

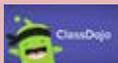


**CHURCH IN WALES
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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!

November 2020

Parent Consultations

We have decided to undertake the consultations this year using the video conferencing software 'GoToMeeting'. It is felt that this will provide parents and staff with the best opportunity to meet, 'face to face' in the safest manner possible with the current restrictions in place. The meetings are due to take place on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th November between 3.30pm and 6pm. Please telephone the school office to make your appointments. You will require a PC, Laptop, Smart Phone or Tablet to access these meetings. You will also need internet access. Should this be a problem for anyone then we will happily arrange a telephone call at a mutually convenient time later in the term. Once you telephone the school office, to arrange a parent consultation on GoToMeeting, admin staff will make the appointment and then send the invite to the email address of your choice. The email will provide all of the joining details necessary. I would like to point you in the direction of the following help pages if you are a little uncertain about using this software for the first time;

<https://support.gotomeeting.com/meeting>

Please then browse the 'Getting Started' Tab.

Like many of you, we have used many video conferencing tools over recent months and this one appears to be the most user friendly. We have run tests within school to ascertain levels of internet connectivity in order to see if this is a viable option and, although these tests were successful, we do anticipate that there may be a few (hopefully not too many!), unavoidable, issues around connectivity on the night. If this is the case, we would ask that you bear with us and then contact the school office to either rearrange another meeting on GoToMeeting or a telephone call at the earliest possible mutually convenient time so that nobody misses out. Meetings will be no longer than 10 minutes in duration and we ask that all parents log in for their



**This half term's right is taken from
Article 19**

Roxy says that;

"All children have the right to be kept safe"

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

"You have the right to information"
(Article 13)

meeting at least 10 minutes prior to their appointment in order to be ready as soon as the teacher is ready to begin the appointment. Please be assured that the meeting duration is 10 minutes from the time that the teacher joins the meeting and not from the appointment start time so that no parents are disadvantaged should meetings run later than planned.

We are hoping to arrange a test run for any who are unsure about using this platform at some point next week so that any teething problems can be 'ironed out' prior to the consultation evenings. Look out for details of the 'test run' coming to you via Parent Mail. In the meantime, please telephone the school office at your earliest opportunity in order to make your appointment.

Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need this Friday, November 13th. 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.

Important Dates to Note

Wednesday 11th November –
Remembrance service in school for
children

Friday 13th November – Children in
Need – Sporty Day

Monday 16th November –Anti-
Bullying Week

Monday 16th November – Odd Socks
Day

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th
November 3.30pm – 6pm – Parent
Consultations

Friday 11th December - Christmas
Jumper Day

Monday 14th December – Infants
Christmas Parties

Tuesday 15th December –Junior
Christmas Parties

Wednesday 16th December -
Christmas Dinner Day (Also
Christmas Jumper/ non- uniform)

Thursday 17th December – Premiere
of 2020 Christmas Concert

Friday 18th December – Last day of
the Autumn Term

Monday 4th January – Spring Term
begins

Friday February 5th – Wear red for
Wales day in support of Velindre
Hospital

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

Bridgend Saver's Club;

After a difficult year for everyone, we are delighted that the school savings club will return on Friday 13th November. Money management is an important life skill and we look forward to welcoming both our regular savers and hopefully some new super savers!

The school savings club is run by the school every Friday morning. Children can save as much or as little as they want, it all adds up. If your child is already a member, they don't need to do anything to re-start. For any new savers, they can join anytime by bringing in their completed membership form or by completing a membership application online at www.bridgendschoolsavings.com.

New members receive a piggy bank and a paying-in book and can start saving straight away. The club is available for pupils from Year1-6.

We hope to see many of our savers next Friday!

Anti-bullying week 2020;

We will be holding our annual anti-bullying week next week and each class will be undertaking activities, in class, which are designed to encourage children to think about the consequences of bullying and some of the things that we can all do to prevent it from happening. Teachers will post on Class Dojo so that you can see some of the things that have been happening. On Monday, 16th November we would like our children to wear odd socks to school. This is as a reminder that all human beings are different and this is a reason to celebrate. We also want our children to remember that individuals should be kind to others despite their differences. Please encourage your children to take part and talk to them about the reason behind this.

Parent Governors;

The term of office of 4 of our parent governors ends this term. Please indicate, in writing,

Parent Governor continued...;

to admin.penyfai@bridgend.gov.uk by no later than Friday 27th November if this is something that you would be interested in putting yourself forward for. The role of parent governor is crucial in helping to shape the direction of the school and helping with the key decisions regarding the day to day management. It involves attending meetings and making a positive contribution to policy and procedure. If this is something that you feel you may be able to do, in service to the community, then we'd love to hear from you. If we receive more than 4 applications then we will be required to ballot the parents to decide on who will represent them on the Governing Body.

Christmas 2020;

In order to help make Christmas 2020 as special as possible, we have put some events into the calendar. Christmas Jumper Day, class parties and also a whole school Christmas concert, which Mr White is putting together with all classes. This will be released on December 17th and more details will come through the class teacher, if required. All events will be planned to ensure that pupils do not compromise class bubbles.

Wear Red for Wales;

We will be supporting the 'Wear Red For Wales And Velindre' campaign on 5th February 2021, the eve of the Six Nations tournament, to wish Wales's men and women good luck in their 2021 campaign and help raise vital funds for Velindre Cancer Charity. With cancer now affecting 1 in 2 people in Wales, and during these very challenging times, there is a need to raise more money to support the increased number of patients and their families who are living with cancer.

Please take part and help them to raise £100,000 to help the amazing staff at Velindre treat, care and support more cancer patients and their families here in Wales. Getting involved couldn't be easier – just wear something Red on Friday 5th February 2021 and donate a minimum of £1 to Velindre Hospital.