



Headteacher's Newsletter 14.12.18

This is such a busy and exciting time of year, here are just a few of the things happening here next week at Milford Haven School this December...

- *All week– PATCH food collection , ending on the last day of term.
- *Monday December 17th– Y7 reward trip to see Elf at the Torch Theatre
- *Wednesday December 19th– Deadline for student information forms to be returned. All returns made by this date will be entered into a £50 cash draw to be made on the last day of term.
- *Thursday December 20th– Y7 Reward Christmas Disco 6-8pm
- *Thursday December 20th– Sixth Form Ball
- *Friday December 21st- Christmas Jumper Day (Pupils and staff are invited to wear Christmas Jumpers on the last day of term and make a suggested donation of £1 which will go to the charity Save the Children).



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Attendance:

Thank you to all parents and carers who continue to encourage your children to attend school and engage positively.

We are extremely proud that our attendance continues to improve, with our latest figure of 94.31% which is better than at this stage last year.

Please remember that teaching continues right up until Christmas, with pupils expected to attend as normal.

MHS Community Christmas Lunch: This week we held our first ever free Community Christmas Lunch, and what a success it was. Thanks to all of the volunteers, staff and pupils for working so hard to put on such a lovely lunch, we have received a lot of very positive and complimentary feedback especially regarding how wonderful the pupils were in helping to host. There have already been so many benefits to this event, some students have used it as evidence towards qualifications such as Welsh Bacalluareate and Hospitality, we have built stronger links with part of our community, and we filled some empty bellies with a free lunch! We look forward to many more community focused events like this in the New Year. Diolch

Lockdown Drill.

This week we practiced our lockdown procedure, thanks to staff and students for taking part so efficiently and in such a sensible manner. I am pleased to say that from the time of the announcement we managed to get the whole school locked down and perimeters checked in under 9 minutes, which is a fantastic response rate given the number of people here and the size of the site.

Our newly designed website is almost complete and we hope to launch it in the next two weeks. Please keep an eye out for updates on Facebook in the meantime, and we will let you all know as soon as the new site is live. Once the new site is active paper copies of these newsletters will be stopping, however should parents wish to have a paper copy they can collect one from reception at anytime.

PUPIL DATA:

All pupils will have received a data capture sheet this week, this summarises academic performance and should give you an insight into the progress your child is making across their subjects. Apologies for delay of one week in getting this information home, but we wanted pupils to reflect on their strengths and actions needed for improvements to be made in their progress between now and the next data capture in the Spring term.

Thank you to the parents & carers that attended Monday's forum, and joined us in a discussion of prominent issues within the school and local community.

Your voice is a crucial part in helping to raise standards, so thank you for making the effort to attend and for your input. Diolch

We return to school Monday January 7th.

Carol Service

Thank you to everyone that was involved in our Carol Service this week, if people weren't feeling festive beforehand they most certainly will be now! To all the pupils that performed or contributed to this special event, thank you for all of your efforts as it was clear that everyone in attendance really enjoyed the night. Thanks also to the staff for all of their hard work behind the scenes, occasions like this are always a long time and a lot of effort in the making. It was really lovely to see the community come together, and as always I felt very proud of our school.

ALN coffee mornings

Thanks to Susan Priestnall, our Educational Psychologist, who attended our ALN coffee morning today. This was our last coffee morning of this term, but we look forward to hosting many more in the New Year. Diolch

MOBILE PHONES:

Please be aware that as per our mobile phone policy any phones that are seen or being used during lessons will be confiscated till the end of the day.

Many of our pupils cannot resist the temptation of their phones, and it can prove to be a huge distraction to some, having damaging effects to lessons and overall pupil learning. Please help us support your children and their education by reinforcing the message that the classroom is not the place for mobile phones.

The above message also applies to uniform, we appreciate your support in ensuring your children attend school in proper uniform and equipped for the day. Simple things such as being dressed correctly in uniform means that time does not have to be wasted dealing with these issues, precious time that could otherwise be spent focusing on the learning and development of pupils. Thank you