



Message from the Head

It has been a fantastic start to this academic year! The children look so smart in their school uniforms and thank you to all of the parents and carers for echoing the staff's messages about tucking shirts in, tying up shoe laces and taking pride in appearance. I think that that attention to detail and respect for themselves is noticeable in their work. I'm fortunate enough to see numerous examples of neatly presented work every day across all year groups and I look forward to offering all of yourselves the opportunity to see your child's work on our first parents evening of the year, Thursday 20th October.

Pendarren

Last week Year 6 went on a week long trip to Pendarren House located near Abergavenny in Wales. The annual trip is a favourite with the children and offers a great start to their year. This time was no exception as the children got to take part in some great activities including; bush craft, rock pooling, solving a murder mystery, abseiling, canoeing and caving. As you can see, they had a packed week and all of the children enjoyed the trip immensely!

Nursery Places

The Ferry Lane Nursery has seen fewer children starting this September. As such we have quite a few places left for half day sessions in the morning and afternoon. There are also potentially paid full time places available. These come at a cost of £60 per week.

If you know of anyone who is interested in a Nursery place, they can contact either Miss Miller or Mr Hall in the school office on 02088015233. The Nursery takes children from the date they turn three years old.

Monday 3rd October:

Football club

Tuesday 4th:

Stay and Play

Reception Class Eye Tests

Wednesday 5th:

Gymnastics club

Thursday 6th:

Stay and Play

School Photos (Individual)

Multisports club

Coding club

Friday 7th:

Year 2 class assembly -
9.05-9.20, Main Hall

Parent Coffee Morning -
9.30-11.00, Community Hall

Tennis club

Monday 10th:

Football Club

Tuesday 11th:

Stay and Play

Wednesday 12th:

Gymnastics Club

Thursday 13th:

Stay and Play

Multisports club

Coding Club

Friday 14th:

Year 4 class assembly -
9.05-9.20, Main Hall



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Free School Meals

Are you entitled to free school meals? Anyone who is in receipt of certain benefits could be able to claim a healthy school meal every day for their child/ren for free. Not only that but it also grants reduced costs on other trips and activities, for example our current gymnastics, coding and tennis clubs, are all free for those who receive free school meals.

This should not be confused with Universal free school meals, which is automatically granted to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The added benefits are only for those who receive the additional free school meals. If your child is in Years 3-6, you will need to apply for free school meals to continue receiving them.

If you would like to apply for free school meals, please contact either Miss Miller or Mr Hall in the school's office.

School Fete

Held right at the end of the last academic year, our school fete proved to be a great success! The weather held and it turned out to be nice and sunny. It was great to see so many of you there supporting the school and enjoying the day. We are pleased to report back that, with your help, the school managed to raise over £1,200.00. While we don't have any specific plans for the money at this time, we will put it to good use on resources and more for the children.

School Photos

Individual pupil photos will be taken next week on Thursday 6th October. Each child will have their picture taken, and there will be the opportunity for sibling group photos. If you would like your children to appear in a group photo, please complete and return the slip on the letter which was handed out this week.

Term Dates

There's already only a few weeks to go until we reach the first half term of the year. The school will finish at the normal time on Friday 21st October and will then be closed for the week of Monday 24th to Friday 28th October. The children will start again at the normal time on Monday 31st October.

Parent's Evening will be before the holiday held on Thursday 20th October.

During the following half term, there will be an INSET day on Monday 14th November. The children will not be in on this day.

The Christmas Holiday is placed a bit differently this year, and is slightly shorter. The last day of school will be Wednesday 21st December. The break will last from Thursday 22nd December until Monday 2nd January. The children will need to be back in school on Tuesday 3rd January.

School Gate Opening Times

We are slightly changing the times that the school gates will be opened in the afternoon. Previously the gates could be open from around 3.10pm allowing entry to the playground. They will now remain closed until our site manager opens them at 3.20. We have made this change to ensure that all children are back in class from activities in the playground.