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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Uniform –Thank you -Diolch

I would just like to thank you as parents and guardians for your support of the school uniform. The scale of support is most obvious during assembly – 300 smartly dressed pupils. Thank you for your continued support helping the school be as one.

Bikes / Scooters

It is lovely to see a number of pupils keeping healthy by scooting or cycling to school, we support this as a school, however, recently there have been a number of first aid instances or near misses involving bike/scooter and pupil.

I ask that pupils walk their bike/scooter into school – particularly down the slope. I know the downhill smooth tarmac is inviting but in the interest of pupil safety please ensure that if your child rides to school they walk from the school gates.

It was pleasing to be informed by a parent “yes Mr Allen, I am aware, my child told me what you said in assembly.”

Attendance

The overall attendance for September was 85.85%. The majority of absence in September was due to unauthorised holidays. If this continues there will be further action from the LEA for the school.

ESafety

In this modern world I ask that as parents we regularly check our children’s online activity. As we begin a new school year it is a good time to revisit some safety rules. The Welsh government web site HWB has good resource Common sense media resources. <https://hwb.gov.wales/>

School Dinners

We have wonderful kitchen staff that provides the school with freshly cooked food on site. I ask you as parents to support this service because as Pembrokeshire County Council look to save money this service is under pressure. They would be hard pressed to reduce a service that was successful. Please support our kitchen staff.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest, our Harvest assembly for the pupils will be on Friday 6th October, and this will be a special assembly for us as it will be our last one with Reverend Marianne who is starting a new job in Haverfordwest. We will miss her, she has been a support to our school and lots of us have enjoyed RE lessons with her. We wish her well.

Last year for Harvest we supported P.A.T.C.H (Pembrokeshire Action to Combat Hardship) by donating items for their local collection. We would like to repeat this again this year and are asking pupils to bring in a donation either Friday 6th or next Monday 9th October. These donations could include: tinned fruit and vegetables, tinned meat, pies in a tin, pasta, soup and packed food. Toiletries and household items are helpful too and will be delivered to PATCH later in the week. Thank you in advance for supporting us again with P.A.T.C.H. this year, we really think this is a worthwhile opportunity to help others in our community.

Twilights over the year.

In order for the school to close on 23rd and 24th July 2018, we will need to hold a number of Twilight training sessions. These sessions will be taken across the year helping to build up the 12 hours needed to equate to the two days. Unfortunately, there will be some disruption to Thursday night clubs as the dates are:-

05-10-17	3:30	5:30	Professional Standards
16-11-17	3:30	5:30	Science Curriculum
18-01-18	3:30	5:30	SDP
08-03-18	3:30	5:30	SDP – KQ2
10-05-18	3:30	5:30	National Test Marking
11-05-18	3:30	5:30	National Test diagnostic

Hopefully, as parents you will appreciate the opportunity to take an early Summer holiday that these two days offer, helping to support the school in its quest for improved attendance.

Diolch yn fawr,

N Allen

Mr. N Allen
Headteacher

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LIST OF EVENTS FOR AUTUMN TERM 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wed 4 th Oct	Year 5 Shakespeare workshop at Milford Torch Theatre
Fri 6 th Oct	Harvest assembly
Fri 13 th Oct	Year 6 McMillan coffee morning
Thurs 19 th Oct	Cross country at Oakwood pm
Wed 8 th Nov	Year 5 Shakespeare performance at Milford Torch Theatre
Wed 22 nd Nov	Urdd swimming gala
Fri 1 st Dec	Whole school panto day at Milford Torch Theatre
Week beginning 11 th Dec	Christmas concerts (dates to be confirmed)
Wed 13 th Dec	Christmas dinner day
Fri 22 nd Dec	Last day for Autumn term
Mon 8 th Jan	School opens for Spring term 2018.