

Prendergast C. P. School

Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for being so understanding in recent weeks with school organisation practices, as we have experienced many staff absences due to illness and some challenging weather conditions too.

Please be assured that the decision to close the school last Friday was not taken lightly and was based on health and safety guidance, and we are grateful to the site manager, Mr. Johns for his efforts in making the site safe on our recent snow day!

At Prendergast, we only use Hoop Teaching Agency to support with cover for teacher and teaching assistant absence and this enables us to have regular temporary staff who are known by the children and staff.

In recent weeks Miss Oliver has joined our teaching staff working in Year 5/6 classes and Miss Charles and Miss Henton have also joined our dedicated team of teaching assistants.

Please see the attached list of diary dates, which has had a few additions and includes invitations to parent information events supported by professionals from the Inclusion Team at Pembrokeshire County Council.

Please also refer to the Local Authority's website for School Term Dates and you are invited to complete the consultation on the review of school terms and holidays: Term Dates and School Holidays - Pembrokeshire County Council Respond online | GOV.WALES

A polite reminder to contact the school office to report all absences, as this supports our safeguarding practices and please let us know if you have any queries regarding our school practices by getting in touch at admin.prendergast@pembrokeshire.gov.uk / 01437 771580.

Next week we are hosting the Haverfordwest Cluster Primary Schools' Cross Country Competition for pupils in years 4, 5, and 6 and we are looking forward to welcoming children and staff to Prendergast for this inaugural sporting event.

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms John
Headteacher



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Monday 8 th January 2024	School Reopens for Pupils
Wednesday 10 th January	Parent and Toddler Group (Term-time) 9:15 – 10:45 a.m. - School hall.
Wednesday 10 th January - Wednesday 13 th March	Kerbcraft for Year 1 Pupils Kerbcraft - Pembrokeshire County Council The Highway Code - Rules for pedestrians (1 to 35) - Guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Training Road Safety Wales
Tuesday 16 th January and weekly thereafter	Toast on Tuesdays – Year 6 Enterprising Activity. Toast will be available at morning breaktimes for all pupils in Year 1 – Year 6 at 20p per slice.
Wednesday 17 th January	Friends of Prendergast School/PTA Meeting 2 p.m. All welcome – School hall.
Thursday 18 th January	Year 1 Visit to the Local Area (Parent volunteers needed please).
Friday 19 th January	Urdd Eisteddfod - Closing date for Dance and Instrumental Competitions Maldwyn 2024 Urdd Gobaith Cymru
Tuesday 23 rd January	Darwin Science Experience with Dosbarth Whitesands and Dosbarth Amroth.
Wednesday 24 th January, 31 st January and 7 th February	After School Clubs for Year 4, 5 and 6
Thursday 25 th January	Darwin Science Experience with Dosbarth Dale and Dosbarth Druidstone.
Tuesday 30 th January	Year 1 Educational Visit to Withybush Woods (Parent volunteers needed please).
Tuesday 30 th January	Year 2 Educational Visit to Carew Castle (Parent volunteers needed please).
Wednesday 31 st January	Parent Information Event – Dyslexia Awareness 2 – 3 p.m.
Wednesday 31 st January	Planetarium Experience for Year 5/6 Classes
Thursday 1 st February	Haverfordwest Cluster Primary Schools' Cross-Country Competition (Years 4 – 6) at Prendergast C.P. School
Friday 2 nd February	Urdd Eisteddfod - Closing date for Singing, Drama, and Recitation competitions. Maldwyn 2024 Urdd Gobaith Cymru
Tuesday 6 th February	Pembrokeshire Schools' Choir Event at St. David's Cathedral. Mark Evans, the founder of 'ABC of Opera' (and Go Compare man's brother!) has asked Pembrokeshire Music Service to invite all Primary schools to participate in a 'Song for Wales.' Sing Together – Academy of Barmy Composers
Wednesday 7 th February	Pembrokeshire Agricultural Society From Farm to Fork Pancake Event 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Year 4



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Thursday 8 th February	Chinese New Year Celebration - Year 2 Classes: Dosbarth Sandy Haven and Barafundle. Parents Welcome from 2 p.m.
Thursday 8 th February	Pupil Voice Activity: Languages Connect Us Criw Cymraeg and Little Linguists 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. All parents welcome.
Thursday 8 th February	Year 5/6 Classes Visit to Queen’s Hall, Narberth to see Welsh Group, Candelas
Friday 9 th February	Urdd Football Competition at Goodwick.
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	Half term holiday.
Monday 19 th February	School reopens for all children.
Monday 19 th February	Cricket Wales Engagement Day for Y5/6 Classes. (P.E. kit needed).
Monday 19 th February	Last swimming session for Year 4.
Tuesday 20 th February	Parent information Event – How do we teach spelling strategies? Come and join Mrs O’Sullivan from 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.
Tuesday 20 th February	Parent Information Event – The Curriculum For Wales at Prendergast . All welcome 3.30 - 4.30 p.m.
Wednesday 21 st – Friday 23 rd February	Year 4 Residential Visit to Urdd Llangrannog
Tuesday 27 th February	How Green Was My Valley Minecraft Competition – Champion of the Champions Event at Parc Y Scarlets, Llanelli 8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday 28 th February	Friends of Prendergast PTA Activity - Bags 2 Schools and Meeting at 2 p.m. All welcome.
Wednesday 28 th February	Parent Information Event for Additional Learning Needs Focus – Social and Communication Needs All welcome. Please come along to the Q and A session with school staff and advisory teachers from the Inclusion Team at Pembrokeshire County Council. 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Thursday 29 th February	St.David’s Day Celebrations –School Eisteddfod – Non-school uniform day (all children invited to wear traditional Welsh costume/colours of Welsh flag).
Friday 1 st March	St. David’s Day Parade for Years 3 – 6 9.45 - 11.30 a.m. Come and join us on the parade.
Tuesday 5 th March	World Book Day 2024 Non-school uniform day (children invited to dress as characters from favourite books).



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	Bedtime Stories Event from 6 p.m. (Children invited to wear pyjamas/onesies).
Thursday 7 th March	Local Urdd Eisteddfod at Letterston Hall. Parents welcome.
Thursday 7 th March	Friends of Prendergast PTA Meeting – All welcome- 2 - 3 p.m.
Monday 11 th – Thursday 14 th March	Parents’ Meetings with Teachers 3.30-5.30 p.m.
Thursday 14 th March	School Council Event - Prendergast’s Got Talent
Friday 15 th March	School Council Event - Red Nose Day
Saturday 16 th March	Pembrokeshire County Urdd Eisteddfod at Fishguard
Tuesday 19 th March	Preloved@Prendergast Fashion Show 1 – 3 p.m.
Wednesday 20 th March	Easter Celebrations – Parents welcome Reception 9:30 a.m. and Year 3 1:30 p.m.
Thursday 21 st March	Easter Bingo from 6 p.m. (Limited numbers – please contact the school office to reserve seats).
Friday 22 nd March	End of Spring Term.
Monday 8 th April	INSET - Haverfordwest Cluster Schools’ - School closed to pupils.
Tuesday 9 th April	Summer Term - School reopens to all pupils.
Thursday 11 th April	Urdd Tag Rugby Girls Y5/6 and Mixed Y3/4.
Sunday 14 th April	Friends of Prendergast PTA Car Boot Sale 9 a.m.– 12 p.m.
Tuesday 16 th April	Parent Information Event for Additional Learning Needs Focus – Behavioural and Emotional Needs All welcome. Please come along to the Q and A session with school staff and advisory teachers from the Inclusion Team at Pembrokeshire County Council. 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Monday 22 nd – 28 th April	Wales Outdoor Learning Week
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 23 rd May	Assessment Weeks
Tuesday 14 th May	Urdd Cricket
Tuesday 21 st May	Girls Cricket Festival
Friday 24 th May	End of half term.
Monday 27 th May – Friday 1 st June	Maldwyn 2024 Urdd Gobaith Cymru Spring Half Term Holiday.
Monday 3 rd June	INSET- School closed to all children.
Thursday 6 th June	Mixed Cricket Festival
Monday 10 th June	Health and Wellbeing Week
Tuesday 11 th June	Sports Day for Nursery and Reception - 9.30 a.m.



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	Sports Day for Years 1, 2 and 3 - 1.00 p.m.
Wednesday 12 th June	Sports Day for Years 4, 5 and 6 – 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday 26 th and Thursday 27 th June	Year 6 Transition Days at Haverfordwest High VC School.
Monday 1 st – Thursday 4 th July	Year 6 Residential Visit to Celtic Camping.
Tuesday 2 nd July	Pembs. Schools Cricket Final
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Performance for Year 6 Families 6 p.m.
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Red Carpet Event from 3.15 p.m.
Thursday 18 th July	Last day of the academic year for children.
Friday 19 th July	School holidays start for all children.
Monday 2 nd September	Directed INSET Day – School closed to all pupils.
Tuesday 3 rd September	School reopens for all pupils.



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