

HENDREFOILAN PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Monday 16th November

Dear Parents

Thank you

As always, thank you for your kind support. We are grateful for the positive attitudes and sensible, safe behaviour of Hendrefoilan pupils, parents, and grandparents.

When dropping off and picking up, it is imperative that you continue to maintain two metres between yourself and others, wherever possible. If you need space, there is usually a free area on the grass in front of the school car park. Currently, masks are not mandatory, however, many parents wear them. This is a sensible option if you find that you cannot maintain a two-metre distance from others.

Reminder of COVID protocols

- One adult only, may drop off/pick up at a time.
- Maintain a two-metre distance between yourself and others wherever possible.
- Leave the school as soon as you have your child/children with you and avoid standing in one place, less than two metres to another, for any length of time.

Dogs

I am a dog lover with a terrier called Scrappy and I enjoy meeting your dogs. However, you must ensure that your dogs are not on school grounds. If, and when dogs are in front of the school with you, please ensure that they are held on a short lead and not allowed to hinder the drop off/pick up of pupils.

Parking

Parking on the yellow zig zags and in front of the school drive is not permitted at any time of day.

Building Work

The new classroom is due for completion on 18th December 2020. Soon after, we plan for our Y5 pupils and staff to move in. A corridor with double exit doors on both walls joins the new classroom to the main school. The classroom is light and spacious with large windows overlooking the grounds and views. There is a toilet block with three cubicles, sinks etc., a disabled toilet, a cloakroom and two large storage cupboards. This new build will provide essential space for the Key Stage 2 classes.

When the building work is finished, we aim to reopen access for drop off/pick up via the top gate to Bron y Bryn once again. However, this is COVID dependent and yet to be confirmed.

Virtual Winter Concert

Next week, rehearsals begin for the school's virtual winter concert. Every class and every pupil who plays an instrument will be included. The concert will be filmed by a local filmmaker and will be sent home during the last week of term, via a free You Tube link. I am sure that you will enjoy it.

Head Boy and Head girl

The school has voted for our Head boy and Head girl, 2020 to 2021. This year, it was an extremely tough decision as all the candidates were outstanding.

The winners, with the biggest margin of votes, are Olivia Merchant (Head girl) and Maheen Abdurrahman (Head boy). Since the election, they have both made a strong start to their Head ship roles by leading our virtual assemblies. Congratulations to them both.

The 'Hendre Hearties'

This year, all staff and pupils are redesigning the school's curriculum. Teachers plan for four purposes and pupils learn within six areas of learning an experience.

One of our older pupils, Daniel Cameron, designed the pirate image that represents the Hendrefoilan captains of the four purposes. This image has been printed in four colours and is now being introduced to pupils across the school. The four captains are called the Hendre-Hearties.



1. **Captain Ambition** represents ambitious and capable learners
2. **Captain Enterprise** represents enterprising and creative contributors

3. **Captain Inform** represents ethical, informed citizens
4. **Captain Confident** represents healthy, confident individuals

If you would like to learn more about the Curriculum for Wales 2022, please contact us or click on the following links

<https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales>

<https://hwb.gov.wales/api/storage/cbe5e2c9-16cf-4eb7-87a1-c1a64fc598d8/the-journey-to-2022.pdf>

The School Prospectus and Annual Report from Governors

Please take a little time to read the School's Prospectus and Annual Report from Governors - particularly if you are new to the school. I am sure that you will love the wonderful photographs included in both documents and on our school website (<https://hendrefoilan-primary-school1.j2bloggy.com/>). They were kindly taken by a parent, Mr Gary Hirst, of Safelight Images. You can find a selection of the photos and both documents on the school's website or by clicking on the following links.

http://d6vsczyu1rky0.cloudfront.net/34856_b/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Prospectus-2020-2021-Final-2.pdf

http://d6vsczyu1rky0.cloudfront.net/34856_b/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Annual-Report-from-Governors-2019-20-Final.pdf

Digital Survey

During the first lockdown, schools looked to identify pupils that were digitally excluded and, with the support of Swansea Council and Welsh Government, provided connectivity and devices to learners. We are currently trying to ascertain any further barriers to home/blended learning, especially those caused by digital exclusion.

We would be grateful if you could complete a survey (the link is below) to enable us to find what these barriers are and so that we can continue to provide appropriate strategies that support you with the continuation of learning.

<https://forms.gle/ZVZvpALvVnbsVfWUA>.

If the school lent you a digital device during the first lockdown, please could you return it at your earliest convenience.

Festive Party Bags

This year, the catering department are offering a festive lunch bag rather than a Christmas dinner. Please could you complete the survey (the link is below) so that we can get an estimate of how many pupils are interested. Please note, this is not a final order and there is no commitment.

[Microsoft Forms](#)

Data Collection – Service Personnel

We have been asked to send home a questionnaire about service children. If you are a parent who has worked or currently works in the armed forces or as a reservist etc, please take a few minutes to complete the following survey:

[Microsoft Forms](#)

Nursery Photographs

On Wednesday 18th November, Roz and Kirsty will be taking photographs of Nursery pupils, in the Nursery area.

INSET days

Our next INSET days are:

- Monday 21st December
- Tuesday 22nd December
- Monday 4th January

If you have any questions about this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Kindest regards and best wishes,

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