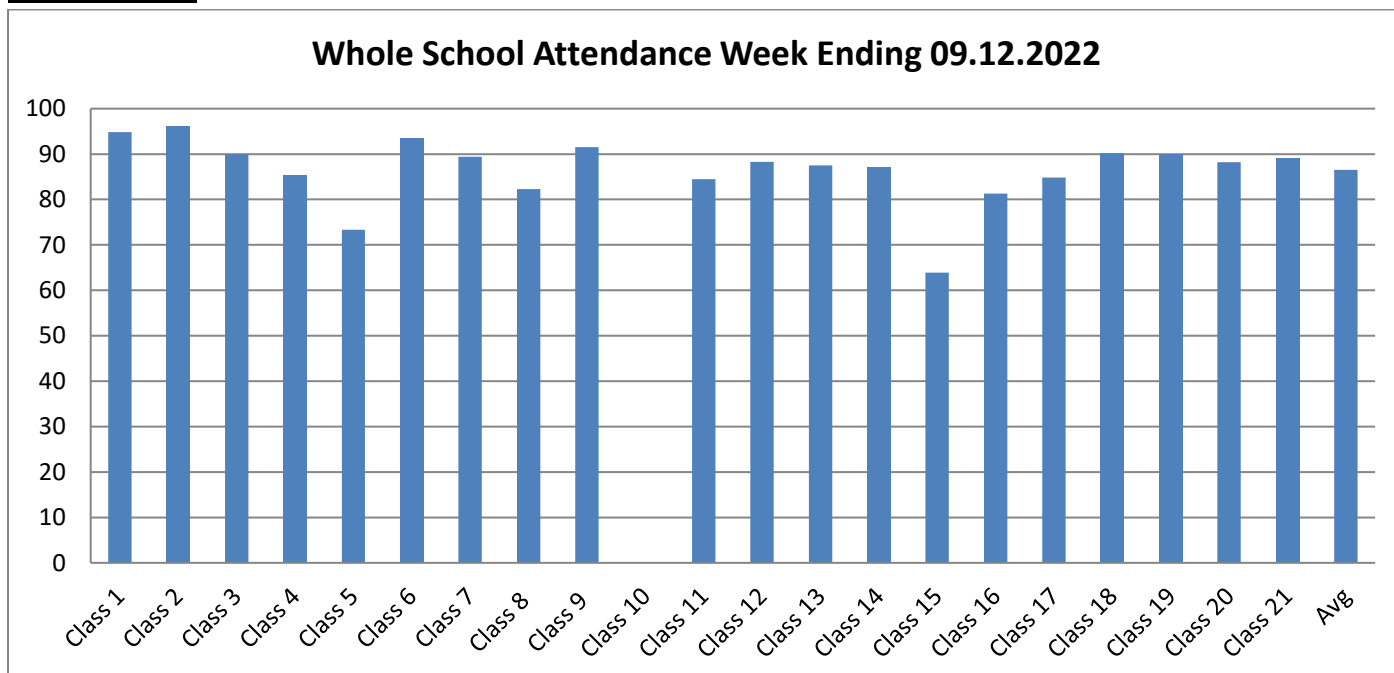


Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 15th December

**Attendance**



Our target for the academic year is **95.7%**. Look at the graph above to see how your child's class is performing. Our average attendance last week was **86.55%** which is a decrease on the previous week and below our whole school target of **95.7%**.

Unauthorised attendances were quite high last week. If your child is ill, you must contact the school office to report the absence. Please **do not use Seesaw** to report an absence from school.

**Scarlet Fever**

We have had an increasing number of confirmed cases of scarlet fever across the school. Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others.

The symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash, which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth.

If you think you, or your child, have scarlet fever:

- See your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible
- Make sure that you/your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor.
- Stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection.
- Report the illness to the school

If your child is unwell, please **do not send them into school**. If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please contact the school office.

### **Christmas Concerts**

Thank you to everyone who has attended the Christmas concerts this week. It has been wonderful to have an audience back in the school halls after three years! The children have been amazing and I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff for their hard work. We still have several exciting concerts to go!

A reminder that additional tickets for the Year 5 / 6 Christmas concerts will go on general sale from 9am tomorrow.

A huge thank you to the administration team for their hard work selling tickets for the Christmas concerts. It is no easy task ensuring that everyone has received the correct tickets when there are fourteen different concerts!

### **Christmas Fayre**

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Fayre last week. The Friends of Rhiw Syr Dafydd raised an incredible **£2382** which will be used to purchase new audio visual equipment for the school.

### **Christmas Parties**

On Christmas party days, children may come to school dressed in their party clothes. The Christmas parties will take place as follows:

- Monday 19th December – Year 2
- Monday 19th December – Year 3 / 4
- Tuesday 20th December – Nursery
- Tuesday 20th December – Reception
- Thursday 22nd December – Year 1
- Thursday 22nd December – Year 5 / 6

### **Christmas Dinner**

Christmas dinner will be served tomorrow, Friday 16th December. **Once again this year, children may bring a Christmas cracker to school on this day.**

School will close for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 22nd December. Friday 23rd December will be a school INSET day. Pupils will return to school on Monday 9th January 2023.

### **Dates for your Diary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tuesday 20th December	Year 5 / 6 Christmas Concert 1:45pm Year 5 / 6 Christmas Concert 6:00pm
Wednesday 21st December	Year 5 / 6 Christmas Concert 1:45pm Year 5 / 6 Christmas Concert 6:00pm
Thursday 22nd December	School Closes for Christmas

**Mr C George**  
Headteacher

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