

Dear Parents and Carers,

Excitement is building in school as we begin our rehearsals for Year 4's hilarious new Christmas musical – 'Away with the Manger'. Our production tells the comical story of a jewel robbery that goes horribly wrong and causes complete chaos in a school nativity play. We are looking forward to our performances on **Wednesday 4th December (morning)** and **Thursday 5th December (evening)** and are sure that you will thoroughly enjoy them. Tickets will soon be available to buy at the school.

The children have been given parts for the Christmas production and those with speaking parts have been given scripts with lines to learn. We would appreciate it if you would support and encourage the children to practise their speaking parts at home. We also need your help in providing your child with a suitable costume and have included a list of costume ideas/suggestions below which we hope you will find useful. The Internet is another great resource if you need ideas to inspire you. We would be grateful if costumes could be brought into school in a labelled carrier bag/or on a hanger by Friday 29th November ready for our dress rehearsals. If you have any problems providing a costume for your child, please let us know as soon as you can and we will do our very best to help. If you have any queries or require further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Year 4 Team

Mr. D. Evans

Miss B. Jones Miss. J. Pearce

Part/Role	Costume ideas/suggestions
Narrators	Christmas jumpers / festive, sparkly outfits
All non-speaking children	
Bill and Bob (the jewel thieves)	Black and white striped top / black trousers / SWAG bag /flat cap /balaclava
Miss Smiley (the teacher)	flowing skirt / dress / blouse / glasses etc.
Pupils 1 -13	smart Llangewydd school uniform but also traditional nativity costumes as follows:
	Pupils 1, 2 and 3 – Shepherd costume Pupils 4, 5 and 9 – Three Wise King costumes and a special gift to carry Pupil 6 – Joseph Pupil 7 – Mary Pupil 8 – Innkeeper

	Pupil 10 – smart school uniform Pupil 11 – cow in the stable Pupil 12 – pig in the stable Pupil 13 – sheep in the stable
Inspector Clueno	To look like a detective – shirt, tie, smart trousers, blazer, trench coat, moustache etc.
Policeman 1, 2 and 3	Police officers' outfits (British as opposed to American cop)
Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey (the caretaker and his wife)	jeans/dungarees/polo top. Mr. Humphrey needs padding so that he looks overweight.
Locksmith	boiler suit, toolbox (to look like a tradesperson)
Parent 1 and 2 Group of non-speaking parents	regular clothes to look like everyday adults

