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Important Dates

Wednesday Dec 19th: PM Torch theatre panto—whole school

Thursday Dec 20th 2pm Musical concert parents of learners invited

Friday Dec: 21st end of term

Monday Jan 7th Staff Training day – No school for pupils !

Tuesday Jan 8th First day of spring term for pupils

Dear Parents,

As this very long and busy term draws to a close may I take this opportunity on behalf of the staff to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year and thank you for your continued support of Roch school.

Best wishes

Carl Evans (Head teacher)

Attendance

Yet again another big thank you to all parents & pupils for making a fantastic effort to improve the school's attendance. Our overall attendance target is 96%, which we met comfortably in September and October, and in November attendance was 96.65 %, again comfortably inside the top ten performing schools in Pembrokeshire. Well done everyone !

Phoning Home

At the request of children Mrs. Weale has to contact parents on an almost daily basis to ask them if they can bring in musical instruments, sports kit or anything else the child may have forgotten. Whilst this is understandable for the younger children I feel this safety net is not encouraging children in year 6 to take responsibility for making sure they come to school fully prepared, as they will have to in secondary school. From the new year onwards I have decided that Mrs. Weale will no longer be ringing parents of year 6 pupils asking them to bring something into the school that the child should have with them. We will still, of course phone the parents of year 6 children if the child is ill or in other exceptional circumstances.

School Christmas Bazaar & school performance fundraising

A huge thank you to the "Friends of Roch School" for their sterling work organising the bazaar thanks to their hard work and everyone who attended a fantastic £ 2,837 was raised.

Pembrokeshire Urdd swimming competition

Several pupils from school entered this competition recently with some fantastic results.

Jazmine Hanna	yr 5&6 girls	Butterfly 2 nd	Individual medley 3 rd
Eliza Peach	yr 5&6 girls	Breaststroke 5 th	Backstroke 8 th
Shelby Hanna	yr 5&6 girls	Backstroke 11 th	Freestyle 32 nd
Teddy Owen	yr 3&4 boys	Freestyle 2 nd	Backstroke 2 nd
Jack John	yr 3&4 boys	Freestyle 4 th	Breaststroke 5 th
Josie Hawke	yr 3&4 girls	Freestyle 16 th	Backstroke 16 th



Urdd area Netball tournament

The school netball team recently took part in this competition. It was their first taste of competitive netball - they played well and enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Mrs. Corby for her hard work training the team.

Pupil Achievement

Rose Kirkham has just completed her November Challenge 2018. This consisted of running at least a mile a day for the whole of November, culminating in a two mile run on Saturday along with the other challengers.

Rose raised £120 for the event - here is a link to their site

<http://www.novemberchallenge.com/>



LNG Calendar winners

Yet again dosbarth Oren under the artistic guidance of Mrs. Hordley and Mrs. Lewis have been selected as one of the 12 winners of the LNG calendar competition.

A photo of their collage of the moon landing will feature in next years LNG calendar and their outstanding work wins £1,000 for the school.

