



Ysgol Gynradd **Tycroes** Primary School

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Christmas Update

Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to you to provide an update on how the school will function around Christmas time this year. Obviously, with the current climate, schools are receiving a lot of advice and guidance around Christmas and safe working for all with Covid19 present in our society. It is our belief that after a challenging year for us all, we need to make this Christmas even more special for our children this year and we intend to do this, safely.

A brief outline of what to expect this year can be found below:

1. **Christmas Production** – Although we can't hold a big production in school this year, we have plans for a virtual Christmas Concert that staff and pupils are working very hard on to prepare at the moment. This will be filmed and shared on DVD.

Every class will remain in their bubbles and strict measures are in place for small groups of children from the classes to practice their singing/dancing outdoors under our sheltered areas whenever possible. Each bubble will then be recorded and the video created to combine all separate recordings so that bubbles do not mix at any time.

2. **Christmas Dinner Day** - This will still go ahead, however, each class will have their Christmas Dinner within the hall in separate sittings with Christmas songs and a party atmosphere created for the pupils. **Christmas Dinner Day will be Wednesday, 16th December 2020.** Please pre-book on ParentPay.
3. **Once upon a Christmas Ball** – We will be holding a Christmas ball on **Thursday 17th December 2020.** All we need on this day is for pupils to dress to impress!
4. **Christmas Activities** - Often around Christmas we take part in lots of Arts & Crafts, baking and fun Christmas activities. This will still be the case, with strict measures in place within the classrooms to ensure no or very limited sharing of equipment within the class bubbles and that good hygiene is maintained.
5. **Christmas Cards** – This year, the children will be creating Christmas cards on the computers and sending these via email to their friends and family. We have been really fortunate this term not to have had a positive case confirmed in school yet and would like to continue being cautious to ensure this remains the case. As a result, we kindly ask that no Christmas Cards are brought into school this year.

I would be happy to discuss any of the planned activities in further detail and the measures in place to ensure all remain safe. I hope you will all agree with us that our children need this exciting end to the year and I know staff are very much looking forward to having this time with the children in school.

Best Wishes,
Stephen Thomas
Acting Headteacher