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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Croeso, welcome back to the Autumn term after our summer break - Tuesday morning was full of excitement and sharing of holiday news, it seems that the whole school had pictures taken and shared via social media!!

We aim to inform you of school arrangements and forthcoming events for the term, but if you do have any queries or questions, please feel free to pop in and see a member of staff or myself.

### **Attendance and Punctuality.**

As always attendance appears on a newsletter! Last year the Governors established an 'attendance panel', this panel assesses each request for absence and together agrees the most appropriate coding. Please continue to support the school absence policy by requesting an absence form or if your child is absent for any reason, please ring the school first thing in the morning notifying us of the reason. Absences will be checked each day and if we have not received any reason for absence, we will contact you by phone to check that they are safe.

A LEA attendance review took place last term which included a number of recommendation for us as a school. The first recommendation is for attendance letters to be sent out if attendance drops below 95%, followed by subsequent warning letters. The second recommendation asks the school to look at its Penalty Notice and referral made to the LEA. As a school the Governors and I have been keen to work with you as parents to improve attendance, however, the attendance review has directly asked the school to issue Penalty Notice should the criteria be met.

As a school operating in Pembrokeshire we need to follow the LEA's direction and guidance, it is particularly hard to argue when our attendance compared to last year is worse and our 95.4% attendance for the year puts the school in the lowest performing quartile when compared to similar schools. Our attendance percentage needs to improve.

### **New Planner.**

The school has produced its new planner this year and it is hoped that this school planner will act as a source of information for you as families. Please take a look and we ask that all parents/guardians complete the relevant Parental Permissions Sections, page 54-59. We hope by collating the necessary documents in one section, it will help all of us communicating with each other. As parents and guardians please ensure you read the relevant sections and support the school's pledge page 3- complete these sections. Diolch

### **Clubs.**

Please ensure you register your child for clubs this term, due to our reduction in staffing we may need to restrict numbers to certain clubs on Health and Safety grounds.

### **Meet the Teacher Evening.**

The school will be holding 'Meet the Teacher' Evening on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September, this will start with a brief presentation by Mr. Allen at 4:30pm, followed by time in classes for parents between 5-6pm.

### **Inset**

Last Friday staff trained in Big Maths, this was the only available training day to us as a school. We are constantly looking for new and exciting ways to develop the curriculum and the attainment of pupils. Big Maths is an exciting resource which children always acquire Core Knowledge before applying it to Wider Maths. This ensures children approach all problems with the skills and confidence needed to succeed. Gradually, build up a child's knowledge through the Learning Steps, challenging them with wider and deeper problems. We look forward to sharing the new ideas and resources with you.

### **Music**

We are very fortunate to have the support of Mrs. Sam Hughes supporting our orchestra. Due to a change in her schedule, orchestra will need to change from Wednesday to Tuesday morning. If any pupils are interested in learning a musical instrument please contact Miss Gillespie.

### **SCHOOL MEALS SERVICE - PRICING STRUCTURE.**

We are fortunate to have a dedicated Kitchen staff/team who help provide tremendous meals for our children. Please support the meals service in school we would not want to lose this service. If any parents wish to sample the meals please contact Mrs. Gove.

The County Council Cabinet agreed the following revisions to the School Meals pricing structure to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2016.

A 10% discount to any Parent/Guardian who commits to purchasing meals every school day (190 days) and to spread the cost over 11 months via direct debit, (no charge in

August). This will effectively give you 19 `free` meals if your child is in school every day.

A `Family` discount of 50p per child per meal/day for families with 3 or more pupils attending Pembrokeshire Schools, whether they attend a Primary or Secondary school. (Further detailed information/application form to follow).

Tiered pricing for Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 pupils. Foundation phase pupil meals will be 10p cheaper than Key Stage 2 pupil meals, to reflect portion sizes. Price increase from September 2017;

- Foundation Phase £2.25
- Key Stage 2 Pupils £2.35

Free school meal entitlement is available to families where household income does not exceed £16,190 p.a. Free School Meal application forms can be obtained from your child's school or downloaded from the `Lunch with Lennie website` - [www.lunchwithlennie.co.uk](http://www.lunchwithlennie.co.uk). Alternatively, you can contact Revenue Services on 01437 764551.

Thank you for all your help and support. We look forward to a busy but interesting term - only 106 days until Christmas!! ☺

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