

Friday 6th November 2020

Reminders

- When entering the school reception area, it is important that you wear a face covering before speaking to a member of staff. This is in line with Welsh Government guidance regarding face coverings inside public places.
- Breakfast club is only for the children who have signed up; we will be reviewing these arrangements in the next few weeks.
- After receiving feedback we will trial the reading books going home on a Friday and coming back in on a Monday to allow you quality time to read with your child.

Croeso Nôl/Welcome back!

I hope you all enjoyed your half-term break, the children certainly seem refreshed and ready to learn. I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children during this first week and there are a few other new faces around the school. We welcome Mrs Faletau who is the assistant Nursery teacher working alongside Miss Skoczek. We also welcome Miss Matthews who will be supporting groups throughout the school. We are in the very fortunate position to have Mrs Tweedie as our non-teaching deputy for the foreseeable future. She will be working with her class and other groups across the school sharing her wealth of experience and training. We welcome back Miss Charlton who will be the teacher in that class. We are part of the Professional Learning Network for Pedagogy and Mrs Tweedie will be instrumental in developing teaching and learning throughout the school as we move towards the new curriculum.

New curriculum questionnaire

Curriculum for Wales is a learner focussed, purpose-driven curriculum. Its aim is to equip all children and young people of Wales with the skills and values they need to prepare for the challenges and demands of our rapidly changing world. In the next few weeks we will be asking for your input. The unique context of our school needs to be considered when creating our vision. We would like to ensure that every member of the school community can contribute towards our vision, therefore, please expect an online questionnaire in the next few weeks. What will the New Curriculum look like, and mean for, Mary Immaculate School?

COVID-19

We receive regular updates from the Local Authority, Public Health Wales and the Welsh Government, as a result we are constantly updating our procedures. There are changes to the contact groups which are largely based on practical reasons surrounding our school building. The new contact groups are N&R, Y1, Y2 and Y3 are together and Y4/5, Y4/5 & Y6 form one contact group. Even though they are in the same contact group there will continue to be the same mitigating measures in place. There has been a cleaner employed to be on site everyday, throughout the day, to ensure we are keeping everyone as safe as possible.

This may be a good time to consider wearing a mask in addition to social distancing whilst bring your children to or from school. 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](#)

UK Parliament Week 2020

This week year six have been taking part in 'UK Parliament Week'. They have been questioning the importance of pupil voice both in and out of school and recognising the link with 'The Rights of Child - Article 12.' A select group of children, who have demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout the week, took part in an online debate with pupils from St Francis School. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed this experience, and we look forward to developing our 'debating' and oracy skills further throughout the year.



Parish Links

I will be meeting with Fr. Liam next week to discuss how we can build upon the existing strong links with the Parish to enrich the lives of our pupils. We will be discussing attendance at Mass, the prayer life of the school and the sacraments and much more I'm sure.

Please let your child's class teacher know if your child is interested in making their First Holy Communion this year (Y3 and above). Also, our school will be in touch soon with the parents of those pupils who were unable to make it last year.

TenTen resources

Please click the link below for the parents' newsletter for November:

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/REapS6cTFMjHG/>

Catholic Pupil Profile

Our next pair of virtues that we will be promoting are Attentive and Discerning.

'**Attentive** to their experience and to their vocation; and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices; by promoting the practice of **attentive** reflection and **discerning** decision making: in teaching, prayer and retreats; and through the practice and example of school leaders and staff.'

Criw Cymraeg

This space is reserved for the news of Y Criw Cymraeg. Members will be elected next week and will report on Welsh activities from across the school. Y Criw Cymraeg will help drive Welsh language development and improve the children's enjoyment of learning Welsh and learning about Welsh culture. We are working towards the Bronze Award of the Siarter Iaith; its main aim is to inspire the whole school community to use their Welsh in all aspects of their lives. After working on it this week, I was delighted to be greeted with an unprompted "Shwmae Miss!" this morning! I look forward to working with YCC on exciting projects very soon.



Merit Certificates

N	Joshua Powney "For having a positive attitude towards all aspects of school life"	Y3	Oscar Bartlett "For demonstrating a positive attitude to all learning this week and completing his work to a high standard"
R	Wyatt Bartlett "For an excellent effort in his writing for a 'Wanted – Guy Fawkes' poster this week"	Y4/5	Karla Connell "For writing a fantastic diary about her trip to Zargon 10, using exciting adjectives and fronted adverbials"
Y1	Arthur Robinson "For a positive and keen attitude towards all learning"	Y4/5	Imogen Corney "For producing a lively diary entry including all the key features"
Y2	Jasmine Collins "For excellent number work and general enthusiasm for all aspects of school life"	Y6	Shanelle Davis-O'Brien "For excellent participation in our classroom discussions this week. Shanelle has been considerate of other people's view points whilst also giving reasons for her own"

Jesus,
I want to live a loving life.

Jesus,
I'm ready to learn how.

Jesus,
I trust in your help to guide me.

Tweet of the week!



Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary S...
@MaryImm78502758

Our Year 6 pupils have been discussing ways to reduce our carbon footprint. We discussed how small changes to our everyday routines can have a big impact on our environment. We have made a pledge for change - what will you do? #ClimateWeek2020



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DIOGELU CYMRU
KEEP WALES SAFE



Peidiwch ag anfon eich plentyn i'r ysgol os ydynt yn dangos unrhyw symptomau COVID-19

Don't send your child to school if they have any COVID-19 symptoms

PESWCH CYSON NEWYDD - pesychu llawer am fwy nag awr, neu 3 neu fwy o byliau o beswch mewn 24 awr.



A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH - coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hrs.

TYMHEREDD UCHEL - eu brest neu'u cefn yn teimlo'n boeth i'w gyffwrdd



HIGH TEMPERATURE - their chest or back feel hot to touch

COLLI'R SYNHWYRAU AROGLI NEU FLASU NEU NEWID IDDYNT - ni allant arogl na blasu unrhyw beth, neu mae eu synnwyr arogl neu flas yn wahanol i'r arfer.



A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE - they cannot smell or taste anything, or their sense of smell or taste is different to normal.

Rhaid i'ch plentyn hunanyysu yn syth.

Ffoniwch 119 neu archebwch brawf ar-lein drwy llyw.cymru/coronafeirws

Os mai dim ond trwyn yn rhedeg neu symptomau annwyd eraill sydd gan eich plentyn a dim symptomau COVID-19 uchod, nid oes angen prawf COVID-19. Gall eich plentyn fynd i'r ysgol os yw'n ddigon da i wneud hynny.

Os nad ydych yn siŵr a yw symptomau eich plentyn yn symptomau COVID-19 neu symptomau tebyg i annwyd, defnyddiwch y gwiriwr symptomau; <https://gov.wales/check-your-symptoms-see-if-you-need-coronavirus-medical-help>

Your child must self-isolate immediately.

Phone 119 or book a test online at gov.wales/coronavirus

If your child only has a runny nose or other cold-like symptoms, and none of the above symptoms a COVID-19 test isn't required. Your child can go to school if they are well enough to do so.

If you are unsure if your child's symptoms are COVID-19 or cold-like symptoms please use the symptom checker; <https://gov.wales/check-your-symptoms-see-if-you-need-coronavirus-medical-help>

Cadw Cymru'n Ddiogel.
Dal ati i Ddysgu.



Keep Wales Safe.
Keep Wales Learning.

PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOOL TERM DATES 2020-21

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DESIGNATED PLANNING AND STAFF TRAINING CLOSURE DAYS



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL INSET DAYS

Bank holidays

Good Friday 2 April 21
Easter Monday 5 April 21

Early May Holiday 3 May 21
Spring Bank Holiday 31 May 21

Term	Begin	End	Mid-term break (** See below)		Begin	End	School days
			Begin	End			
Autumn 2020	Tue 1 Sep 2020	Fri 16 Oct 2020	Mon 19 Oct 2020	Fri 30 Oct 2020	Mon 2 Nov 2020	Fri 18 Dec 2020	68
Spring 2021	Mon 4 Jan 2021	Fri 12 Feb 2021	Mon 15 Feb 2021	Fri 19 Feb 2021	Mon 22 Feb 2021	Fri 26 Mar 2021	55
Summer 2021	Mon 12 Apr 2021	Fri 28 May 2021	Mon 31 May 2021	Fri 4 June 2021	Mon 7 June 2021	Tue 20 Jul 2021	65
Plus designated staff training closure days 1 September 2020 and 12 April 2021							2
TOTAL							190

The 1st & 2nd September will be allocated as planning days with pupils returning from 3rd September onwards.

**October half term will be for a period of 2 weeks, commencing on 19th October 2020. This applies to all schools with the exception of Ysgol y Preseli whose half term will be for 1 week only, commencing on 26th October 2020

Please note that this calendar is subject to any changes which may arise as a result of government policy decisions. Pembrokeshire County Council does not accept liability for any losses incurred in respect of altered holiday arrangements following such changes.

How and when will Blended Learning take place at Mary Immaculate?

All pupils full time at Mary Immaculate

Face to Face Learning

- *Pupils will be taught in contact groups.
- *Normal teaching and learning policies and procedures in place.
- *Mitigating measures in place to ensure pupil and staff safety

Partial access to school due to limited staff

Face to Face Learning

- *Pupils will be taught in contact groups.
- *Normal teaching and learning policies and procedures in place.
- *Staff following safety guidance

Distance Learning

- *Where face to face teaching is not possible, pupils will be taught through HWB & SeeSaw (N-Yr 2), Google Classroom (Yr 3 – 6).
- *Paper packs available from school for pupils who don't have access to a device/internet

Contact group isolation due to a positive case (14 days)

Distance Learning

- *All classes have work prepared with two week's worth of RE, Maths & Numeracy, Literacy Languages & Communication, Science & Technology, Expressive Arts, Humanities and Health & Wellbeing
- *The lessons will be available on HWB & SeeSaw /Google Classroom
- *If your child does not have access to the internet, packs will be sent home with each pupil once a positive result has been identified and contact group are sent home.
- *Pupils have spent time in class logging in to the online platforms that will be used during partial/full lockdown. All children have been made aware of how to access work online.

National Lockdown – No pupils at Mary Immaculate

Distance Learning

- *Foundation Phase pupils will be taught through HWB & SeeSaw
- *KS2 pupils will be taught through Google Classrooms.
- *Teachers will create video recordings of lesson introductions and instructions of main tasks to support the pupils
- *Teachers will have daily contact with pupils when uploading activities.
- *Teacher and peer feedback on work will be completed regularly.
- *Paper packs available from school for pupils who don't have access to a device/internet
- *Well-being calls to families will be reintroduced should we find ourselves in a national lockdown once again.