

Pentrepoeth Primary School

Friday 1st September 2023

Newsletter



‘creating a **Caring, Respectful,**
Open Environment
where **Success and**
Opportunity flourish’

This Week's Information



Dear Parent and Carer,

Welcome back to the Autumn term and to the new academic year. I trust you have had an enjoyable summer. It is my intention to send a short newsletter each day next week covering essential Information and then to revert to weekly newsletters, starting the week after.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming new Nursery and Reception children to school this term. We will also be welcoming a number of children in year groups across the school. I am sure you will all settle in very well.

Drop Off and Pick Up

A reminder that there is no parent parking on site. Unfortunately, due to the issues we continue to have with a retaining wall, we are sorry to inform parents that the drop off turning circle remains closed and no parent cars should drive on site. We are sorry for the inconvenience this continues to cause. We ask parents to park away from school and walk in via one of our entrances. May I once again ask parents to consider the health of children and to turn car engines off and not leave them idling as children walk past. Also, we want to be considerate neighbours. Please do not park in front of people's drives or on pavements. If at all possible, please walk children to school!

Children should not arrive to school until 8.50am as there is no pupil supervision at this time and children remain the responsibility of parents. At pick up children in years Rec, 1, 2 and 3 should be collected by an adult from the classroom door. Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 may walk home unaccompanied as long as we have parent permission.

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Absence and Attendance

If your child is absent please telephone or e mail the school by 9.10am in the morning informing us of the reason for absence. When children manage at least 95% attendance this will have a hugely positive impact on the standards they achieve. School policy states that no term time holidays will be authorised this coming academic year. If, however, you need to consider a term time break then please contact the school office to discuss arrangements.

If you have any questions on any attendance matters please do not hesitate to contact the school office for support and advice.

Keeping In Touch

We are always looking at ways in which we can improve our communication. We have several ways in which we will keep in touch:

Text Message – we will send regular texts as usual with reminders of events /important information.

Newsletters – these will be sent out every Friday and include school information and events.

X – classteachers will post regularly. Instead of the regular weekly learning updates that appeared in the weekly newsletters this will now appear on the class X page on a Friday. You can follow the main school X account @PentrepoethPrim. A list of class X accounts is listed at the end of this newsletter.

Website – all newsletters and events as well as a range of other can be found on our school website –

www.pentrepoethprimary.co.uk

E Mail – as always please contact us via the school e mail Pentrepoeth.primary@newportschools.wales if you need to communicate with us.

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School Lunch Provision

Parents and carers can access the current Primary School menu by logging in to their ParentPay account. Simply visit www.parentpay.com and activate your account via the Account Login area on the home page of the site.

If you have not already received a unique activation username then please contact the school office on: 01633 896101

Details of your Username and Password should be kept safe and secure. More information on school meals, including menu choices can be found by clicking [here](#).

A reminder that all children are now entitled to a free school lunch. Of course, children may continue to bring in a packed lunch if you prefer.

School Uniform and PE Kit

We do not insist on children wearing school uniform with a logo. Whilst we do have a uniform supplier where you may purchase uniform with the school logo on it all we ask is that the children are in the school or nursery colours as outlined in our school prospectus. If you have old uniform that is not needed, in a good clean condition, then please consider donating it back to the school for us to reuse.

PE uniform is – plain red top, black shorts or joggers and black trainers.

Forest school uniform – Plain red hoody, black joggers or shorts. Please bring wet weather trousers, coat and wellies as appropriate. Rec – Year 2 should bring wellies into school and they can remain in school.

For PE uniform, firstly, we totally understand that some parents will have already purchased or have a stock of house colour plain t shirts for PE. Please continue to use them if you have them or have purchased them. This also applies to trainers - black has always been in the uniform list and a preference but we do not insist on that and recognise that sometimes they are difficult to find!

We will use next year as a transition year and as the year progresses we will switch over to red. However, if you are planning to replace or buy new PE t shirts or tops please buy plain red. I have already communicated this to new Reception parents at the welcome meeting and by subsequent email.

I wrote to parents in September after our survey regarding PE kit and stated that **no football or team strips are to be worn**, however, this has increasingly become the case. We agreed that children wore PE kit to school as per the letter sent and in plain house colour t shirts.

Our intention is always to ensure school uniform including school PE uniform is as affordable, flexible, simple and functional as possible

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Jewellery – must be worn to school for PE.

Labels -Please could all parents ensure all pupils' clothes, PE kits, bags etc. are all clearly labelled with names.

Pupils can wear their PE kits to school on their PE and forest school days. These are listed below.

Year Group	Day	Activity
Nursery am	Thursday	PE (Indoors)
Nursery pm	Friday	PE (Indoors)
Reception	Thursday	PE (Indoors) & Forest School
Year 1	Friday	PE (Indoors) & Forest School
Year 2	Monday	PE (Indoors) & Forest School
	Wednesday	PE (Outside)
Year 3	Monday	PE (Outside)
	Wednesday	PE (Indoors) & Forest School
Year 4	Tuesday	PE (Outside)
	Wednesday	PE (Indoors) & Forest School
Year 5	Tuesday	PE (Indoors) & Forest School
	Wednesday	PE (Outside)
Year 6	Tuesday	PE (Indoors) & Forest School
	Thursday	PE (Outside)

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Administration of Medicine

We do not routinely administer medication, only as part of an agreed medical plan. If your child requires medication, please ring school and speak to Mr Cleaves.

Please could all medications (part of medical plans) such as EpiPens be brought to school on Monday 4th September. Parents will need to bring them to the main office and sign the medication in via our medical forms provided.

Could any parents of pupils who have asthma pumps please let the office know via the school email so we can ensure our records are up to date.

Assemblies

Our assemblies will follow one of our monthly values. As usual we will be holding my 'Red Book' assembly on a Friday. Teachers will be awarding certificates to children for their learning and achievements. We will be focussing in on awards for children who have demonstrated being:

Ambitious and Capable, Enterprising and Creative, Ethically Informed, Healthy, Confident Individuals

Outside Achievements

Has your child achieved something special outside of school?

Please let us know and we can all celebrate fantastic achievements in our Pupil Voice assemblies on Wednesdays. Please bring in any trophies, medals or certificates so that we may share and celebrate success together

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Healthy Eating

Please ensure your child brings in some fruit, vegetables and a drink (water only as per WG guidelines). Children will be able to refill these.

Change of Details

If your details have changed, please inform the school by e mail. It is really important that we have up to date contact and emergency contact details.

After School Clubs

These will start Monday 18th September and a Google form will be sent out in due course.

Breakfast Club

Information regarding breakfast club can be found on our school website by following the attached link here <https://www.pentrepoethprimary.co.uk/breakfast-club>

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Nut allergies

We have a number of children with severe nut allergies. No nuts are allowed in school including products that contain nuts. Please check before sending in lunch boxes.

Mobile Phones

Please do not send mobile phones to school with your child. If children need to make phone calls during the day they will be able to use the school telephones in the main office. School will not be able to accept any responsibility for any items that are lost or damaged.

No Dogs on Site

No dogs are allowed to be brought onto the school site in the interests of all pupil, parent & staff safety

No Smoking Policy

The school is designated a no-smoking area. This also includes any areas near the school gates. These rules also apply to any electronic forms of cigarette.



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School Improvements

During the holiday, the school has had some improvements made to the building

- A new kitchen which has been made bigger to accommodate the new Universal Free School Meals roll out for all pupils at Pentrepoeth Primary, which will start this September.
- You will notice over the next few weeks and months that the windows and doors around the school will be replaced with new ones – there may be some changes to entrance and exit points to classrooms whilst the work takes place – we will send a text to let you know.

Social Media

Let's help our children prepare for the future and help them to be responsible if using any form of social networking sites, including text messaging and gaming. The minimum recommended age to open an account on Facebook, X, Instagram, TikTok and Snapchat is 13. Primary aged pupils should not be using these social media apps.

We fully recognise the value that YouTube has in today's education, but the YouTube policy recommends account holders need to be 18 years of age. If your child is able to use group chat forums on Playstation or Xbox games, then please monitor their use closely as they use age appropriate games. We want all of our children to be safe and we ensure that we have regular lessons that cover many aspects of online safety. Please can you help us to help our children be safe and responsible online.

As stated when you filled in your initial forms, we will continue with the consent that you have provided. If you change your mind, please e mail school so that we may update our records.

GDPR – Processing Information

Our website holds details on how we process your children's data in our school processing notice.

Kind regards,

Dean Taylor
Headteacher

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PTA Information

PTA COMMITTEE

We need you next year!

What does it involve?



Chairperson

- 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

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Follow us on X



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

Class/ Area	X
Main School	@PentrepoethPrim
Nursery – Miss Williams	@PPSMrsWilliams
Reception – Mr Nocivelli	@PPSMrNocivelli
Reception – Miss Ellis	@PPSMissEllis
Year 1 – Mrs Batrouni & Mrs Cleaves	@PPSMrsBatrouni
Year 1- Mrs Drummond	@PPSMrsDrummond
Year 2- Mrs Beard	@PPSMrsBeard2jb
Year 2 – Mrs Rose	@PPSMrsRose
Year 3 – Mr Merriman	@PPSMrmerriman
Year 3 – Miss Blair	@PPSMissBlair
Year 4 – Mrs Gooding	@PPSMrsGooding
Year 4 – Mr Hall	@PPSMrHall
Year 5 – Mrs Baxter	@PPSMrsBaxter
Year 5 – Mr Willmore	@PPSMrWillmore
Year 6 – Mrs Jones	@PPSMrsJones
Year 6 – Mrs Symes	@PPSMrsSymes

Telephone

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