



St Ethelwold's VA School

12th December 2022



Good afternoon and welcome to your weekly St Ethelwold's newsletter.

As I am sure you have heard by now, we were forced into the difficult decision of cancelling the school performances which were scheduled for this week because of the ongoing situation with scarlet fever. Having spoken at length to Public Health Wales, we took the decision due to the high level of chicken pox within school at the moment, especially as the mixture of chicken pox and scarlet fever are known to potentially cause medical concerns. On top of that, we were running at around 60% pupil attendance last week and unsure who will be in school this week. We hope that you understand the situation that we are in and, as mentioned in the email that went out on Wednesday, we will try to get videos of the children performing to you in the next couple of weeks.

Public Health Wales (PHW) told us to expect a rise in the number of cases of Scarlet Fever in school in the coming weeks so please do be vigilant and refer back to Wednesday's Warn and Inform letter from PHW for the signs that you should be looking out for.

Christmas Jumper Day was enjoyed by everyone on Thursday, and we raised a little bit of money for Save the Children charity. Thank you to everyone who brought their £1 donation in - we have £26 to send the charity.

With the cold weather snap that we are experiencing at the moment, we are gritting the paths and playground each morning and whilst the grit is fast acting and is thawing most of the ice, there may still be icy patches around. Please do take extra care at drop off and pick up time as the temperature is typically colder at these times of our school day.

Mr Oliver



O God, as we prepare for Christmas, amidst the tinsel and cards, help us to keep our minds on the true meaning of Christmas. Keep thinking of our responsibility towards others. Thank you for choosing Mary to be the mother of your son Jesus. Thank you for the fact that she was so happy, so joyous in the responsibility that you placed on her shoulders. Thank you for promising to be by her side every step of the way. Be with us now as we rejoice in the celebration of Jesus' birth, as we share our joy, just as the Shepherds did, with our families, friends, neighbours and everyone in our communities, our cynefin. Help us to remember that Jesus was born with no fanfare, no fuss into this world, and yet he was the greatest gift ever given to us.
Amen



EVENTS

- 21st December- Christmas lunch
- 21st December- Junior Christmas party
- 22nd December- Infant Christmas party
- 23rd December- 3.15pm- School closes for Christmas

