

Dear families,

We hope this newsletter finds you all well and that you have managed to keep warm in the cold weather.

Llanrug

44 Year 5 children will be heading off on Monday. If your child is one of them, don't worry – they will have a good time!

Please make sure that all items of clothes are labelled. We hope you received a text on Thursday – we will keep in touch with you via this number. If you did not receive a text, check if someone else in the family did or talk to your child's class teacher on Monday and give a new number. We will send a message when children arrive and at least one or two texts a day. Children generally arrive back around 2pm on Friday but we will send a message to let you know on the day.

Young Voices

Around 30 children will be performing at Young Voices on Monday. It will be an amazing experience for them. "Contact 1" of all these children should all have received a text on Friday. Again, we expect children to return to school about 9.45pm but we will text with a more up-to-date time on the day. EVERY child must be collected – no-one can walk home alone.

Staff

As you will have read above, there are lots of things taking place next week. These events take a lot of organisation and it may be that staff are not in their usual places next week. For instance, Miss Davies is going to Llanrug so won't be in Nursery, however she will be replaced, temporarily, by another member of school staff.

We are very grateful for all the extra time and effort staff go to, to provide Hollymount children with these experiences. They often leave their own families to give up their time and they do this without extra pay! **Thank-you to them all and to those that stay behind to keep school open!**

Week beginning 22nd January

Monday 22nd January

- Year 5 Llanrug
- Young Voices

Tuesday 23rd January

- Swimming Year 3 – extra session

Wednesday 24th January

Thursday 25th January

- Swimming Year 3
- Family learning 1.15pm

Friday 26th January

- Year 5 return from Llanrug

NO 2nd hand uniform sale due to Llanrug trip but we hope to do this next week (2nd February)



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LEARNING

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SUCCESS

RESPECT FOR THE
WORLD



Keeping Children Safe

Safeguarding and Family Support

Designated Safeguarding

Lead: Mrs S Ricketts

Deputy Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs A Donnelly

Mr D Davies

Mrs R Hussain

Pastoral/ behaviour leads:

Mr D Davies and Mr M Harrold

Special Educational Needs:

Mrs E Davis-Lloyd (SENDCO)

Mrs L Montgomery (Inclusion lead)

If you have a concern about a child or wish to speak about any worries, please see one of our team. They can signpost families to additional support, if it is required.

Anyone can make a referral to Children's services.

[Children's Social Care](#)

[Worcestershire County Council](#)

In an emergency, always ring 999.

Keeping Children Safe Online

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure children are safe in day to-day life and online. Please check your child's online activity,

- Check game age advisory notices
- Limit children's time spent online
- Set filters so that inappropriate material is blocked
- Keep phones, tablets etc out of bedrooms

Attendance and illness

This time of year is always difficult for children (and their parents/carers.) Lots of viruses are around and children often feel a bit poorly and it is difficult to know if they should be in school or not.

Here is a link to a website that might help you:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Although we want every child to be in school, sometimes, they are just too poorly or infectious! Please remember to let school know if your child is not coming to school/ nursery.

If you are not sure, give the office a call or send him/ her in and if they are poorly, we can contact you.

You may have read or heard about 'epidemics' of illnesses like measles. These are becoming more common but there is NO particular illness at school at the moment – just lots of different ones. If your child is not up-to-date with his or her vaccinations, it would be wise to contact your GP.

	Week beginning 15 th January	This half-term	This year
Reception	90.7	89.8	92.9
Year 1	91.6	91.8	91.4
Year 2	91.3	92.3	91.8
Year 3	93	91.6	93.3
Year 4	94.2	91.4	90.5
Year 5	91.7	89.7	93.9
Year 6	91.8	92.6	94.9

Online Safety

We are sending out a copy of the new online newsletter sent out last week. We are also sending Worcestershire's version. We know it is a lot of information but we hope that by sending it out via email you can save it and read them at your leisure.

After School Clubs

We apologise that our after-school club offer is very limited this term. We usually rely on outside providers such as Freedom Leisure to increase our offer but have been unable to secure any extra clubs due to lack of staff available to these providers. We will keep looking at other options, but these are likely to come at much greater cost to you, as parents.

In the meantime, we will try to be as fair as possible, but we do anticipate a lot of disappointed children.

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