

Parentmail Friday 6th December

Dear Parents/Carers,

A HUGE thank you to the PTA, volunteers and all families who visited the Winter Fair – what a success! Such a wonderful atmosphere. A big thank you to the Court family for sponsoring Santa’s Grotto, to Sitka Recruitment for sponsoring the Fair, to Morrisons for all their donations and to Alex Psaila (father of Lisa Budd – PTA) for providing power and a beautiful star light for the grotto. Special thanks to Father Christmas for fitting a visit to Ty Bronwen into his busy December schedule! I’m delighted to report that a staggering £2117.95 was raised at the Winter Fair, which is a fantastic result! Thank you so much everyone!

I had the pleasure of attending the CF Music Education concert on Tuesday night in which our choir were singing alongside other choirs, orchestras and music groups. I was VERY proud of our pupils, as always, for performing so excellently and behaving impeccably. They received rapturous applause for their singing and for their enthusiasm. Thanks to the choir members and the parents/carers who taxi them tirelessly to rehearsals and performances, especially at this busy time of year – it’s much appreciated.

We’re looking forward to welcoming those joining for the first Lakeside Primary Festive Fun Run on Sunday! The PTA are delighted with everyone’s support of this new event and have sold out of tickets for the event. Although the weather warnings will have expired by Saturday evening we are anticipating a very cold start to Sunday, please dress appropriately for the very chilly weather’

Christmas Sharing Sessions

We had our first sharing session this week with Year 6 starting us off with excellent singing, pomander-making and incredible stamina during their rendition of The 12 Days of Christmas. Looking forward to next week’s festive sharing sessions and to welcoming you to school to enjoy them. (The dates are below, at the end of the Parentmail).

Year group Christmas parties

On Christmas party day your child can wear party clothes/non-uniform to school. The party dates are as follows:

NURSERY – Tuesday 17th December (morning and afternoon)

RECEPTION - Wednesday 18th December

YEAR 1 - Monday 16th December

YEAR 2 – Thursday 12th December (Year 2 children will be in their concert costumes but can bring Christmas jumpers/party clothes to change into after their concert, if they want to)

YEAR 3 – Friday 13th December (Year 3 children will be in their concert costumes but can bring Christmas party clothes to change into after their concert, if they want to)

YEAR 4 – Wednesday 18th December

YEAR 5 – Wednesday 18th December (Year 5 children will be in their concert costumes but can bring Christmas party clothes to change into after their concert, if they want to)

YEAR 6 – Friday 20th December

Save the Children CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – Thursday 12th December

This was originally on the calendar for Friday 13th, but as the children will be enjoying their Christmas dinner in school on the Thursday, we decided to combine this with Christmas Jumper Day. Donations to Save the Children will be collected on the gate on the morning of Thursday 12th.

Festive Music Concert – Friday 13th December at 2.30pm

On Friday 13th December the school choir, Year 5 and several solo instrumentalists will take part in a festive music performance in the big school hall. The PTA will provide refreshments and all are welcome to join us to enjoy some Christmas music with our music performers. Thank you to CF Music Education for facilitating this event.

Jenny Rathbone Christmas Card design winners

Two Lakeside pupils were runners-up in the competition to design a Christmas card for Jenny Rathbone, MS. If you would like to see our pupils' designs and the other runners up and winners, they will be on display at Albany Road Gallery on Sunday 8th December at 11am. Thank you.

Christmas Food Bank donations

At such a busy and expensive time of year, we have been staggered by the amount of donations Lakeside families have made to our Christmas Food Bank collection. Thank you so much! We will be collecting well into the last week of term, with Mrs Street delivering the donations to the Food Bank on Thursday 19th December.

A reminder of what we are hoping to collect:

The usual tinned food and toiletries will be most appreciated, and we would also like to be able to donate some Christmas treats such as: selection boxes, mince pies, Christmas puddings/cakes, chocolates and sweets. Thank you very much.

After school clubs

- Chess club has finished but there is a competition on 16th December
- Football club has finished
- Dancefit has finished
- Choir ends on Tuesday 10th but choir is singing at Penylan Care Home on Tuesday 17th. We hope to be back in school by 3.30pm
- Netball ends on Friday 13th December with a fun festive session after school

Restart dates for after-school clubs will be available shortly

Sporting News

It was disappointing to have to cancel today's Netball match against Lisvane Primary due to the weather warning. We hope that we can reschedule the match in due course.

Carols at the Crossroads

Please see the attached flyer for a Christmas event at park End Church (Rhydypenau Roundabout) on Saturday 21st December 4-6pm. There will be carols, music, refreshments,

face-painting and a live nativity with animals. This is a charity event for the whole family to enjoy.

Lost Property

Please would parents/carers be so kind as to check clothes name labels in their children's clothes to make sure that the items don't belong to another child? It's very easy for a pupil to pick up the wrong piece of clothing as they are all so similar, but if it's the wrong one it can be returned to the right owner. Thank you.

There are photos of non-uniform lost property on the website. Please have a look and if you recognise anything please let us know, either by emailing LakesidePrimary@cardiff.gov.uk or send a note in with your child to give to their teacher, and we will get it back to you. Thank you. (After a certain time on the website, suitable unclaimed lost property is also retained for use in emergencies).

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Best wishes,
Rachel Mitchell

Upcoming events / Term dates

December 2024

- Monday 9th December – Nursery Christmas Sharing Sessions 9.30am and 2.15pm
- Tuesday 10th December – Reception Christmas Sharing Session 9.30am
- Wednesday 11th December – Year 1 Christmas Sharing Session 9.30am
- Thursday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- Thursday 12th December – Year 2 Christmas Sharing Session 9.30am
- Thursday 12th December – Christmas Dinner Day at school
- Friday 13th December – Year 3 Christmas Sharing Session 9.30am
- Friday 13th December – Choir and Year 5 Festive Music Concert at school – 2.30pm
- Tuesday 17th December – Year 4 Christmas Sharing Session 9.30am
- Wednesday 18th December – Year 5 Christmas Sharing Session 9.30am

January 2025

Monday January 6th – INSET DAY

Tuesday January 7th – pupils return to school

Friday 17th January - Cardiff Dragons Netball Team running netball session, sponsored by The House of Sport

February 2025

March 2025

- Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Term dates

2024-2025 Academic year

Autumn Term 2024

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| Break up for Autumn Half Term break | Friday 25 th October | | |
| HALF TERM BREAK | Monday 28 th October | Friday 1 st November | |
| Back to school | Monday 4 th November | | |
| Break up for Christmas break | Friday 20 th December | | |
| CHRISTMAS BREAK | Monday 23 rd December | Friday 3 rd January 2025 | |

Spring Term 2025

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| Back to school | Tuesday 7 th January | | |
| Break up for Spring Half Term break | Friday 21 st February | | |
| HALF TERM BREAK | Monday 24 th February | Friday 28 th February | |
| Back to school | Monday 3 rd March | | |
| Break up for Easter break | Friday 11 th April | | |
| EASTER BREAK | Monday 14 th April | Friday 25 th April | |

Summer Term 2025

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| Back to school | Monday 28 th April | | |
| BANK HOLIDAY | Monday 5 th May | | |
| Break up for Half Term break | Friday 23 rd May | | |
| HALF TERM BREAK | Monday 26 th May | Friday 30 th May | |
| Back to school | Monday 2 nd June | | |
| Break up for Summer | Friday 18 th July | | |
| INSET DAY | Monday 21 st July | | |