



Barker's Lane Community School Ysgol Cymuned Lôn Barcas

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Diolch yn fawr for the fantastic support for Children in Need last Friday. Spotty Day raised £380 which will be donated to the fund to help children nationally and internationally.

Diolch yn fawr for your kindness and generosity.

Christmas Concert

Filming will take place on between 7th-9th December. **We will confirm the actual date as soon as we know from the company.** Information about costumes was shared on Seesaw by class teachers early in October.



Your child will need to come to school on the day of filming dressed in their costume (*with a sweatshirt / additional layer to keep warm in the day if needed*).

If you have any questions or are unsure about anything, please get in touch with your child's teacher.

Term Dates

School closes at the end of the day **Wednesday 22 December** and re-opens to pupils on **Monday 10 January 2022**.

PTA News

Last week the Chair of our PTA and a team of other parents organised a shopping event for local business. Some proceeds from ticket sales and a raffle have been donated to Barker's Lane PTA, a very generous £450. Donations were also made to Nightingale House Hospice and Hope House Hospice. A huge diolch yn fawr to everyone involved and for the fantastic donation.

The PTA will be holding a Christmas Raffle again this year. Each child will bring home 5 pairs of raffle tickets on Friday. The tickets are £1 each. *If you would like more please email the office.*

If you / other family members would like to be entered into the raffle, please send however many tickets you wish to purchase back to school with monies in an envelope or indicate on the envelope that you would like to be invoiced on SchoolMoney. **Please ensure your child's name and class is written on the back of each ticket and envelope as well as the name of any adult other than yourselves who have bought the ticket.**

Please keep the duplicate ticket yourself, in the event that you are the lucky winner we can then match this up!



- 1st Prize—Christmas Hamper packed with Christmas goodies**
- 2nd Prize—Drinks Hamper**
- 3rd Prize—Children's Hamper**
- 4th Prize—Pamper Hamper**
- Plus other smaller prizes.**

All tickets and monies need to be returned by Wednesday 15th December.
The draw will take place on Thursday 16th December.

FREE SUPPORT TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH LEARNING

North Wales consortia, GwE have funded an online 'Help your child to learn' online course for all families. This usually costs over £100 but is **FREE** to families of children in GwE schools.



The course has been designed by Mike Gershon, a well respected professional who we have been fortunate to listen to on courses. It shares many examples of things that we use in school to support learning, like telling stories, mental maps, focus on language, amongst many others.

The sections can be accessed at your leisure. This really is a worthwhile opportunity.

To access the course, instructions have been attached to the email we have sent. You will also need a coupon code for FREE access which is detailed in the email.

Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Party Day

If you would like your child to have a school Christmas Dinner on **Thursday 9th December**, please just order and pay for this in the usual way on WCBC ParentPay (**not** School Money). The menu will be: *Turkey or Quorn Fillet dinner with all of the trimmings and a Christmas Tree Choc Ice.*

If you would like your child to have a school Party dinner on **Friday 17th December**, again please order and pay for this in the usual way on WCBC ParentPay (**not** School Money). The menu will be: *Breaded Salmon or Quorn Nuggets, Chips, Peas or Beans and a Christmas Krispie Cake (and juice).*

The cost of a school meal is £2.40 per day.

Your child can of course, bring a packed lunch on these days if you so wish.



Health & Safety—Parking

A very **small minority** of people are again causing safety issues for children, families and local residents. We had a number of complaints last week about cars when dropping off / picking up, parking on double yellow lines and on the yellow zig-zags outside the main gate.

Thank you to the vast majority of families that we have who park safely, with respect and consideration for others and park just that bit further away from school, walking for those extra few minutes when necessary.



For those people parking in these areas, parking in prohibited and well as unsafe for the children and families. Being late or having trouble finding a parking space is not a reason for doing this, please come a little earlier or park a bit further away.

Unfortunately although we know that every school has this small minority of people who choose to park in ways for their own convenience, that does not consider the safety of others.

Please continue to report any issue with number plates to Mr Hill who passes these to the PCSO with requests for additional patrols and the local councillor has requested support from traffic enforcement. Thank you.

Bags and Belongings

A solution has now been found around storage of belongings in school and although the construction firm have now completed work, they will be back to fit pegs and lockers as soon as they are available. In the meantime:



Infant Children

If there are any **infant children struggling to carry belongings** into school, they may bring a small bag if you feel that this necessary. Please **do not** send a bag in unless it is absolutely needed though.

If your child does require a bag, please ensure that this is **as small as possible** to contain the items that they are carrying e.g. water bottle, snack, change of clothes. Lunch boxes / bags are stored separately so unless you need a bag to put these in because your child is walking / cycling, ideally these should be separate where possible please.

Junior Children

At present junior children are storing their coats and any lunch box / bag in class. Although this has really helped with reducing congestion when coming into school in the morning, we obviously want to get back to having belongings like this in class as soon as lockers are fitted and it is practically possible.



If your child is struggling with their belongings, they may bring a small bag if absolutely necessary If they are not, please do not provide one.

If your child does require a bag, please ensure that this is **as small as possible** to contain the items that they are carrying e.g. water bottle, snack, reading book.

To give an idea, the lockers when installed will be similar to those in many changing rooms with the dimensions 40cm high, 30cm wide and 30cm deep.

These are fitted in many schools already. Hopefully this information is helpful, if you are considering purchasing a bag for your child over the coming weeks. Children will need to store their winter coat and bag in the locker, therefore may struggle with this if they begin bringing a large, bulky bag to school.