

*Prendergast C. P. School*

# Newsletter

*Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to Everyone!

We had an extremely busy end of term with many enjoyable activities for our children and we have started the new term with the determination to engage all our children in purposeful learning experiences.

We have welcomed many new families to Prendergast and look forward to getting to know everyone, and we have added new items to the calendar to support family and community engagement, so we hope that you can join us at the information events.

## Safeguarding

Please ensure that all absences are reported to the **office** on day 1 of absence and that all contact details are updated. We have an answering machine, 01437 771580 to support communications and information can also be shared via [admin.prendergast@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:admin.prendergast@pembrokeshire.gov.uk) Please do not report absences via Class Dojo.



**Be In SCHOOL**  
**Be On TIME**

We have a number of pupils coming to school late and **we need every child at school on time** and all late arrivals must access the school foyer.

School starts at:

8:45 a.m. for Year 1 to Year 6 (with gates open from 8:30 a.m.)

8:45 a.m. for Reception

9:00 a.m. for Nursery a.m.

12:30 p.m. for Nursery p.m.

Breakfast Club is available from 7:45 a.m. to support our families and the weekly booking system supports arrangements for staffing and our safeguarding practices at Prendergast.

## Educational Visits

We have a number of educational visits planned for this term and hope that families are able to support these. Please be assured that every effort is made to make these experiences affordable, but do get in



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touch if you have any queries. Parent volunteers are welcome to join us and teachers will provide further information.

### **Food at school**

Last week we had our highest number of school dinners, which shows how popular the pizza option is on Fridays, and more importantly that families are accepting the universal provision of free school meals to all primary aged children for all dietary needs. Please remember to provide healthy snacks for break times and our popular fruit trolley is manned by older children and items are available for 20p.

### **School uniform**

Our school uniform is displayed in the main foyer and all children are encouraged to wear this to school daily with the exception of their birthdays when own clothes are encouraged on their special days. Our School Council will also keep children updated of any special occasions e.g. World Book Day and Red Nose Day. Please label all personal belongings as we have an increasing number of items in our lost property store including new hats, scarves and gloves. Our children have been reminded to leave toys and other items at home!

### **Diary Dates:**

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>School Reopens for Pupils</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Parent and Toddler Group (Term-time) 9:15 – 10:45 a.m. -School hall.</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Kerbcraft for Year 1 Pupils</b> <a href="#">Kerbcraft - Pembrokeshire County Council</a> <a href="#">The Highway Code - Rules for pedestrians (1 to 35) - Guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a> <a href="#">Training   Road Safety Wales</a>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January and weekly thereafter</b>	<b>Toast on Tuesdays – Year 6 Enterprising Activity.</b> Toast will be available at morning breaktimes for all pupils in Year 1 – Year 6 at 20p per slice.
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Friends of Prendergast School/PTA Meeting 2 p.m. All welcome – School hall.</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 1 Visit to the Local Area (Parent volunteers needed please).</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Urdd Eisteddfod - Closing date for Dance and Instrumental Competitions</b> <a href="#">Maldwyn 2024   Urdd Gobaith Cymru</a>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>Darwin Science Experience with Dosbarth Whitesands and Dosbarth Amroth.</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 31<sup>st</sup> January and 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>After School Clubs for Year 4, 5 and 6</b>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Darwin Science Experience with Dosbarth Dale and Dosbarth Druidstone.</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 1 Educational Visit to Withybush Woods (Parent volunteers needed please).</b>



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Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Educational Visit to Carew Castle (Parent volunteers needed please).
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Haverfordwest Cluster Primary Schools' Cross-Country Competition (Years 4 – 6) at Prendergast C.P. School
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Urdd Eisteddfod - Closing date for Singing, Drama, and Recitation competitions. <a href="#">Maldwyn 2024   Urdd Gobaith Cymru</a>
Week of 5 <sup>th</sup> February (date to be confirmed and weather permitting).	Stargazing Educational Activity for Year 5 and 6 Families.
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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.' <a href="#">Sing Together – Academy of Barmy Composers</a>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Pembrokeshire Agricultural Society From Farm to Fork Pancake Event 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Year 4
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Chinese New Year Celebration - Year 2 Classes: Dosbarth Sandy Haven and Barafundle. Parents Welcome from 2 p.m.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupil Voice Activity: Languages Connect Us Criw Cymraeg and Little Linguists 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. All parents welcome.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Urdd Football Competition at Goodwick.
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term holiday.
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens for all children.
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Cricket Wales Engagement Day for Y5/6 Classes. (P.E. kit needed).
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Information Event – The Curriculum For Wales at <a href="#">Prendergast</a> . All welcome 3.30 - 4.30 p.m.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 4 Residential Visit to Urdd Llangrannog
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> February	Friends of Prendergast PTA Activity - Bags 2 Schools and Meeting at 2 p.m. All welcome.
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> 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.



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	3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> March	St. David's Day Parade for Years 3 – 6 a.m.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day 2024 Non-school uniform day (children invited to dress as characters from favourite books).  Bedtime Stories Event from 6 p.m. (Children invited to wear pyjamas/onesies).
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Local Urdd Eisteddfod at Letterston Hall. Parents welcome.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Meetings with Teachers 3.30-5.30 p.m.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	School Council Event - Prendergast's Got Talent
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	School Council Event - Red Nose Day
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Pembrokeshire County Urdd Eisteddfod at Fishguard
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Preloved@Prendergast Fashion Show
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Celebrations – Parents welcome Reception 9:30 a.m. and Year 3 1:30 p.m.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Bingo from 6 p.m. (Limited numbers – please contact the school office to reserve seats).
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	End of Spring Term.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET - Haverfordwest Cluster Schools' - School closed to pupils.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term - School reopens to all pupils.

With very best wishes,

Ms. John  
Headteacher

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