

# GLADESTRY CHURCH-IN-WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter to Parents

Trinity Half Term (Harvest –Generosity)

5<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year; we hope you all had a lovely summer break. An especially warm welcome is extended to our new pupils and to Mrs James who is returning as our music specialist.

**Emergency Contact Details:** It is essential that you notify us as soon as possible of any changes. To ensure that our records are up to date please complete and return the attached reply slip.

**Newsletters:** Please let us know how you would prefer to receive our newsletters by completing the attached reply slip.

**Attendance:** This is one of the key areas in which schools are assessed. We are delighted that attendance for all pupils last year was 97.6% with no unauthorised absence. Thank you.

**School Fund:** contributions of £10 per child for the year will be gratefully received.

**Creative Connections:** this is our new focus following on from Dare-busters. Pupils will be encouraged to think creatively to solve problems, gain independence and enjoy solving new challenges. Hopefully this will develop their thinking skills and give them opportunities to “think outside the box”.

**Class 1** – this term we will be learning about “Myself”.

**Siarter Cymraeg:** this is our ongoing programme to encourage pupils’ use of the Welsh language.

**Sports in School:** we welcome volunteers to come in to do sports activities with the children. Please speak to us if you would like to help.

**e-safety** – we will continue to show pupils how to use the internet responsibly in school; please help them stay safe at home.

**Uniform:** a reminder that our supplier is Tesco and items should be ordered online at [www.tesco.com/ues](http://www.tesco.com/ues). We still have some new and used old style uniform for sale in school as well as some school dresses, grey skirts, etc., ask if you wish to check our stock.  
**Please clearly label all uniform, PE Kit, etc.**

**Reminder:** All children should have a labelled coat in school and in hot weather a sun hat. P E / sports kits should also be in school during the week. Pupils should also have a labelled water bottle that may be filled from the water cooler.

**KS2 After School Clubs:** Great news – Mrs Ann James will resume **Recorder Club on Tuesdays** from next week, **11<sup>th</sup> September**. Mrs James is an exceptionally talented musician and this is a super opportunity for Class 2 pupils to learn to read music and play their first musical instrument. Alongside the music pupils will be able to work/play on our computers and i-pads. **Thursday Club** this term will be run by Miss Jo Hobby who currently leads two after school sessions at Radnor Valley School. She will provide an exciting, varied, indoor and outdoor programme starting on **20<sup>th</sup> September** with the making of slime. There will be a one-off Gardening Club on **13<sup>th</sup> September** (volunteers welcome). To help towards staff and resource costs each club will cost £2 individually or £3 for both. It would be very helpful if you will commit to attending weekly (apart from exceptional absences) for good continuity with recorder groups on Tuesdays and the preparation of resources on Thursdays. Please complete and return the reply slip below.

### Diary:

<b>5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Macmillan Coffee Morning in school.
<b>19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	School Harvest Celebration
<b>29 Oct – 02 Nov</b>	Half term break
<b>26 – 30 Nov</b>	Manufacturing Week
<b>28 November</b>	Rags2Riches collection
<b>21 December</b>	Last day of Autumn Term
<b>08 January 2019</b>	First Day of Spring Term

**Emergency Contact Details:**

It is important that we keep contact details for all pupils up to date. We should therefore be grateful if you would please complete and return the following form as soon as possible.

Pupils Name/s: .....

Address: .....

Home Telephone No.: .....

Emergency Contacts: Names & Telephone No.s: (+ Relationship to pupil)

- 1. ....
- 2. ....
- 3. ....

**Newsletters:**

Please let us know how you would prefer to receive our newsletters:

Electronically by email to: .....

and/or

Paper copy sent home with my child: .....

**KS2 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS 2018 - 19**

I give permission for my child/ren \*..... to stay to after school club

\*Music/Computer on a Tuesday afternoon \*and / or Thursday Club.

I will arrange to collect them on these days at 4.30pm.

Enclosed is \*£14 (7 x £2) \*Tuesday/Thursday Club OR £21 (7 x £3) for BOTH Harvest Term Clubs.

Signed \* ..... Date .....

\*please delete/complete as appropriate.