

*Prendergast C. P. School*

# Newsletter

*Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023*

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have welcomed many new families to our school in recent weeks and hope that everyone has been made to feel valued and settled into the school practices at Prendergast C.P. School.

Thank you to the families who are encouraging the reuse of school uniforms, which are readily available to all children in the school foyer, and please call in to see the large amount of lost property that has accumulated since September.

## **Open Day at Prendergast C. P. School**

Following on from our Meet the Teachers Event and Parents' Meetings at the start of this academic year we will be holding an **Open Day** on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 1 – 6 p.m. when we will have the opportunity to show our curriculum activities and resources to you. (**Please note: No visits will take place for parents between 2.45 and 3.30 p.m. to allow for normal end of day arrangements**).



## **Remembrance Day**

Our Year 5 pupils have led commemorative performances for our Service Families, Year 5 Families and a Whole School Assembly, and donations for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal have raised £251.12. Our Service Families' Lead Teacher is Mr. Hill, and he meets regularly with our learner voice group, Little Troopers.



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### Children in Need 2023

This week our School Council led the Children in Need Event and raised a **Spotacular** £336.58 with the cake sale and donations, and year 5 pupil, Lucas Langdon and teacher, Mr. Lewis were the prize winners!

### Friends of Prendergast Parents and Teachers Association

Chairperson, Natalie Davies organises regular meetings to support fundraising activities and our school council have asked for more resources for playtimes, for all children to enjoy.

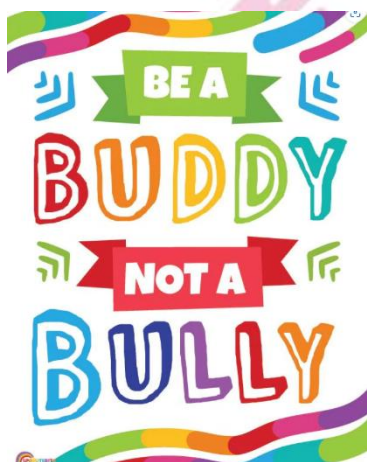
### COPembs2 Pembrokeshire's Sustainability Conference for Primary Schools

Our Eco Squad represented our school at this week's conference at County Hall and they are supporting our efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle at school which includes the collection of plastic lids, which will be transformed into outdoor furniture, so please send in your collections!



### Anti-Bullying Week 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November

All children have been reminded of the Jigsaw School Charter to support this half term's theme: Celebrating Differences and we continue to use Prendergast's YOYO-B (You Own Your Own Behaviour) Action Alphabet daily to encourage respectful behaviour with all our children.



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## Staff news

Congratulations to Miss Bartlett who has welcomed her baby a little earlier than planned, and we look forward to seeing Miss Harte back at school in Dosbarth Whitesands on Monday!

## Reminder

As planned, school will be closed to all children on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November for the Cluster INSET.

Have a lovely weekend and we will see everyone on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November,

Ms. John  
Headteacher

## Calendar Dates for Autumn Term 2023:

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Pupils return to school. Return Summer Reading Challenge Records.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent and Toddler Group 9.15 - 10.45 a.m. Restarts (Term-time only).
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Asymmetric Week Arrangements Start
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September – Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y5/6 Swimming Sessions for Dosbarth Whitesands and Dosbarth Druidstone
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November – Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5/6 Swimming Sessions for Dosbarth Dale and Dosbarth Amroth
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 Educational Visit to Castell Henllys
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Roald Dahl Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	School Nurse Session (Please call in or phone the school office for an appointment).
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Y5/6 Team Building Activity Days Wild Swimming (and Camping on School Field – weather permitting).
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September and Weekly	Mrs Gwilt's Additional Learning Needs' Sessions. (Please call in or phone the school office for an appointment).



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Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the Teachers Event – End of school day – 4.30 p.m.
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	MacMillan Fundraising Event
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November (inclusive).	After School Clubs for Oak Trees (Progression Step 3 – Years 4, 5 & 6) 3.20 - 4.15 p.m.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Pupil Voice Activity: Ciw Cymraeg and Little Linguists 3.30 – 4.30 p.m.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Urdd Rugby at Narbeth
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual Pupil Photographs with their siblings who attend our school
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day 2023
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Forces Fitness Activity for Little Troopers at HHVC
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Diwrnod Shwmae 2023 (Welsh Language Day) 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary  Children invited to wear own clothes in the colours of the Welsh flag, (coch/gwyn/gwyrdd - red/white/green).
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Educational Visit to Angle Beach
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	After School Clubs for Years 4,5 and 6 until 4.15 p.m.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Celebration for Year 1 Parents at 9.30 a.m.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Inter House Rugby Festival  Years, 4,5 and 6 a.m. and Years 1,2 and 3 p.m.  Children are invited to wear house colours: Grassholm - Green; Caldey-Yellow; Skomer – Blue and Ramsey – Red.
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Friends of Prendergast PTA Car Boot Sale  10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  (Sellers arrive from 9 a.m.)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Meetings with Teachers 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

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Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Classes Visit to the Owl Garden at Picton Castle (parent volunteers needed).
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent and Toddler Group – School Hall 9:15 – 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	No After School Clubs due to Parents' Meetings
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Evening for Children and Parents of Year 4, 5 and 6 at Haverfordwest High V C School 4.30 p.m. - 6 .30 p.m.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5/6 Educational Visit- 'Life as an Evacuee'.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Half Term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Half Term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	School Reopens for Pupils
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Crucial Crew for Year 6 12.30 - 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Final After School Club Session for Years 4, 5 and 6 (until next term).
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service for Service Families 9.30 - 10.30 a.m.  Remembrance Service for Parents/Carers of children in Year 5 at 2:00pm
<i>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November postponed until Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>Pembrokeshire Schools' Choir Event at Withybush Showground for Year 5/6 Choir</i>  <i>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.'</i>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Eco Squad - Climate Change Conference at County Hall 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Friends of Prendergast PTA Meeting at School from 2 –2.45 p.m. All welcome.



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Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Pupil Voice Event for Children In Need 2023
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations for Pupils (written consent needed).
<u>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November</u>	<u>INSET – Haverfordwest Cluster Schools - Closed to Pupils</u>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Open Day Event 1 – 6 p.m.  Launch of Bocs Bwyd and Preloved@Prendergast.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 4 Educational Visit to Botanic Garden of Wales, Carmarthenshire.
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Educational Visit to Winter Fair at Royal Welsh Agricultural Society Show, Builth Wells.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fayre 2023 3.30 - 5.30 p.m.
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Chess Competition at Redhill School. Please register your child's entry by 24 <sup>th</sup> November at: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/9GSgBDuBWv">https://forms.office.com/e/9GSgBDuBWv</a>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performances of Year 2 and Year 4 at 6 p.m.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performances of Nursery at 9 a.m. and Year 2 and Year 4 at 1 p.m.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Dosbarth Saundersfoot visit to Fire Station.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	U.E.F.A. Wales v Germany Ladies Football Match at Liberty Stadium, Swansea Year 5 and 6 from 4.30 to 9.30 p.m.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner and Non-School Uniform Day.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Dosbarth Marloes Sands visit to Fire Station.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupil Voice Activity: Cryw Cymraeg and Little Linguists 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. Parents welcome.

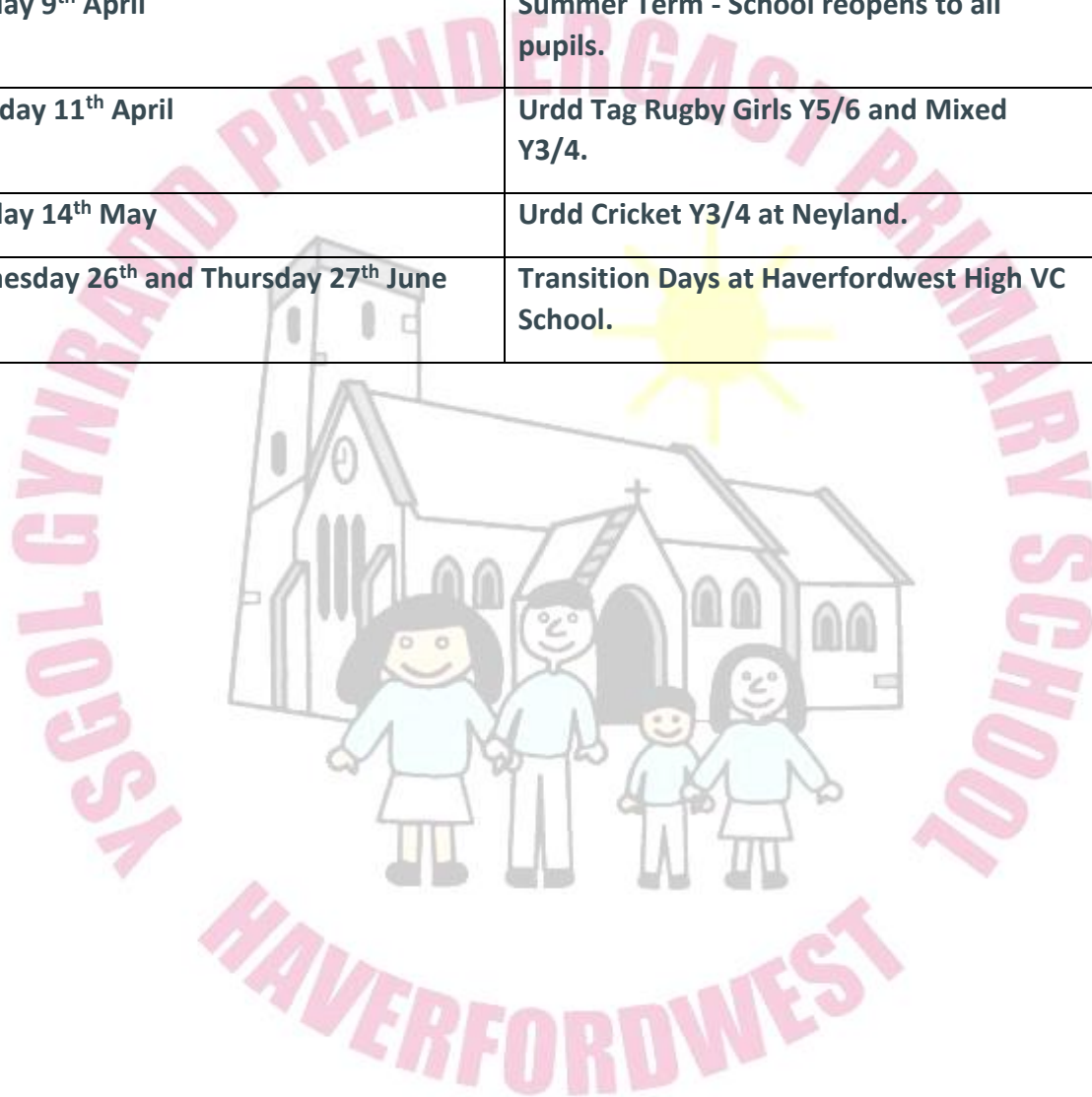
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Residential Visit to Urdd Cardiff
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service – Acorns St David’s Church at 10 a.m.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 4, 5 and 6 - Visit to Theatre Gwaun, Fishguard to see the film, Wish.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service – Saplings St. David’s Church at 10 a.m.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service – Oak Trees St. David’s Church at 10 a.m.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	New date for School Christmas Disco.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day End of Autumn Term 2023
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School Reopens for Pupils
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Urdd Netball
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Darwen Science Experience with Dosbarth Whitesands and Dosbarth Amroth.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Darwen Science Experience with Dosbarth Dale and Dosbarth Druidstone.
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Pembrokeshire Schools’ Choir Event at Withybush Showground for Year 5/6 Choir  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.’
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Urdd Eisteddfod at Letterston Hall.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupil Voice Activity: Cryw Cymraeg and Little Linguists 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. Parents welcome.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Urdd Football at Goodwick.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 4 Residential Visit to Urdd Llangrannog
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Friends of Prendergast PTA Activity - Bags 2 Schools.



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Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	St.David's Day.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Meetings with Teachers 3.30-5.30 p.m.
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.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Urdd Tag Rugby Girls Y5/6 and Mixed Y3/4.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Urdd Cricket Y3/4 at Neyland.
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Days at Haverfordwest High VC School.



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