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Living and Learning
in the Light of Christ

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Dear Parent,
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School News

Football: Our Football team competed in the Pembrokeshire Football festival on Monday. They competed well winning 3-0 vs Roch, 2-0 vs Pembroke Dock, drawing 1-1 vs Narberth and losing 2-0 vs Neyland. They finished a creditable 2nd in their group with Neyland going on to win the competition. The festival was organised by Swansea City AFC and played on the glorious Bridge Meadow pitch. It was a great experience for our players and to mark an enjoyable day the Premier League Trophy was on show! (see photo opposite). Well done to all players for representing the school so well and thank you to Mr Oulton and the parents who went along to support. We wish Neyland School well as they go forward to represent Pembrokeshire in the West Wales Festival.



Uniform It has been lovely to see the pupils return after the half-term break wearing their winter uniform. They look very smart indeed.

Footwear Please could I remind you of the wearing of wellington boots in wet/cold weather. The school policy is that wellington boots may be worn to and from school but we ask that your child change into shoes whilst in the building. This is due to the increased risk of tripping, particularly on the stairs. This can also be similar with 'high boots' whilst fashionable are not practical for walking around our building as we are on three levels. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Swimming success



Congratulations to Lexi Allen, Grace Nichols (Yr 3) and Erin Allen (Yr6) who are all members of Haverfordwest Seals swimming club. The Seals are Pembrokeshire champions with the girls playing a big part in the clubs recent success at the county championships. Grace – Gold for 200m Individual Medley and Bronze for 50m Butterfly. Lexi – Silver for 50m Freestyle, Bronze for 50m Backstroke and 100 Individual Medley. Erin – Gold for 200m Backstroke. Well done to the three girls, we are proud of their achievements.

Foodbank

I have received a lovely e-mail message from the Pembrokeshire Foodbank thanking all of our school community for the donation of food items from our Harvest collection. Please see below:-

I want to tell you the fantastic news, that your school community donated in excess of 150kgs. I'm sorry that I can't tell you the exact weight because I couldn't pick up all the food from TESCOS on the day I went and I'm not sure how much was donated by other shoppers. However, by giving your food through TESCOS, not only has the Pembrokeshire Foodbank charity immediately benefited from your gift of food to support those in need but, in addition, TESCOS have donated an amazing monetary value of £250 plus so we can carry out our service. THANK YOU!

Once again, please except our sincere thanks and appreciation of your school's donation. We feel privileged to work with you all, working together through positive action to support Pembrokeshire people.

Kind regards

Theri Bailey (Pembrokeshire Foodbank Manager)

Coming up

Crucial Crew: Year 6 will participate in the Crucial Crew next Tuesday Nov 14th at Withybush. They will be involved in safety demonstrations and activities delivered by a range of emergency services.

Badminton Next Wednesday Nov 15th Year 5 start a 6-week block of Badminton sessions at the fantastic new indoor sports hall at Pembrokeshire College. We are very grateful to the college for providing this opportunity to our pupils.

November 16th NHS staff will administer the Flu vaccine to those pupils in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 classes who have parental consent. They will be with us for the morning session – please note that there are no 'mop-up' sessions planned for those not present.

Science on Thursday Nov 16th Year 5 will have a solar system workshop delivered by Darwin Science Gym. Our KS2 Gym squad will compete in a Gymnastics competition held at Milford Haven Junior Club next Friday Nov 17th. We wish them well. Also, Poppy Owen in Year 5 has today travelled out to Bulgaria to compete in a prestigious gym event. We wish her success and are very proud of this achievement.

Children in Need Next Friday November 17th is Children in Need Day. The theme this year is 'Spotacular' with a spotty theme. It will be a non-uniform day and if the children have something spotty to wear even better. There will be a fine charge (donation) that will be collected for Children in Need.

Friends of Mary Immaculate

Dates for the diary

Friday November 17th - Christmas Bingo – doors open @6pm with 'eyes down' for 6.30pm

November 30th - Christmas Market and Carol Service @6pm in the school hall

December 22nd – the choir will sing carols at Haverfordwest Farmers Market

Dear Parents,

Re: Your right to request a meeting with the school's governing body

The Schools Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 (The Act) removed the requirement for school governing bodies to hold an annual meeting with parents. Instead, new arrangements were introduced to enable parents to request up to 3 meetings in any school year with a governing body, on matters which are of concern to them.

If parents wish to use their rights under the Act to hold a meeting, 4 conditions will need to be satisfied:

1. Parents will need to raise a petition in support of holding a meeting.

The parents of at least 10% of the school's registered pupils/ 30 registered pupils (whichever is lower) will need to sign the petition. I can provide guidance, if requested, on how a paper or electronic petition can be raised. Please do not start a petition without receiving this guidance.

2. The meeting must be called to discuss matters which affect the school

The meeting cannot be called to discuss such matters as the progress of individual pupils, or to make a complaint against a member of the school's staff or governing body.

3. A maximum of 3 meetings can be held during the school year

The law allows parents to use their rights to request up to 3 meetings with a school governing body during the school year.

4. There must be at least 25 school days left in the school year

The law makes it a condition that at least 25 school days are left in the school year when the petition is received so that the meeting can be held. A "school day" means a day when the school is open to pupils.

Any petition requesting a meeting with this school's governing body should be sent to the Chair of the Governing Body (Mr David Evans) at the school's address.

Further advice on how parents may go about requesting a meeting with a governing body is available on the Welsh Government's website at:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/educationandskills/publications/guidance/parents-meetingsstatutory-guidance/?lang=en>

Yours sincerely,
Dean Flood **Headteacher**