

Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to Prendergast School after the summer break. It has been wonderful to see our many children join their new classes and meet with their teachers and friends again.

We will continue to use Class Dojo to support communications from teachers to families, therefore please rejoin your child/children's classes and update any changes to contact details/medical conditions/personal circumstances via admin.email@pembrokeshire.gov.uk or 01437 771580 with Mrs McCarthy and Miss Warlow. We will also be using Class Dojo to notify parents of any 'Actions' from the YOYO-B Action Alphabet which supports our positive behaviour policy.

Classes for 2024 – 2025:

Nursery	- Dosbarth Poppit (Morning and Afternoon Classes)	– Mrs Corby and Miss Blundell
Reception	- Dosbarth Newgale	– Mrs Sadler
Reception	- Dosbarth Nolton	– Mrs Gale
Year 1	- Dosbarth Saundersfoot	– Miss Esteban
Year 1	- Dosbarth Marloes	– Miss Worgan
Year 2	- Dosbarth Barafundle	– Mr Jenkins
Year 2	- Dosbarth Sandy Haven	– Mrs Davies
Year 3 & 4	- Dosbarth Solva	– Mr Layzell and Mrs Gwilt
Year 3 & 4	- Dosbarth Little Haven	– Mr Hill
Year 3 & 4	- Dosbarth Tenby	– Mrs John
Year 5	- Dosbarth Dale	– Miss Pearce
Year 5	- Dosbarth Amroth	– Miss Harte
Year 6	- Dosbarth Broad Haven	– Miss Edwards
Year 6	- Dosbarth Druidston	– Miss Oliver
Year 6	- Dosbarth Whitesands	– Miss Bartlett and Mrs Humphreys



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Health and Safety/Safeguarding

We now have many children with allergies therefore in the interest of safety please **do not** send sweets, cakes and items containing nuts into school. A reminder that we celebrate children's birthdays at Prendergast by inviting the children to wear their own clothes to school, and they also have a special mention during celebration assemblies.

Please ensure that any medical information is shared with us as Health Care Plans are required for many conditions and if your child has been diagnosed with asthma please share all Asthma Action plans with us too. A reminder that a form has to be completed if there is a requirement to administer medication during the school day and all medication has to be prescribed by a medical professional and be labelled with your child's name.

Healthy Schools

We have several water fountains at school, but request that every child has a water bottle available to them and not a sugary drink. At breaktimes, fruit will be available to buy at 20p and children in years 1 – 6 will be able to purchase toast on Thursdays (20p per slice). This term year 5 children are organising the selling of toast which will support the cost of their residential visit to Cardiff in December.

Improvements

During the holidays a few changes were made to the setting and these include the movement of the Bocs Bwyd and Preloved@Prendergast to the front of the school which will be made available to our families in the near future once all works have been completed; the updating of the school library, where approximately 3,500 books have been categorised and uploaded onto a new library system; the addition of a compost toilet in the Wild Garden; the installation of a fitted kitchen for children's cooking activities and an outdoor kitchen has been added to our learning environment for our younger pupils.

School Development Plan 2024-2025

Our priorities for continued school improvement for this academic year are:

- 1) Teaching and learning
- 2) Attendance
- 3) Self-evaluation

We hope that all families will support our practices to support our continued development and will look forward to welcoming you to our **Meet the Teachers Event from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday 17th September.**

School times

School Attendance is a National Priority, and at Prendergast School we must improve our attendance rates on previous years. The target set by the Welsh Government is 95 % and last year at



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Prendergast it was only 92.16%. Please ensure that all absences are reported to the school office and refer to the school timings to ensure that all children are present for registration sessions.

Here Everyday Ready On time

Year Group	Gate Open	Registration/Start
Nursery – Morning Session	8:50am	9:00am
Afternoon Session	12:20pm	12:30pm
Reception	8:35am	8:45am
Years 1 and 2	8:30am	8:45am
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	8:30am	8:45am

School uniform and personal items

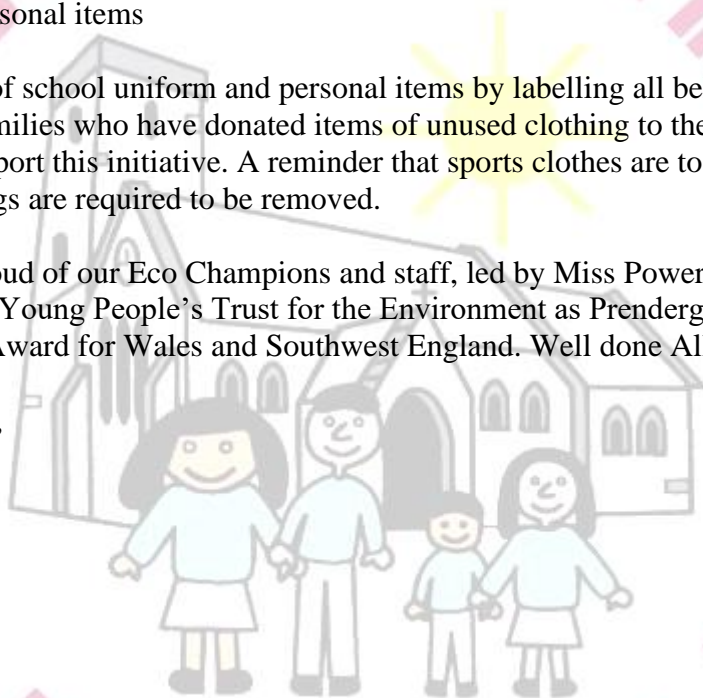
Please support the use of school uniform and personal items by labelling all belongings. We are grateful to the many families who have donated items of unused clothing to the school foyer and wish to continue to support this initiative. A reminder that sports clothes are to be worn for P.E. sessions and any earrings are required to be removed.

Finally, we are very proud of our Eco Champions and staff, led by Miss Power whose work has been recognised by the Young People’s Trust for the Environment as Prendergast School has received the Regional Award for Wales and Southwest England. Well done All!

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms John

Headteacher



Calendar Dates for Autumn Term 2024:

Monday 3 rd September	INSET – School Closed
Monday 16 th September	INSET – School Closed
Tuesday 17 th September	Individual Pupil Photographs 3:30pm to 4:30pm Meet the Teacher Event
Thursday 21 st November	INSET – School Closed
Monday 28 th April 2025	INSET – School Closed
Monday 23 rd June	INSET – School Closed
Monday 21 st July	INSET – School Closed



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