

Pentrepoeth Primary School

Monday September 25th 2023

# Newsletter



'creating a **C**aring, **R**espectful,  
**O**pen Environment  
where **S**uccess and  
**O**ppportunity flourish'



# This Week's Information

Dear Parent and Carer,

**Parking** – Thank you for your consideration for neighbours by not blocking drives and pathways. Please could parents not park outside the gates off Bryn Hedydd at the start and end of the day and also park outside of yellow no parking areas at the bottom of the steps by the Fox. Thank you for working with us to keep all of our children safe. **If at all possible could we encourage parent and children to walk to school.**

**Parent Governor Vacancy** – A parent governor position will become available at the end of the month. If you are interested in becoming a governor please click [here](#) and complete the Word application form at the bottom of the page.

**Parent Workshops** – As per the diary, there is another parent workshop taking place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am in the school foyer. This will be about the school curriculum. Mrs Batrouni will be leading... why not pop along and join her? Parent workshop Powerpoints and information are available by clicking [here](#).

**Harvest** – We will be celebrating harvest on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. We will, again, be supporting local food banks and would ask that parents donate tinned and packed foods so that we can donate locally.

**Year 6 trip to Gilwern** – a reminder that no electronic devices should be taken on the trip, including mobile phones. If pupils need to take medication away please contact Mr Cleaves ASAP

**Admission applications for September 2024 ( Nursery, Reception and Year 7 )** – please click this [link](#) to see all relevant information and applications for Nursery, Reception and Year 7 for September 2024.

**PE School Uniform** – a reminder that only plain Red ( or team coloured t shirts remaining from last year) should be worn to school on PE days – no football or other team strips should be worn.

**Punctuality** - Children’s learning starts promptly at 9.00am. The gates close at 9.00am. Please ensure your child arrives through their own classroom door within the 10 minute window – 8.50am to 9.00am. Late arrivals coming through the main reception cause organisational problems for the class, the teacher, dinner orders. The situation will be closely monitored and letters will be sent to regular latecomers.

**App Use Outside School** – we have experienced a number of issues that have originated outside school where children are using social media apps or channels and are exposed to inappropriate content – please see the graphic on the next page and ensure children are using age appropriate technology.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Dean Taylor  
Headteacher

If your child was born between:	Make an application for:	Apply from:	Closing date:
1 Sept 2020 and 31 Aug 2021	Nursery 2024	12/07/23	Open on 06/09/23
1 Sept 2019 and 31 Aug 2020	Reception 2024	06/11/23	Open on 09/01/24
1 Sept 2012 and 31 Aug 2013	Secondary 2024	25/09/23	Open on 13/11/23

\* There's only one application window for nursery, from which both September and Rising 3 places will be allocated, where available.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME IN OUR SCHOOL  
No one is the same, but everyone is equal.



# App Use and Online Safety

Feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## ONLINE CONTENT

### 10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



#### 1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



#### 2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



#### 3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



#### 4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



#### 5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



#### 6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



#### 7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



#### 8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



#### 9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online, listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.















#### 10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.





# App Use and Online Safety

13+		16+	
 Facebook	 Snapchat	 WhatsApp	
 Instagram	 Twitter		
 TikTok	 Kik		
 YouNow	 Yubo		
 House Party	 Monkey		
		17+	18+
		 Sarahah	 MeetMe
		 YOLO	 LiveMe

More online safety information is available by clicking [here](#).

# PTA Information



### PTA COMMITTEE

We need you to stay running in 2023-2024

What does it involve?

#### Chairperson/ Co-chairpersons

- Ensure charity is running as it should
- Ensure all committee members views are heard
- Write annual report
- Help with Newsletters
- Communicate with school
- Casting vote if split decision

#### Treasurer

- Accurate financial records
- Manage PTA bank account
- Issue Cheques
- Collate online payments
- Prepare annual records
- Bank cash

#### Secretary

- Issue agendas for meetings
- Take minutes at meetings
- Assist with GDPR
- Handle correspondence

#### Committee members

- Keep the charity running as it should
- Vote on funding
- Assist with delegated jobs such as Social media
- Raffle officer
- Vice chair
- Assistant treasurer

## AGM & Welcome meeting

Tuesday 26th September

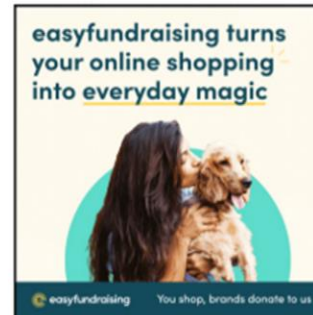
18:30 - School foyer

Teams link also available please email :  
pentrepoethpta@gmail.com to be sent the link

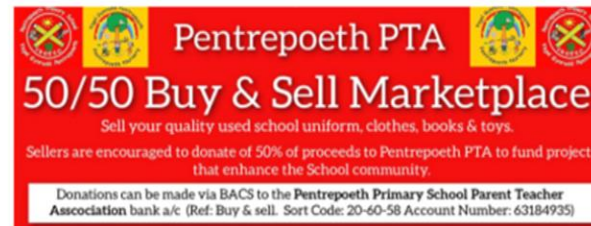


Please sign up with [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and choose us as your charity of choice. Each online shop you do with their partners they donate to our cause with no extra cost to you.

Download the App



Follow our Facebook page to keep up to date on events



Use our Buy & Sell Facebook page to pick up bargains on preloved uniform and other items.

Please add your items directly to the page as we don't have space to store donations at school



We will be collecting unopened/ unwanted gifts soon (watch this space for drop off dates) to use in future sales - keep us in mind if you are having a clear out.

# Dates For Your Diary

## Term Dates

School year 2023-2024

Term	Start	Half Term starts	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn	Fri 1 September 2023	Mon 30 October 2023	Fri 3 November 2023	Fri 22 December 2023
Spring	Mon 8 January 2024	Mon 12 February 2024	Fri 16 February 2024	Fri 22 March 2024
Summer	Mon 8 April 2024	Mon 27 May 2024	Fri 31 May 2024	Fri 19 July 2024

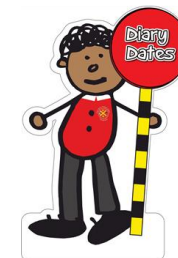
*May day - Monday 6 May 2024*

**INSET Days – School is closed for children:**  
 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

School year 2024-2025

Term	Start	Half Term starts	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn	Mon 2 September 2024	Mon 28 October 2024	Fri 1 November 2024	Fri 20 December 2024
Spring	Mon 6 January 2025	Mon 24 February 2025	Fri 28 February 2025	Fri 11 April 2025
Summer	Mon 28 April 2025	Mon 26 May 2025	Fri 30 May 2025	Mon 21 July 2025

*May Day - Monday 5 May 2025*





# Dates For Your Diary

# Term Dates

September		
Date	Time	Event/Activity
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	All Day	National Fitness Day – All children to wear PE kit to school
	9.00am – 10.00am	Parent Workshop – Additional Learning Needs
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	All Day	International Day of Peace
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am – 10.00am	Parent Workshop – Our Challenge Curriculum
October		
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	All Day	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	3 Days	Year 6 Gilwern Residential trip
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	All Day	National Poetry Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	All Day	Harvest – Children may bring in tinned food to be disturbed to local foodbanks
	All Day	Year 5 Trip – Harry Potter Studios
	9.00am – 10.00am	Parent Workshop - Reading
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am – 10.00am	Parent Forum
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am – 10.00am	Parent Workshop – Spelling & Handwriting
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am – 10.30am	Year 6 Values Assembly and PACT (Unity) Parents invited to attend
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am – 10.00am	Parent Workshop – Relationships, Sexuality Education
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	All Day	INSET DAY – School Closed for Pupils
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	1 Week	Half Term



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# Term Dates

<b>November</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event/Activity</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	All Day	INSET DAY – School Closed for Pupils
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	5.00pm – 6.30pm	Helping your Child in Reception Workshop
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	5.00pm – 6.30pm	Helping your Child in Nursery Workshop
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	3.40pm – 6.30pm	Parent Consultations – Evening 1
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am – 10.00am	Parent Workshop – The Importance of Play
	3.40pm – 6.30pm	Parent Consultations – Evening 2
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	All Day	Children in Need – SPOTacular – children may be creative, wearing spots etc to school
	9.15am – 10.30am	Year 5 Values Assembly and PACT (Determination) Parents are invited to attend
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	10.15am – 12.45pm Daily for 3 Weeks	Year 6 Swimming – 3 week block





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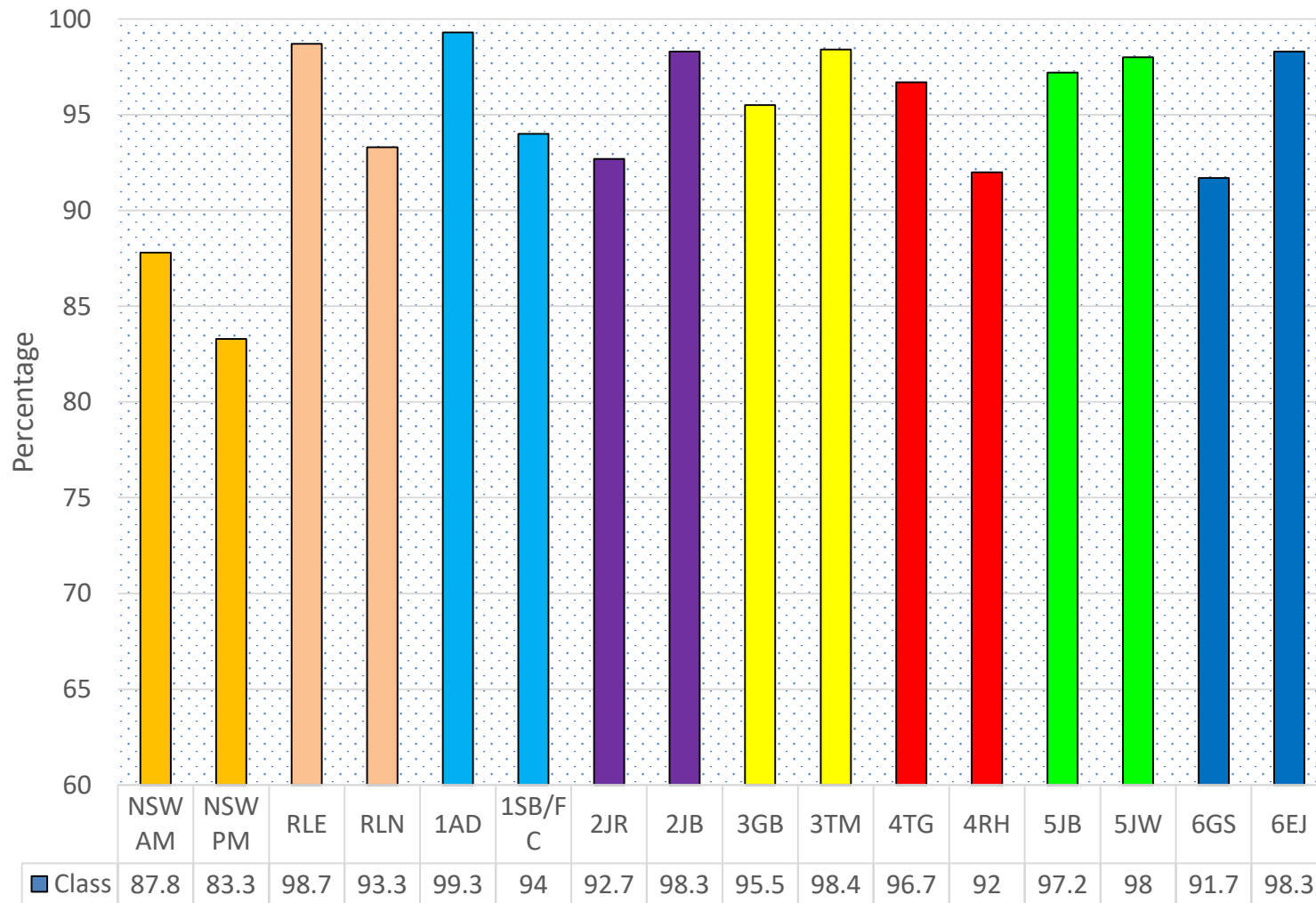
# Term Dates

December		
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am – 9.45am	Nursery am – Christmas Concert
	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Nursery pm – Christmas Concert
	2.00pm – 3.30pm	Year 6 Christmas Concert
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am – 11.00am	Year 6 Christmas Concert
	2.00pm – 3.30pm	Year 5 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am – 11.00am	Year 5 Christmas Concert
	2.00pm – 3.30pm	Year 3/4 Christmas Concert
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am – 11.00am	Year 3/4 Christmas Concert
	11.15am – 12.00am	Reception Christmas Concert
	2.00pm – 3.30pm	Year 1/2 Christmas Concert
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am – 11.00am	Year 1/2 Christmas Concert
	2.00pm – 3.30pm	Year Reception Christmas Concert
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Nursery to Year 2 Christmas Parties
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am – 11.00am	Breakfast and Story with Santa – Nursery to Year 2
	2.00pm – 3.20pm	Year 3 to Year 6 Christmas Parties
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	All Day	INSET DAY – School Closed for Pupils
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	2 Weeks	Christmas holidays



# Attendance

Last Week...



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS

- 100%**
  - not missing any lessons during term time. Present for all lessons activities and social time.
- 95%**
  - missing in excess of two weeks of education. Absent from the classroom for up to three weeks and the loss of a significant amount of education.
- Under 92%**
  - missing more than 3 weeks of education. A serious loss of learning which is likely to have a detrimental effect on your child's achievement and life chances.



Well done to Mrs Drummond's class last week

### REMINDER FOR PARENTS:

**Don't let your child circulate flu, Covid and Strep A in school**

Children with a fever should stay at home until they feel better.

A fever is a high temperature.

Flu vaccination is still available for all children from aged 2 up to and including school year 11. This is the best protection against the virus.





# Follow us on X



Keep up to date with news and our learning on X!

Class/ Area	X
Main School	<a href="https://twitter.com/PentrepoethPrim">@PentrepoethPrim</a>
Nursery – Miss Williams	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrsWilliams">@PPSMrsWilliams</a>
Reception – Mr Nocivelli	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrNocivelli">@PPSMrNocivelli</a>
Reception – Miss Ellis and Mrs Cleaves	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMissEllis">@PPSMissEllis</a> <a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrsBatrouni">@PPSMrsBatrouni</a>
Year 1- Mrs Drummond	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrsDrummond">@PPSMrsDrummond</a>
Year 2- Mrs Beard	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrsBeard2jib">@PPSMrsBeard2jib</a>
Year 2 – Mrs Rose	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrsRose">@PPSMrsRose</a>
Year 3 – Mr Merriman	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrmerriman">@PPSMrmerriman</a>
Year 3 – Miss Blair	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMissBlair">@PPSMissBlair</a>
Year 4 – Mrs Gooding	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrsGooding">@PPSMrsGooding</a>
Year 4 – Mr Hall	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrHall">@PPSMrHall</a>
Year 5 – Mrs Baxter	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrsBaxter">@PPSMrsBaxter</a>
Year 5 – Mr Willmore	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrWillmore">@PPSMrWillmore</a>
Year 6 – Mrs Jones	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrsJones">@PPSMrsJones</a>
Year 6 – Mrs Symes	<a href="https://twitter.com/PPSMrsSymes">@PPSMrsSymes</a>



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