

February Newsletter

First Communion Enrolment Mass

Thank you to the pupils, families and staff who joined us on Sunday for enrolment Mass. First Communion will take place on June 30th in Holy Name Church.

Jamboree

Pupils from Classes 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed a morning at the Haverfordwest Jamboree where they took part in a range of singing and dancing activities.

Residential

Pupils from Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a three day residential at Llangrannong Urdd Centre. The children had the opportunity to take part in a range of adventurous activities and develop their Welsh skills.

Open Evening

We will be holding an open evening on March 5th. We would be grateful if you could share this with friends and family – especially those who have younger children.

School Disco

Friends of the School have organised a disco (Feb 21st) all monies raised will be used to purchase equipment for the pupils .

Pupil Attendance

We actively discourage children's absence during school sessions, including for family holidays.

We ask that wherever possible, health appointments are made outside the school day to minimise disruption to your child's education.

Any applications for leave for a holiday during term time made by a parent with whom the pupil normally resides, will be considered on an individual basis. If your child's attendance for the previous year is below 93% we will not be able to authorise the holiday.

Following an attendance review if your child has attendance of less than 93% for this school year so far you will be receiving a letter after half term – this is for information only. **Our target for the year is 95.5%.**

Head Lice

Unfortunately there have been several instances of head lice in school this term. Please check your child's hair and take action if you spot head lice or eggs. This action may need repeating and the whole family will need checking and treating. If your child has long hair PLEASE tie it back. This means they can see what they are doing in class and it reduces the risk of spreading head lice.

Staff Changes

Mrs Nichola Thomas will be starting her maternity leave after half term. Mrs S Squelch will be covering her role in Class 5 – Mrs Squelch will continue to teach in Class 3 for two days a week.

Parent's Evenings Teaching staff will be available to meet with parents on April 9th (between 5.30pm and 7pm) and April 10th (3.30pm – 5.30pm) Appointments will be available at the end of March

School Uniform

A reminder that uniform consists of yellow logoed polo shirts all year round and we will no longer require pupils to wear shirts and ties as part of school uniform. Pupils also wear Logoed red school jumpers or cardigans, grey trousers, skirts or pinafores. **Shoes should be plain black shoes or plain black trainers. Coloured, logoed sports trainers are not part of our uniform.** PE kit consists of black or navy shorts and a red school PE T shirt. In cold weather pupils also need dark jogging bottoms and a plain dark sweatshirt or hoodie.

Please could we ask you to support us in ensuring that pupils adhere to the agreed uniform.

We hold a small stock of uniform in school – all uniform can be ordered from SchoolTrends.

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/HolyNameRCPrimarySchoolISA659DF>

School Day

Please can we remind parents that the doors to school open at 8.45am and children come in and go straight to class. Pupils on the playground are **not supervised** before this time and remain your responsibility. The school gates are not manned by staff.

Play equipment (eg climbing wall) is not to be used before and after school.

At the end of the day gates are opened at 3.05pm. Classes 1 and 2 can be collected from the main entrance at 3.10pm. Other pupils will exit via the hall door at 3.15pm

Reminders

- Please could pupils not bring toys to school
- Could all items of clothing be clearly labelled with your child's name

Thank you for your continued support.

February 21st– School Disco

February 25th– March 1st– Half Term

March 4thINSET Day

March 5th– pupils return to school

March 5h – Open Evening

March 8th– World Book Day (costumes not required)

March 15th– Comic Relief Day

March 18th– School Mass – St Patrick's Day 10am

April 9th - Parents' Evenings

April 10th - Parents' Evenings

April 10th– School Mass

April 15th– April 26thEaster Holidays

May 20th – May 24th Wellbeing Week

May 22nd – Outdoor Classroom Day

May 23rd Sports Day

May 27th – May 31st Half Term

June 12th Y6 Humanities Transition Day

June 20th Y4, 5,& 6 Music Transition Day

June 30th - First Communion

July 5th Year 6 Variety Day YBG

July 11th Y6 Year 6 Transition Day (Digital Learning)