

Pontarddulais Primary Newsletter

Newsletter – Friday 5th September

Welcome Back

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start we have had to the new school year! It has been a real pleasure to welcome all of our children back after the summer break, and to greet our new pupils and families joining the Pontarddulais community for the first time.

The children have settled into their classes with enthusiasm, energy, and smiles. Our staff have been so impressed with the positive attitudes shown towards learning, and the way the children have supported one another in making sure that everyone feels included and cared for.

During this first week, the focus has been on helping the children to feel happy, safe, and confident in their new classrooms. They have been getting to know their teachers, making new friends, and beginning to explore the exciting learning ahead this term. Already, the school has been full of laughter, curiosity, and creativity.

I would like to thank you as parents and carers for preparing the children so well for their return, and for the ongoing support you give to the school. Together, we can ensure that every child thrives, both academically and personally.

We look forward to a fantastic term ahead, with lots of opportunities for learning, enrichment, and events. You will receive regular updates in our newsletters, but please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you once again for helping to make this such a positive and successful first week.

With warm regards,
Mr G Davies
Headteacher

Meet The Teacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to invite you to attend a 'Meet the Teacher' session next week. In the meeting the teacher will explain procedures for the year, topics to be covered and expectations for the class amongst other important areas.

It will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions in a group or one to one with the teacher.

Over the years, we have found these sessions to be invaluable, enabling parents to have a good understanding of routines and expectations, opening lines of communication with the new teacher and answering questions that may arise at the start of a new term.

The timetable for the week is ;

Reception	Monday 8th	3:30pm Rec Class
Y1	Tuesday 9th	4:00pm Foundation Hall
Y1/2	Tuesday 9th	4:00pm Foundation Hall
Y2	Tuesday 9th	4:00pm Foundation Hall
Y3	Wednesday 10th	4:00pm Year 3 Class
Y4	Monday 8th	4:00pm Year 4 Class
Y5	Thursday 11th	3:30pm Year 6 Class
Y5/6	Thursday 11th	3:30pm Year 6 Class
Y6	Thursday 11th	3:30pm Year 6 Class

School Gates

The main school gates have been locked this week at the following times each day:

- **10:30am – 10:45am**
- **11:50am – 12:45pm**
- **2:00pm – 2:15pm**

This has worked really well and there have only been a small number of visits during these periods.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to keep our school community safe.

Y5 and Y6 Walking Home

We have received a large number of requests for children to walk home, so thank you to all parents who have responded to our online form. If any parent of a Y5 or Y6 child would like them to walk home and has not given permission yet, please use the link below, which only takes less than a minute to complete.

<https://forms.office.com/e/kkH0KesMPN>

Reception class entrance/exit

Unfortunately this week we had a large amount of water entering our building through the flat roof of the Reception classes entrance. The water flooded the Reception area and outside of Mrs Findlay's classroom. The local authority were on site very quickly to locate the problem and have resolved the issue short term but repair work will be needed on the flat roof due to long term damage.

Therefore this will mean that until we are able to dry out the soaking area next to the double doors and make sure that no further rain enters the area, we will continue to use the Nursery as an entry and exit point.

Tesco Blue Token Scheme

Please vote for Pontarddulais Primary School's 'Better Playtime Project' with the Tesco blue token scheme. Every time you shop at Tesco Pontarddulais don't forget to pick up some blue tokens and vote for us. The voting ends on 30th September and we will be informed in November of how much money we will be awarded.

Breakfast Club

Offers for both the free and paid breakfast club sessions are now live on ipay. If you need a link key to register for your child for Ipay then please contact the school by email on

PontarddulaisPrimarySchool@pontarddulais-pri.swansea.sch.uk

. Please note that the times for the sessions are as follows:

Paid session - 7.50 to 8.00 am.

Free session - 8.20 - 8.30 am.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE BOOKED YOUR CHILD ON TO BREAKFAST CLUB PRIOR TO SIGNING THEM IN.

Diary Dates and upcoming events.

Dates for your diary:



8 th	September	Reception, Y4 Meet The Teacher
9 th	September	Y1, Y1/2, Y2 Meet The Teacher
10 th	September	Y3 Meet The Teacher
11 th	September	Y5, Y5/6, Y6 Meet The Teacher
22 nd	September	Y6 Cycle Proficiency
2 nd	October	Y6 Parent Information Session for Comp (gym)
10 th	October	Y6 led MacMillan Coffee Morning
15 th	October	Y6 Open evening at Pontarddulais Comp
20 th	October	Parental consultations
24 th	October	Last Day of half term
3 rd	November	School reopens
21 st	November	Children in Need
26 th	November	PTFA – Jingle Bell Journey
7 th	December	Choir Christmas Carol Concert – Hope Chapel
8 th	December	Nursery Christmas Concert 09:30 & 14:25
8 th	December	Reception Christmas Concert 13:15
9 th	December	Y1 and Y2 Christmas Concert 09:30
9 th	December	Y4 Christmas Concert 13:15
10 th	December	Y1 and Y2 Christmas Concert 09:30
10 th	December	Y5 and Y6 Christmas Concert 13:30
11 th	December	Y3 Christmas Concert 09:30
11 th	December	Y5 and Y6 Christmas Concert 13:30
19 th	December	Last Day of Term

Thank you all for your continued support.

Mr G Davies

Headteacher.