

*Prendergast C. P. School*

# Newsletter

*Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023*

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a few busy weeks which have included many educational experiences and community engagement events: Open Day Event; Christmas Fayre; Year 6 Visit to Royal Welsh Agricultural Society's Winter Fayre at Builth Wells; Wales v Germany Ladies' Football Match at Liberty Stadium, Swansea; Year 2 and Year 4 Christmas Performances; Sparkle Day; Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Languages Connect Us; Launch of Bocs Bwyd and Preloved @ Prendergast and we have others planned for final two weeks of this term.

## **Safeguarding**

Our school car park and local area is understandably very congested at the start and end times of the school day, therefore please exercise greater care, as there have been reports of near misses, and these have been reported to the police.

## **Polite request and reminder:**

Please reverse into parking bays to support health and safety practices and be mindful of the 5 m.p.h speed limit and the many pedestrians.

At school children's mobile phones are stored in the school office and not permitted to be used in the setting. We are increasingly aware that many of our children now use social media and apps to communicate with each other outside school hours and therefore respectfully request that concerns relating to any misuse of these communication practices are reported to parents and school to safeguard our young children.



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## Attendance

Following our recent review of attendance across the school we will now be reporting on children's attendance **termly** to ensure that families are aware of their child/children's completed number of sessions at school, as the target from Welsh Government is still **95%**.

We are mindful that many children have experienced illnesses and other circumstances which have contributed to lower than expected attendance for the term, and these factors will continue to be taken into consideration.



Be In SCHOOL  
Be On TIME

We have noticed that there has been an increase in 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.

## Poverty Proofing at Prendergast

This week our Bocs Bwyd and Preloved @ Prendergast were discussed on Pure West Radio's Breakfast Show and visited by Chief Executive Officer, Will Bramble, so please visit these on Tuesday afternoons currently from 2 until 4 p.m., when Mrs. Edwards and others will be available to show you what we are able to offer families, and let us know if you are able to support these initiatives.



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Our children across the school are learning more about sustainability and Friday morning activities include curriculum activities on food literacy. We have been overwhelmed by the response from families who have donated items to our school to support our Eco Code – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and we also know that our school uniform practices are becoming increasingly popular, so please continue to donate items of school uniform for reuse.

Our 'Lost property' boxes continue to be full of items of clothing, drinks bottles and lunch boxes, so please visit our school foyer to retrieve any personal items before the end of this term.



### Volunteers

We are grateful to the parents who supported the educational visits to Haverfordwest Fire Station this week and need more volunteers to support with future educational visits and other school activities, therefore please call in to collect a form to enable us to obtain a DBS certificate for designated school volunteers.

### Educational Visits

We have introduced a new payment system to support all educational visits and Ms Warlow is now able to send messages via text and email, to support parents' payment options, so please let us know if you require any assistance.



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This year our children in Year 1 to Year 6 will be visiting Theatr Gwaun on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December to watch the Disney film, 'Wish'. The cost of this visit is £6.50, which is considerably cheaper than a visit to the pantomime and hopefully more affordable to all families.

### Diary Dates:

<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 5 Residential Visit to Urdd Cardiff
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School Choir Performance with Cantorion Tyddewi at Tabernacle Congregational Church, Haverfordwest at 7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Nursery Christmas Performance 9:30 a.m.
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School Choir Performance at St.Bride's Castle at 10:30 a.m.
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 2 Local Visit from 1 p.m. Parent volunteers welcome,
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Carol Service – Acorns St David's Church at 10 a.m.
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Years 1 - 6</b> - Visit to Theatre Gwaun, Fishguard to see the film, Wish.
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Carol Service – Saplings St. David's Church at 10 a.m.
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School Choir singing outside Marks & Spencer at 1:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Carol Service – Oak Trees St. David's Church 1:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	New date for School Christmas Disco.
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day End of Autumn Term 2023

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms. John

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