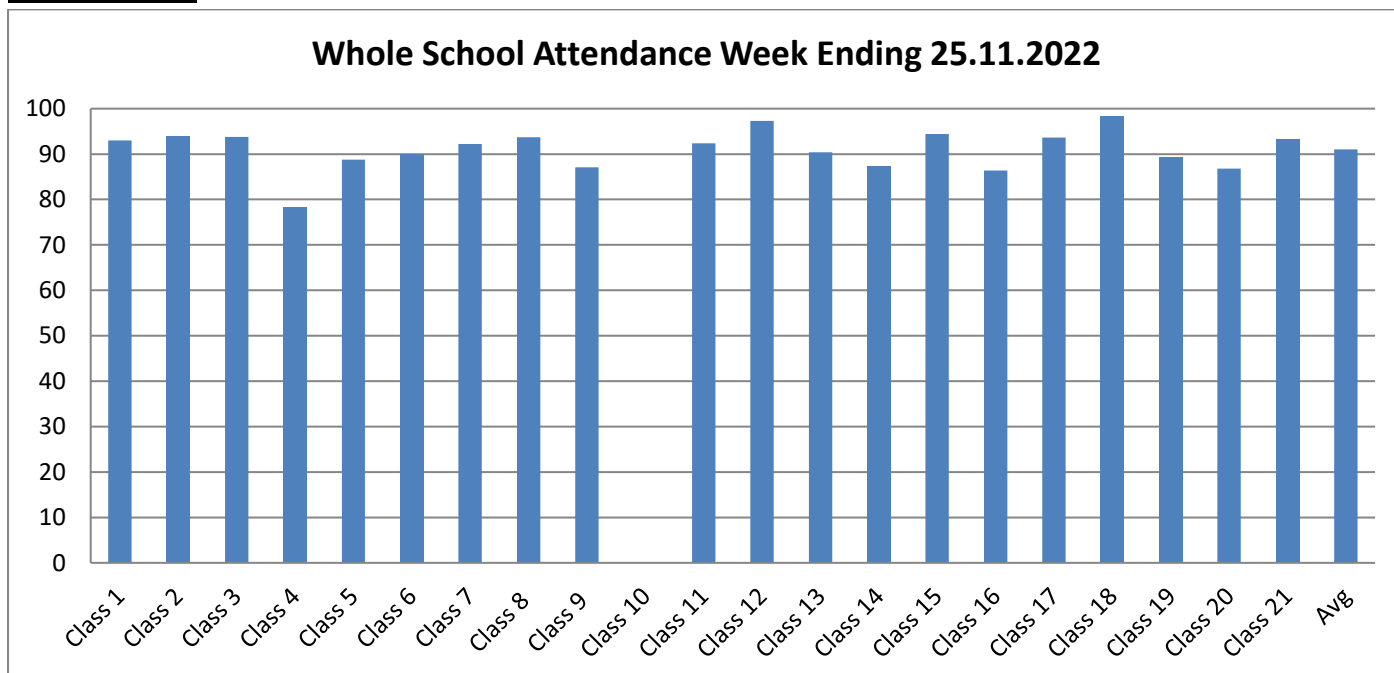




Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 1st December

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 **91.01%** which is a decrease on the previous week and below our whole school target of **95.7%**.

Unauthorised 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.

There are an increasing number of children arriving late for school. Please make every effort to ensure children are punctual. Arriving in a classroom late can be distressing for children.

Criw Cymraeg

Our Criw Cymraeg have been working extremely hard this term through break times and lunchtimes. They wanted to share with you some of the work they have been doing:

- Played games in our Welsh assembly to help people speak Welsh in a fun way;
- Created presentations on the Welsh language and why you should speak Welsh;
- Took photos of Welsh displays in our classrooms to see different ways to show off the Welsh language;
- We have chosen Croeso posters from each class to put on the door of the classroom;
- And had some sneaky Welsh cakes and flapjacks along the way!

School Crossing Patrol

We are still working with the Local Authority to fill this vacancy. Unfortunately, the post has been advertised on two separate occasions with no applications received. If you know someone who would be interested in the role, please ask them to contact the school. I am hopeful that we will have someone available to temporarily cover the mornings in the near future.

Scarlet Fever

We have had a 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.

Admission to Reception

Your child's attendance at a feeder Nursery school does not provide automatic entry into your preferred Reception class. You will need to apply for a place for your child to join the Reception classes by 16th December 2022. If you do not apply by this date, it could result in your child not being allocated a place in Reception for September 2023. You can apply by clicking on the following link:

www.caerphilly.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you should require any assistance with completing the form, or have any queries, please contact a member of the School Admissions Team on 01443 864896 / 01443 864897.

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 9th December at 3:15pm. Please note, access to school will not be granted before this time for Safeguarding reasons.

There will be lots of stalls selling Christmas items and many Christmas themed games to play. There will be burgers available from the BBQ and a special guest appearance from the Real Santa Claus. Make sure you get your tickets early to see Santa!



Menu

There will be a change to the advertised menu on Monday and Tuesday of next week. On Monday the kitchen will serve Mince Beef Pie or Ravioli. On Tuesday, the kitchen will serve Lasagne or Pizza.

Christmas

If you haven't received a Christmas concert ticket letter for your child, please contact the school office.

Throughout December, children may wear Christmas jumpers / t-shirts if they wish. These should be worn with school uniform on the bottom.

Christmas dinner will be served on Friday 16th December.

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

Date	Event
Friday 9th December	Christmas Fayre
Monday 12th December	Reception Christmas Concert 9.15am (Class 1 and Class 2 boys) Nursery (am) Christmas Concert 10.30am Nursery (pm) Christmas Concert 1.30pm
Tuesday 13th December	Reception Christmas Concert 9.15am (Class 3 and Class 2 girls) Year 1 Christmas Concert 10.30am (Class 4 and Class 5 boys)
Wednesday 14th December	Year 1 Christmas Concert 9.15am (Class 6 and Class 5 girls) Class 7, 8 & 9 Christmas Concert 10.30am (Class 7 and Class 8 girls)
Thursday 15th December	Class 7, 8 & 9 Christmas Concert 9.15am (Class 9 and Class 8 boys)
Wednesday 14th December	Year 3 / 4 Christmas Concert 1:45pm
Thursday 15th December	Year 3 / 4 Christmas Concert 6:00pm
Friday 16th December	Christmas Dinner
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**

**Mr G Jones
Chair of School Governors**