

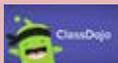


**CHURCH IN WALES
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We have allocated our 6 INSET days for the academic year;

- INSET 1 – Thu 3rd Sept 2020
- INSET 2 – Fri 30th Apr 2021
- INSET 3 – Fri 18th Jun 2021
- INSET 4 – Mon 21st Jun 2021
- INSET 5 – Mon 19th Jul 2021
- INSET 6 – Tue 20th Jul 2021

Please note that we have allocated our INSET days in such a way to avoid further closure during the winter months due the disruption already being caused by the pandemic. We have also planned them to allow our families to take long weekend breaks for May bank holiday and in June. If you are hoping to undertake a break like this next summer (restrictions permitting of course) then we would please ask that you consider using these weekends so that your children do not have to miss school.



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Pen-y-Fai School Newsletter

Be the Best that you can be!

October 2020

Thanks

As we move towards the half term break, I would like to start this latest newsletter by expressing thanks to each and every member of our school community for the positivity shown over the last half term as we have all attempted to navigate some very tricky waters. I have been overwhelmed by positive comments from parents and carers, expressing their gratitude towards our fantastic staff for their ‘can do’ attitude at this uncertain time for us all. I am sure that I can speak on behalf of many of our parents and carers by expressing admiration for the teaching staff, at the very front line of the fight against COVID, who are all doing such a remarkable job of keeping our Country going currently. Many thanks, on behalf of the Governing Body, to our parents and carers who have adhered to all that we are attempting to do to maintain social distancing measures at drop off and collection times and also for complying so respectfully with our procedures, despite the fact that they do not always suit everyone’s personal circumstances.

Parent Consultations

As I am sure you will understand, we were not able to hold our annual parent meetings this October due to the Pandemic. However, we are fully aware of the need for communication to take place between parent/carer and class teacher at the earliest possible opportunity. It is our intention to facilitate this in the best possible way over the next half term. We will be in touch with further details as soon as we have them.

Breakfast Club

Currently, we still have no firm plans to share with you on the reopening of Breakfast Club. I am aware that this will be a source of some frustration to many of parents/carers as you attempt to balance work and family commitments at this difficult time. I am committed to working closely with members of the Governing Body, Local Authority and other local Head teachers to ensure that this service



**This half term’s right is taken from
Article 28**

Roxy says that;

*“All children have the right to learn
and to go to school”*

**Our Newsletters are written
because Roxy says that;**

“You have the right to information”
(Article 13)

resumes, in some capacity, as soon as it is deemed safe and manageable to do so. I will ensure that all of our parents/carers are informed of any decision to reopen breakfast club at the earliest opportunity.

Class Fundraisers;

We have decided to put our annual class fundraisers on hold this year as we are aware that asking our families for additional sponsorship at this time would not be appropriate. We hope to be in the position to repeat our class fundraising activities during the next academic year.

Use of the climbing frame after school

In the interests of health and safety and also the longevity of the climbing frame, we respectfully ask that you attempt to keep children off this at home time. Please also note that children are not currently using this area in the daytime as there is a fault with the flooring which we are hoping to get rectified as soon as possible after half term.

Important Dates to Note

26th – 30th October - Half Term
Holiday

Friday 11th November –
Remembrance service in school for
children

Friday 13th November – Children in
Need – Sporty Day

Friday 11th December - Christmas
Jumper Day

Wednesday 16th December -
Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 18th December – Last day of
the Autumn Term

Monday 4th January – Spring Term
begins

Monday May 3rd – Early May bank
holiday

Friday May 21st – Provisional Sports
Day

We have created a school diary
of events for parents on our
website at
www.penyfaiciwprimary.co.uk

Use of the lane leading to the school to drop off pupils in the morning;

We would like to remind our parents that vehicle access to the school grounds is for authorised personnel only. We also ask parents to avoid using the lane to the school to drop children off in the mornings. There were a number of occasions, last year, where access to the school was extremely difficult and staff had to mount the curb or wait whilst cars reverse in a very tight space in order to get into school. This area is heavily trafficked by pupils who are walking to school during this time and we are becoming increasingly concerned that there may be an accident if this continues. We know that the mornings can be a little rushed but request that all parents park respectfully in the area around the school or use the car park in the Pheasant pub.

Clubs Night

We are still unable to offer after school clubs currently but aim to do so as soon as we can, hopefully during the Spring Term at some point.

Children in Need

This is on Friday, November 13th this year. Our theme is in line with the national campaign '24 hours of PE'. This will provide our pupils and staff with the opportunity to dress up in accordance with the theme and to be ready to undertake something sporty for children in need! Be as creative as you like! Please bring in donations on the day which will be sent to support Children in Need.

Christmas Dinner Day

We will be holding this on Wednesday, 16th December. Further details to follow. Please also note that we are on week 3 of the dinner menu when we return to school on November 2nd

Christmas 2020;

Despite not being able to put on many of our traditional events this Christmas, we are hoping to make the most of the options that are available to us and make Christmas as special as possible for our children. We are hoping to plan parties and events and will provide you all with details as soon as we have them.

Crossing Patrol;

We are extremely pleased to announce that the Local Authority have undertaken some calculations and decided that there is still a requirement to provide a crossing patrol at Pen-y-Fai. We have received confirmation today that the advert will go live on the BCBC website next week and I hope to be able to write out to you all as soon as possible with details of when the patrol will be in place.

In the meantime, please continue to exercise great caution with your children around the roads and also on the vehicle access to the school (which is also used by local residents to park their cars) which is now used as the main exit route from the school at home time in order to comply with social distancing requirements.

Landscaping at the front of the school;

I am sure that you will have noticed that we have had work done at the front of the school. This is in order to make the area more attractive and also easier to maintain. Grass seeds will be scattered and daffodils have been planted in the area by the car park and also on the bank along the pathway to the school yard. We would ask that you please keep your children off these areas as you access/leave the school site in order to give the grass and daffodils as much chance to grow as possible.