

Friday 12th February 2021

Reminders

Please note that we break up for half-term today and there will be no provision for the children of critical workers during next week.

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Phased re-opening of schools for Foundation Phase learners

"...From Tuesday 23rd February schools will begin a phased return for learners in the Foundation Phase. This return is being locally determined by clusters of schools to enable them to ensure that the return to school is as safe as possible for learners.

...The return to schools will be phased so that each group of learners entering school settings is familiarised with the range of measures to keep them safe. Therefore, in the first week of the return to school numbers on school sites will be lower. Distance learning for Foundation Phase learners will cease in this week to enable school staff to spend quality face to face time returning to schools. During the first week of the return schools will be monitoring and evaluating their procedures as learners return to school sites. There will also be monitoring to see if there is any increased transmission of the virus resulting from the return to school sites."

The full press release can be found on the PCC website, [here](#). Details about Mary Immaculate reopening can be found [here](#).

Enrichment sessions

There have been some wonderful enrichment sessions this week; PC Jenny Thomas delivered live sessions for year 3 and year 6 on Safer Internet Day and Darwin Science brought the 'Rockpool Roadshow' online! Take a look on our Twitter pages to see how much the children enjoyed!

Lip Syncing Superstar!

To celebrate Welsh Language Music Day many of our families, and teachers(!), got involved in a Pembrokeshire Lip Sync Challenge. Lilyana Farell took first place! She is the Lip Sync Battle Foundation Phase Champion 2021! A great way to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week!

Dosbarth Marloes have created a dance video showing the importance of keeping physical and the impact it can have on your well-being; so many happy, smiling faces! [Watch the video here](#).

Parent Session

As we can't come together as a school community in person at the moment, I'd like to hold a session for parents via Teams to let you know what our plans are to move our school forward. There was a lot of interest in this meeting. I will send out a link next week to enable you to pose questions and let me know what you'd like me to cover in addition to what I have planned. I'll select the most convenient date and I will cover as many questions as possible; if you find it beneficial, we can plan additional dates to keep lines of communication open during this time.

Parish Links

Please find the link to the Parish website on the link below:

<https://stdavidandstpatrick.org/>

Assemblies

We are very grateful to Robyn Welsby, who in 'normal' times is a regular visitor to our school. Robyn has created some fantastic assemblies for our pupils, and we are very fortunate to be able to share them with you.

[Shrove Tuesday: Why Pancakes?!](#)



COVID-19

As we receive further updates we will communicate them with you via the COVID-19 page of the school website: [COVID-19 page for parents](#)

The whole school Twitter handle is:

[@MaryImmaculateH](#)

To find out what's happening in each class please follow:

[@DosbarthSolva](#)
[@DosbarthAmroth](#)
[@DosbarthHaven](#)
[@DosbarthMarloes](#)
[@DosbarthNewgale](#)
[@DosbarthDruidst](#)
[@DosbarthWhites](#)
[@DosbarthAberei](#)



The Department of Welsh Language and Culture

Diolch to those of you who have already entered our Virtual Eisteddfod Competitions as part of online tasks this week. We have enjoyed receiving your fantastic, creative entries so far. A reminder that you still have the half term week to complete your entries if you wish. Entries need to be handed in to your class teachers by Monday the 22nd of February in time for judging. We would encourage you to enter our reciting, creative and dance competitions! It is all about giving it a go, rhowch gynniig arni! Pob Lwc!



Merit Certificates

Dosbarth Solva	Joshua Powney “For showing real enthusiasm with his home learning this week.”	Dosbarth Newgale	Gennaro Algeri “For his outstanding effort towards all learning activities.”
Dosbarth Amroth	Leo Hudgell “For his excellent effort with home learning and showing a fantastic understanding of using combinations of coins to make an amount.”	Dosbarth Druidston	Lillia Symmonds “For her fabulous, fact filled presentation about online risks for Safer Internet Day. Ardderchog!”
Dosbarth Little Haven	Lilyana Farell “For outstanding enthusiasm and effort towards every piece of home learning.”	Dosbarth Whitesands	Logan Free “For working consistently well in all his English and Maths online tasks.”
Dosbarth Marloes	Lena Modrzynska & Maya Wasilewska “For amazing dedication to all online learning	Dosbarth Abereddy	Benjamin Lovell “For an excellent week of learning! Da iawn Benjamin, keep up the good work!”

For hospital staff and medical researchers:

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.

Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be
restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.





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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see attached information regarding the foundation phase return to school during the week commencing 22.2.21. Due to Pembrokeshire County Council announcing a planning day for all schools, we need to postpone our planned INSET day to Thursday 25th March, we are adding it onto the already planned Diocesan INSET Day on the 26th March. Therefore, there will now be provision for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers on Monday 22nd February.

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Dydd Llun Monday 22 nd February	Planning Day for all Pembrokeshire Schools
Dydd Mawrth Tuesday 23 rd February	Group A All full-time pupils from Dosbarth Solva, Dosbarth Amroth, Dosbarth Little Haven & Dosbarth Marloes
Dydd Mercher Wednesday 24 th February	Group B Morning and afternoon pupils from Dosbarth Solva, Dosbarth Amroth, Dosbarth Little Haven & Dosbarth Marloes
Dydd Iau Thursday 25 th February	Group C All full-time pupils from Dosbarth Solva, Dosbarth Amroth, Dosbarth Little Haven & Dosbarth Marloes
Dydd Gwener Friday 26 th February	Group D Morning and afternoon pupils from Dosbarth Solva, Dosbarth Amroth, Dosbarth Little Haven & Dosbarth Marloes

Your child's class teacher will inform you of which group your child is in and therefore which day your child will be in school. We have decided to split each class into four to ensure a smooth transition back to school for our youngest learners. Your child will be reminded of school routines, our expectations and with the main focus being on wellbeing. Our families have had such varied experiences of lockdown; some have had more traumatic

experiences than others and we want to ensure every child is cared for, listened to and have the support they need on return to school. We believe this is more achievable in smaller groups. In some classes there will be some new faces, both children and staff, so we would like to ensure all children are comfortable in their new surroundings.

Please find the staggered start and finish times below, they are exactly as they were before Christmas, just a reminder as it was such a long time ago! Please make every effort to arrive at the given time. Arriving too early may cause congestion on site and too late will mean that your child misses the important welcome back and checking in that will take place when all pupils are in class. If your child has been attending the hub provision they may continue to do so if there are no other arrangements for safe supervision at home. Hub arrangements are unchanged and these children will continue to come through the front door. However, as staff return to their classroom duties there will now be a very limited number of children who we can take, and pupils will be prioritised. There is also a plea from the council on the link below:

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/please-dont-use-schools-as-a-creche-urges-council>

During the first week back there will be no online learning for foundation phase learners in addition to the day your child attends the school setting. Therefore, there will be no expectation that work will be completed at home. Staff will be very much focused on the pupils who attend school each day and revising arrangements for the safe return of pupils the following week. From parent feedback we know that the grids of activities provided have been well received. Therefore, the foundation phase staff will send these out in the first week as support to families if you need some activities to maintain a structure. In addition, please find links to various sites on our Spring Term Newsletter that you could use if you wish: <https://spark.adobe.com/page/lRegiTrLiTyMB/>

When attending the school site, you are reminded that face coverings must be worn, and every effort must be made to socially distance. There is no requirement for pupils to wear face coverings. There will only be breakfast club for pupils attending the hub during the first week back.

From Monday 1st March all Foundation Phase pupils will return to full days. There is still no news on the return of KS2 pupils. As soon as we hear any news, we will continue to update you.

Thank you all for your efforts in keeping your child/ren engaged with school life during this time. It has been a difficult time for everyone, I continue to keep our school community in my prayers. I am also very thankful for our hard working and dedicated staff; throughout this time, they have continued to put the children above all else. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school. In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy the half-term break.

Cofion cynnes,

Miss Mansfield

Class	Drop off time	Entry/Exit	Pick up time
Nursery (am)	09:00	The small side gate - please line up to the left of the school as usual	11:50
Nursery (pm)	13:00	The small side gate - please line up to the left of the school as usual	15:00
Reception	09:05	The small side gate - please line up to the left of the school as usual	14:55
Year 1	09:10	The small side gate - please line up to the left of the school as usual	15:05
Year 2	09:05	The front door - please line up alongside the offices as usual	15:00



Oracy is an important set of skills that we use everyday. Every week you will be given an important piece of news to discuss with your child/children. Please use the websites and information given to support the discussion. This discussion will also support our pupils in becoming ethically informed citizens.



Websites to support discussion

[This week's news story](#)

[BBC News Story](#)

[This week's useful video](#)

[If everyone in the world planted a tree](#)

How important is it to plant more trees?

Find out on this link

[Virtual Assembly](#)

Try using some new vocabulary

Biodiversity – the existence of a wide variety of plant and animal species living in their environment.

Priority – if something is a priority, it is the most important thing.

Solution – the way of solving a problem or dealing with a difficult situation.

Stabilise – to make something more stable, make stronger or firmer.

Tackle – to tackle a difficult problem or task is to deal with it in a determined and efficient way.

Vital – something that is, essential or very important.

Things to talk about at home...

Talk about what you already know about trees?

Do you know about different types and what we need them for?

Are there many trees near where you live?

Scientists have said that it is important that places where new trees are planted need to be carefully planned, why do you think this may be the case?

What's going on this week?

Tree planting is a good solution to tackle climate change and protect biodiversity but planting trees in the wrong place can do more harm than good, experts at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew have explained. Scientists have outlined 10 rules for tree-planting, which they say must be a top priority for all nations this decade.

UN Rights of a Child

When experts discover better ways of protecting the environment, governments must do all they can to make sure laws give children the best chances of a good life.



KS2

How do trees help us?

Can you describe a tree? Create a list of some of the places you might have seen a tree e.g in your local park, a wood, near where you live, in your garden.

Think about the different types of tree you might find. Do you know the names of any of the different types of tree e.g oak, elm, willow, sycamore

Foundation Phase

How do trees help us?

Can you learn a song all about trees?

Can you label the different parts of a tree?

Can you go on a hunt to find lots of different objects that are made from wood in your home?