

## **Derwen News November 21**

### **Admissions 2024**

#### **Nursery / Reception Intake 2024**

**We are currently accepting applications for our Nursery and Reception Classes for September 2024 through the Flintshire CC Admissions Portal.**

**If you know anyone who is looking for a place for their child at Ysgol Derwen please ask them to contact the school office for more information.**

**The closing date for applications for Reception had passed but late applications will be accepted.**

**The closing date for Nursery applications is February 16, 2024.**

**The link to the Admissions portal is below:**

**<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Admissions.aspx>**

### **FODS CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**Thursday November 30, 2024 – 3.30 – 5.30PM**

**Our first FODS Christmas Fair since December 2019 will be taking place on Thursday November 30th.**

**This will be a good opportunity for you to meet up with friends, purchase some Christmas gifts and help support the school through FODS.**

**We will be welcoming back our very special guest, Father Christmas, who will be in his grotto in the school foyer. Details on how to book a slot will be released very soon!!**

**If you have some time free after school on the Thursday evening please make the effort to attend the Christmas Fair and help raise some much-needed funds for our school.**

**We hope to see you there where there will be much more for all the family to enjoy!**

**Each child will be sent home with a cup to help us with one of the stalls during the event. FODS are asking if the cups can please be returned to school filled with wrapped sweets by Monday November 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**We would also appreciate any help whatsoever on the day of the Fair, for example setting up tables in the afternoon, manning a stall or tidying up at the end of the event. Please contact FODS or the school if you are able to assist us.**

**We would also really appreciate donations of fancy-dress costumes, logo school uniform, chocolate boxes and bottles for the raffles, and mince pies or biscuits for the refreshment stall. Second hand toys and games would also be very welcome.**

### **FODS Christmas Raffle 2023**

**This year we have received lots support and very generous donations from the community and local businesses towards the FODS Christmas raffle. We hope you can support us by purchasing a raffle ticket to raise some funds for the school.**

**Each child will be sent 2 books of 5 raffle tickets at £1 each ticket. There is no obligation to purchase but please could any unwanted tickets be returned to the school. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the Christmas Fair on November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Christmas Shoebox Appeal**

**Ysgol Derwen is supporting the Christmas Shoebox Appeal again this year.**

**Last year the appeal sent 62,574 Shoebox Christmas Gifts to Eastern Europe from the T4U base in Wrexham, with many of those donations coming from local schools.**

**Leaflets were sent home with the children before the half term break. For more information on this years appeal and to get involved please visit**

**<https://teams4u.com/shoe-box-appeal-2023/>**

**The deadline for the boxes to be delivered to school is by Wednesday November 29th ready to be collected by T4U.**

### **Tempest Photography**

**Please see the message below from Tempest Photography:**

***Dear Parents,***

**Thanks once again for choosing Tempest Photography. It's great to see so many parents ordering their child's school photos.**

***Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)***

***If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).***

***Many thanks.***

**Tempest Team**

### **Dates For The Term**

#### **November**

- **Thursday 30 – FODS Christmas Fair**

#### **December**

**Friday 1 – Castell Alun Football & Netball Tournament PM**

• **Friday 8 – Christmas Concert for senior citizens @ 1.30pm**

• **Monday 11 – Christmas Concert – Year 5 & 6 @ 2pm & 5.30pm**

• **Tuesday 12 - Christmas Concert – Reception & Nursery @ 10am**

• **Tuesday 12 - Christmas Concert – Year 3 & 4 @ 2pm & 5.30pm**

• **Wednesday 13 - Christmas Concert – Year 1 & 2 @ 2pm & 5.30pm**

• **Thursday 14 – Christmas Dinner**

• **Thursday 21 – School closes for Christmas**

• **Friday 22 – Training day**

**Thank you for your continued support**

**R Jones**