

*Prendergast C. P. School*

# Newsletter

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Summer Break!

We have been blessed with wonderful weather this week and our children have coped well with the very hot conditions on their return to school. Nearly all pupils have settled into their new classes, and we extend a warm welcome to both our existing and many new families.

We look forward to sharing many school experiences with you during this new academic year and class teachers will be sharing class information with you regularly, to include when sports kit or wellies/other items are needed for teaching and learning activities.

Ms. Esteban has collected many Summer Reading Challenge Records, and there is still time to return others, and remember to call in to the school foyer to collect additional books.

This week we have introduced new arrangements for the start and end of day times, and we have needed to introduce booking systems for Breakfast Club and Childcare on Fridays to support the school's safeguarding practices and staff organisation. We will continue to do this weekly and will review this practice at the end of this half term. In addition to the booking systems, we need to know if children in our older age group are permitted to leave the school site unaccompanied and thank you for completing this request for information. We have also responded to requests from parents to enable pupils to be collected at 12.10 p.m. on Fridays. We fully appreciate that there have been many messages this week, and we are grateful to you for completing the forms. It is vitally important that school has accurate registration records for each session.

## Collection Arrangements for all Fridays:

**12.10 p.m. and 1 p.m. - Normal exits**

**3 p.m. - Pupils exit from Hall**

**Cubs Cwtch, After School Club with Hope Mathias – Normal times: 3 – 6 p.m.**

To support communication systems please ensure that personal information is updated at the school office, 01437 771580 / [admin.prendergast@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:admin.prendergast@pembrokeshire.gov.uk) and that you are connected to your child/children's Class Dojo. Follow us on Facebook – [www.facebook.com/prendergastcpschool](https://www.facebook.com/prendergastcpschool) and twitter - @Prendergast2022 and School website – [www.prendergastcpschool.org.uk](http://www.prendergastcpschool.org.uk)

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms. John  
Headteacher



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**Initial Calendar Dates for Autumn Term 2023:**

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET 1
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).
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the Teachers Event – End of school day – 4.30 p.m.
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	McMillan Fundraising Event
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	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 After school – 4.30 p.m.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Celebration
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Meetings
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



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Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	School Reopens for Pupils
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Pupil Voice Event for Children In Need 2023
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET 2 – Haverfordwest Cluster
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fayre 2023
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupil Voice Activity: Cryw Cymraeg and Little Linguists After school – 4.30 p.m.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of Autumn Term 2023



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