

Newsletter

October 12th 2020

A Caring, Respectful and Open Environment, where Success and Opportunity flourish



Please find our school newsletter for October 12th 2020. Click on the links for more information.

Please visit our website
www.pentrepoethprimary.co.uk

Kind regards,
Cofion cynnes,

Dean Taylor



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Dear Parent and Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni,

Please find some updated information for the week beginning October 12th.



Blended Learning

We have been continually developing and updating our blended learning approach to ensure the continuity of learning should a class or year group have to self isolate or indeed we face a longer period of school closure.

Please click [here](#) to view the school's policy approved by governors on Monday and I will send an example in a text attachment tomorrow of what will appear on the website and via Google Classroom and See Saw platforms on a weekly basis.

Where individual children are at home awaiting test results they have access to reading materials via Bug Club, Mathletics or Abacus maths activities and any tasks that may have been set by the class teacher.

Digitally Excluded Learners

During Lockdown we made a number of our school iPads, laptops and dongles available to children if they were not able to access home learning due to a lack of device or if there was no internet connection.

If this is the case for you please let us know via the school office so that we may help should you need this technology for a period of self-isolation.





Accelerated Learning Provision

You will be aware that when the Welsh Government announced in June that schools would reopen at the end of the summer term, the Education Minister also announced some additional funding for the 2020-21 school year to support identified children and ensure they could 'catch up' following the school closure.

Mrs Irvine (2 days support in Key Stage 2) and Mr Worrall (3 days support in Foundation Phase) will start working with us to support booster sessions for individual and group intervention after half term. While statutory national target setting requirements have been suspended for the coming year, teachers have been working hard to assess children, look at their projected progress and identify those who need additional support or a boost to achieve those targets. This support will be focused on basic skills of reading, writing, number and IT. This booster support will sit alongside existing support e.g. ELSA that the school provides. This support will be in place until the summer and will involve many groups of children.

INSET Days

School will be closed for children on the following days:

Friday October 9th 2020
 Monday November 2nd 2020
 Friday February 12th 2021
 Monday July 19th 2021
 Tuesday July 20th 2021

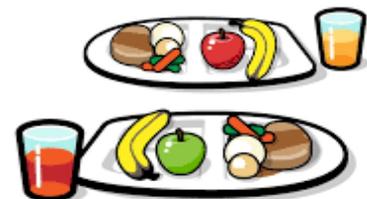
There will be one other day, to be confirmed
 – I will be in touch as soon as this is agreed.



Term	Start	Half-term starts	Half-term ends	Term ends
Autumn	1 Sept 2020	26 Oct 2020	30 Oct 2020	18 Dec 2020
Spring	4 Jan 2021	15 Feb 2021	19 Feb 2021	26 Mar 2021
Summer	12 April 2021	31 May 2021	4 June 2021	20 July 2021

Catering

Chartwell's started the school meal service last week and the hot meal boxes have proved very popular! These are delivered by Chartwells to classrooms where children are eating their lunch. This helps to maintain contact groups.



Meals are to be paid for in the usual way via Parent pay. Children will give their meal choices to the teacher when they are in school.

Please see the menu [here](#).

A reminder that no nuts or nut containing products are allowed in school.

Covid-19

Please refer to my previous newsletter for guidance on self isolation, symptoms etc. Click [here](#). Welsh Government have also released a number of information posters relating to covid -19. Please click [here](#) for the complete set. Please note that they cover both secondary and primary schools and not all of the information applies to primary – I have nonetheless provided the link for your information.



If your child has to have a covid test please ensure you let us know and e mail the result to us at school via pentrepoeth.primary@newport.gov.uk before your child returns to school.

Flu Vaccination- Tuesday 20th October 2020

This will take place in the school hall. Please click the link [here](#) for more information.

<https://phw.nhs.wales/services-and-teams/beat-flu/children/>

Parents' Evenings

For obvious reasons and in line with our risk assessment we are unable to hold face to face parent consultation meetings this term. We will however be offering **10 minute** pupil progress conversations with parents. Slots for telephone calls will be available to book via Teachers to parents in the next few weeks and the timetable for phone calls is listed below. Consultations will start at 2pm and end at 5.30pm. We will drop a text when the system is available for booking.



Date	Year Groups
10 th , 11 th November	Years 3 and 5
17 th , 18 th November	Years 4 and 6
25 th , 26 th November	Year 2
3 rd , 4 th December	Year 1
8 th , 9 th December	Nursery
9 th , 10 th December	Reception

For any new parents the following things are usually discussed during the Autumn:

- How your child is settling into their new class
- General progress in English, Maths and Thematic work
- Child's targets for learning
- Class routines e.g. PE days, homework etc.
- Any questions you may have

You would normally be able to look at your children's learning in books, however, of course this will not be possible this term.



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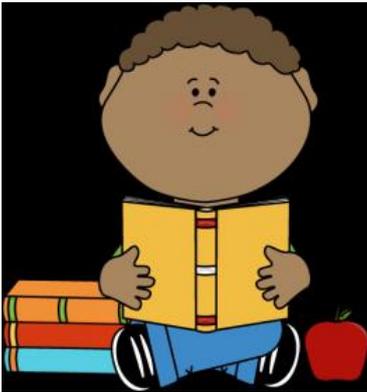
The school publishes a Privacy notice that is available on our website. Please also note an update regarding how attendance data is collected. Click [here](#).

Breakfast Club

There will be no Breakfast Club at school until further notice. We have carried out a full risk assessment and will keep the situation under constant review. The school risk assessment alongside the breakfast club FEIA is available on the school website. We will, of course look to reinstate breakfast club when it is safe to do so. If there are any families who are finding it difficult to provide breakfast for your children please telephone the school and chat to me confidentially.

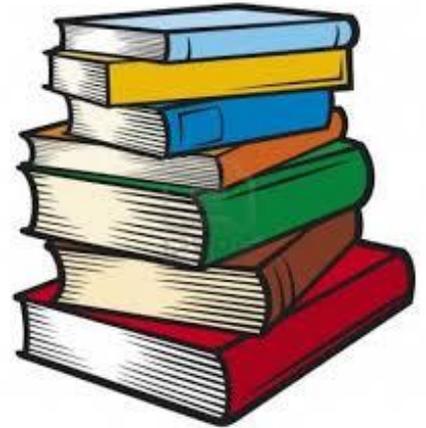
Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding Policy and information relating to Child Protection is available on our website. Please click [here](#).



**Coming Soon Mr Taylor's
100 Book Challenge!!!!**

**More details in the next
newsletter!!!**



**Mr Taylor's
100 Book Challenge!**



Foundation Phase



**Mr Taylor's
100 Book Challenge!**



Years 3 and 4

**Mr Taylor's
100 Book Challenge!**



Years 5 and 6





Our **Nursery** pupils have been busy discussing their families and have drawn amazing pictures of their family members at home. They have discussed how they grow and have sequenced the growth cycle. Numeracy work has involved singing number rhymes and songs, counting body actions as well as practising their one to one matching.

They are continuing to develop their gross motor skills through Squiggle whilst you Wiggle, Flipping and Flapping and Dough disco. They have been practising and improving their throwing and catching skills in P.E

Our children in **Reception** have been very busy learning their sounds and new words. They enjoyed listening to "Supertato" and are looking forward to making their own "Supertatos" using potatoes! They are going to use Pie Corbett connectives to write instructions on how they made their "Supertatos." Numeracy work has involved ordering numbers up to 20, using Numicon to help with number recognition and "freeing the vegetables" using a padlock and a key. They have developed their creative skills making Super Hero puppets. Forest school activities have involved making a Super Hero crown using natural materials in the forest.

Year 1 pupils are continuing to study the Arctic and have enjoyed listening to the story of "The Little Polar Bear" and retold it in their own words. They have collected lots of interesting facts about polar bears and extended their creative skills by making their own polar bears out of paper and even dens for the polar bears to live in. Numeracy work has involved investigating doubles to 10 and beyond, reading o'clock times and measuring Polar Bears footprints using non-standard measure. Our talented Year 1 Scientists have been finding out which material is the best for keeping warm in the cold weather. They found out that blubber was very helpful in keeping the Polar Bears warm.

Pupils in **Year 2** have continued with their topic on Sharks and have retold the story of "The Shark with no teeth" making sure that their stories are organised into sentences with accurate punctuation. They have also been practising their "sh" sounds. They have been keeping their numeracy skills sharp by ordering sharks according to size, using the counting back strategy to subtract numbers and subtracting 10 by jumping down. Commando Joe activities have involved making important decisions and justifying choices. Wellbeing activities have involved oracy tasks based on discussions about what we are thankful for. They have also started to learn songs for Harvest.

Our **Year 3** pupils have been developing their literacy skills by retelling the story of Hansel and Gretel.

They have written character profiles of Hansel and Gretel and included last week's description of the sensory walk in their stories. They have been transferring their knowledge and understanding of doubling 2 and 3 digit numbers to learn how to halve 2 and 3 digit numbers.



They are continuing to learn about the Romans and have learned that before the Romans invaded Britain Celtic tribes lived together. After the invasion some of the tribes co-operated with the Romans and some fought the Romans. Pupils took part in a debate between the different factions to try and persuade each other that their view was the best! Year 3 have produced very impressive Welsh writing including accurate use of prepositions.

Pupils in **Year 4** are continuing to enjoy their class novel, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and focussed on the use of interesting adjectives to up level their work. They have completed a reading response activity based on Chapters 4 and 5, extracting the relevant information from the text. Numeracy work has centred around mental strategies for adding strings of single digit numbers before extending to multiples of 10. Science work has involved identifying and labelling the bones of the skeleton. They have been extending their Welsh by reading and sequencing sentences to retell a story. They have continued learning about The Rainforest and listened to and appraised different styles of music with a jungle theme.

Year 5 children have been developing their comprehension skills based on "The Boy in the Back of the Classroom". They have extracted the relevant information from the text to answer both open and closed questions. They are continuing to use a variety of sentence openers including adverbs, prepositions and connectives to describe a setting. Numeracy work has involved completing and creating "Codebreaker" activities applying skills they have learned this term. Our Year 5 scientists have been creating their own lava lamps whilst investigating the density of liquids. They have used their ICT skills to create their own Kahoot quizzes. Equality activities have centred around the story of Rosa Parks and the bus boycott.

Our **Year 6** pupils continue to enjoy studying World War 2. They have investigated features of diary writing in preparation for their Big Write next week when they will complete their own diary extracts based on life as an evacuee. They have also designed their own Evacuation posters to persuade parents to send their children to the countryside. Numeracy work has involved investigating a variety of mental strategies for subtracting up to 6 digit numbers. In Science our Year 6 pupils have been constructing jigsaws of flowers to help identify the male and female parts of a flower. They continue to practise their past tense Welsh language patterns whilst describing a trip to Barry Island (Ynys y Barri). They have also investigated a variety of time connectives to up level their Welsh writing

Please keep up to date with school activities by following classes via their class Twitter pages.

Click the Classes tab on the school website.

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Congratulations

We were very proud to hear of four boys Joe, Zac, Fletcher and Jacob being chosen for the Newport Schools Under 11's football.



Poppy Appeal



We will be supporting the British Legion Poppy appeal this year. In order to comply with our risk assessment and to maintain social distancing we will provide all children with a Poppy and ask that parents donate 20p or a contribution of your choice via a collection bucket that will be at the top of the turning circle for children or adults to drop the donation in on your way in to school.

Harvest



We will be holding our Harvest services in school week beginning Monday October 19th. We will be asking for donations of tinned foods or packaged foods that we can donate to a local homeless charity, Raven House in Newport. If you bring in your donations for the harvest table on Monday 19th October there will be boxes placed outside reception for either children or parents to pop items in. Thank you for your support. The whole school (KS2 and FP will support this charity this year).



Christmas Cards



This year we are using "Cauliflower Cards" to produce our children's Christmas cards, mugs, wrapping paper and gift labels. This proved very popular last year as the results were professionally printed into beautiful cards, mugs etc. We will send children's art work home on Friday October 23rd. If you would like to purchase items, please return the art work to school by Monday November 2nd. Parents can only order and pay online, please do not send cheques or money into school. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Jenkins.

Christmas Concerts



This year we will not be holding concerts in the same way as previous years. Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite families to school to watch performances. We will be discussing our Christmas arrangements this week and I will be in touch after half term with details. We will ensure that we will do all that we can to maximise the magical time in school whilst balancing the need to focus time learning in classrooms.

Value

A reminder that our Value for this month is **Equality**



Dates For Your Diary !

October	
Fri Oct 9 th	INSET Day 1- <i>School Closed for Children</i>
Fri Oct 16 th	Show Racism the Red Card - <i>Children can wear Red to School</i>
Mon Oct 19 th	Harvest Assemblies Key Stage 2
Tue Oct 20 th	Seasonal Flu Vaccinations
Wed Oct 21 st	Harvest Assemblies Foundation Phase
Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th Oct	AUTUMN HALF TERM
November	
Mon Nov 2 nd	INSET Day 2 – <i>School Closed for Children</i>
Tue Nov 3 rd	<i>Mr Taylor's 100 Book Reading Challenge Starts! More coming soon....</i>
Fri Nov 13 th	Children In Need Day 2020 – Five to Thrive activities in school <i>Non uniform – Hilarious hair and hats can be worn!</i>
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th Nov	Anti- Bullying Week
Mon Nov 23 rd – Fri Nov 30 th	<i>Mathematical Development Week</i>
December	
Tue Dec 15 th	Story with Santa – Foundation Phase
Wed Dec 16 th	School Christmas Dinner Christmas Movie Afternoon
Thu Dec 17 th	Class Christmas Parties
Fri Dec 18 th	Class Christmas Assemblies
Mon 21 st Dec – Fri 1 st Jan	CHRISTMAS BREAK
January	
Mon Jan 4 th	Start of Spring Term 2021

Show Racism the Red Card.

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THE
RED
CARD**

Each October "Show Racism the Red Card" holds its annual Wear Red Day. The 6th annual Wear Red Day will take place on Friday, 16th October. As our Pentrepoeth uniform is red we have decided to enter the competition on Friday. Children in KS 2 will produce a piece of art work in the form of a poster featuring an anti-racism message that could be shared publically to campaign against racism.

Have a really enjoyable week, stay safe and well.

Kind regards,
Cofion cynnes,

Dean Taylor
Headteacher

