

Prendergast C. P. School

Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our children are settled in their new classes, and familiar with routines. Therefore, we are now looking forward to welcoming you to meet with teachers at an open event on **Tuesday 26th September from 3.30 - 4.30 p.m.** This opportunity will give you the chance to visit your children's classes and see the indoor and outdoor learning environments. Later this half term during the week of Monday 23rd – Thursday 26th October parents and carers will be able to have individual appointments with teachers to discuss learning and look at books.



On Tuesday we will also be holding a Macmillan Fundraising Event at the start and end of the school day, so please see more information on School Story on Class Dojo and let us know if you can help Mrs Edwards. There will be a stall at the front of the school in the morning and we will be using the small hall at the end of the school day. Donations of cakes and biscuits are welcome.

To support our inclusive ethos at Prendergast School, Mrs Gwilt is available on Wednesdays if you wish to make an appointment to discuss your child's additional learning needs and you can also contact Pembrokeshire's Parent Partnership Service for support at [Parent Partnership Service - Pembrokeshire County Council](#)

A reminder that all children can visit the fruit trolley daily, where items are available to purchase for 20p and fruit/vegetable snacks (**only please**) are able to be brought from home. We have many children with allergies and therefore must be careful about what items are available at break times.

We are grateful to local businesses who supply many food items during the week, therefore please visit the food trolley outside the main entrance of the school where you can 'pay as you feel', as we do not wish to see any food going to waste. Similarly, please visit the foyer for school uniform and help us to minimise lost property by labelling all clothing and personal belongings. We have a large amount of unclaimed items at school, so please let us know if you are missing anything and if your child has brought home an unfamiliar item (as one of our children has lost their new hat)!

We continue to celebrate children's achievements both at school and from outside interests in weekly assemblies, so please encourage them to share these with us along with enabling children to wear their own clothes on their birthdays.



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We wish to congratulate Alys Langdon and Seren Cole on their successful auditions for the pantomime, Dick Whittington and look forward to sharing more news with you of children's achievements.

On Monday, interviews were held for the positions of Head Girl and Boy and Deputy Head Girl and Boy. All twelve year 6 pupils who applied for the positions did well by showing great confidence and ambition in their answers to questions from Mr Mathias, Chair of Governors and their headteacher. We look forward to seeing Noah Bicknell, Ella Hamilton-Simmons, Thomas Forsyth and Mia Baxter support the many learner voice groups at Prendergast. We have also assigned other pupil leadership roles to all our year 6 pupils, which will support their learning experiences during their final year at primary school.

In recent weeks our year 3 children have visited Castell Henllys to launch their learning inquiry and all year 5 and 6 children have had opportunities to develop their social and communication skills through Health and Wellbeing activities. These have included cold water swimming at St. Bride's Bay and a later than usual school day on Wednesday which culminated in a barbeque and campfire in the Wild Garden.

We rely on voluntary contributions from parents and carers to support these activities and sincerely hope that your children tell you all about these experiences.

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms John
Headteacher

Initial Calendar Dates for Autumn Term 2023:

Friday 1 st September	INSET 1
Monday 4 th September	Pupils return to school. Return Summer Reading Challenge Records.
Wednesday 6 th September	Parent and Toddler Group 9.15 - 10.45 a.m. Restarts (Term-time only).
Friday 8 th September	Asymmetric Week Arrangements Start
Monday 11 th September – Monday 23 rd October	Y5/6 Swimming Sessions for Dosbarth Whitesands and Dosbarth Druidstone
Monday 6 th November – Monday 18 th December	Y5/6 Swimming Sessions for Dosbarth Dale and Dosbarth Amroth
Tuesday 12 th September	Year 3 Educational Visit to Castell Henllys
Wednesday 13 th September	Roald Dahl Day
Thursday 14 th September	School Nurse Session (Please call in or phone the school office for an appointment).



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Wednesday 20 th and Thursday 21 st September	Y5/6 Team Building Activity Days Wild Swimming (and Camping on School Field – weather permitting).
Wednesday 20 th September and Weekly	Mrs Gwilt's Additional Learning Needs' Sessions. (Please call in or phone the school office for an appointment).
Tuesday 26 th September	Meet the Teachers Event – End of school day – 4.30 p.m.
Tuesday 26 th September	Macmillan Fundraising Event
Wednesday 27 th September	Year 4 visit to West Angle
Wednesday 27 th September – 18 th October	After School Clubs for Oak Trees (Progression Step 3 – Years 4, 5 & 6) 3.20 - 4.15 p.m.
Thursday 5 th October	Pupil Voice Activity: Ciw Cymraeg and Little Linguists After school – 4.30 p.m.
Tuesday 10 th October	Individual Pupil Photographs
Thursday 19 th October	Harvest Celebration
Monday 23 rd – Thursday 26 th October	Parents' Meetings
Friday 27 th October	End of 1 st Half Term
Monday 30 th October – Friday 3 rd November	Half Term
Monday 6 th November	School Reopens for Pupils
Thursday 16 th November	Pupil Voice Event for Children In Need 2023
Thursday 16 th November	Year 6 Crucial Crew
Monday 20 th November	INSET 2 – Haverfordwest Cluster
Friday 30 th November	Christmas Fayre 2023
Wednesday 6 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 7 th December	Pupil Voice Activity: Ciw Cymraeg and Little Linguists After school – 4.30 p.m.
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 21 st December	End of Autumn Term 2023



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