

Parentmail Friday 20th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will see below, school is getting busier and busier and the upcoming term is filling up with fun events and activities for everyone to enjoy. The PTA have hit the ground running with their events calendar, and there will be more information following their AGM next week. Please also see the attached Easy Fundraising information for effortless ways you can help our PTA, and therefore the school.

Our charity fundraising work also gets under way with Friday's Non-uniform Day for St John's Ambulance, with Harvest, Wear Yellow Day, Children in Need and Christmas Jumper Day also on the horizon. We also have Shwmae Day and Anti-bullying Week to look forward to. See below for more details.

Mrs Penny Doyle

We wanted to inform Lakeside families that Mrs Doyle has retired following a period of absence due to surgery. She taught at Lakeside for over 30 years and I know that many of you are former pupils. We miss her at Lakeside but wish her the very best for a well-deserved retirement.

Next Friday - 27th September – a busy day!

- **Non-uniform Day to raise funds for St John's Ambulance**

Next Friday we are raising funds for St John's Ambulance, who, the following week, are delivering Child and Infant First Aid Awareness sessions for parents/carers. This will be a Non-uniform Day.

Members of our Pupil Leadership Team will be collecting donations on the gate in the morning, and pupils are invited to wear their own clothes instead of school uniform on this day. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

- **Teddy Bears' Picnic – Half Aker Wood Garden 3.30-4.30pm**

Storytime in the garden (or the hall if it's raining) for Nursery and Reception pupils

- **PTA Uniform Sale - also 3.30pm onwards**

Before you buy extra or replacement uniform, please come and see what we have on offer. In addition to the sales, there is a rail in the main foyer with preloved school uniform for sale

Harry Potter books

Yet another request for help/donations. Year 6 are looking for a set of Harry Potter books, if anyone has one they are happy to donate. Thank you.

Reminder: Harvest celebration: Wednesday 2nd October

We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food for the Food Bank at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Gabalfa as part of this year's harvest celebration. The donations can be brought into school from Monday 30th September. Here is a list of items that are always in short supply, but ANY non-perishable supplies are always gratefully received.

- Tinned meat, fruit and vegetables
- Dried rice
- Squash

- Toiletries – shower gel, deodorant and single toilet rolls
- Sanitary products
- Long Life milk
- Biscuits
- Crisps
- Treats – chocolate, sweets

Following our Harvest assembly, members of the School Council will deliver the donations to the Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Reminder of the upcoming Year Group Information meetings

YEAR GROUP	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Reception	Thursday 3 rd October	2.30 pm	Small Hall
Year 1	Wednesday 18th September	2.45pm	Small Hall
Year 2	Thursday 19th September	2.45pm	Small Hall
Year 3	Monday 23 rd September	2.45pm	Small Hall
Year 4	Tuesday 1 st October	2.45pm	Small Hall
Year 5	Tuesday 24 th September	2.45pm	Small Hall
Year 6	Thursday 26 th September	2.45pm	Small Hall

First Aid training for parents/carers – Monday 30th September

Child and Infant First Aid Awareness sessions for parents/carers will take place on Monday 30th September. Please see Miss Strange in the school office to sign up.

After-school Clubs

Club	Day & Time	Year Group	Start date
Chess	Mondays 3.30-4.15	Years 3 to 6	Start date TBC (letters have gone home with pupils who are interested)
Football	Mondays 3.15-4.15	5 & 6	Monday 30 th September (letters have gone home with pupils who are interested)
Choir	Tuesdays 3.15-4.15	4, 5 & 6	Started
Dance fit	Wednesdays 3.30-4.15	3, 4, 5 & 6	Started
Netball	Fridays 3.30-4.30	Year 6	Started

PTA events

- Wednesday 25th September – PTA AGM 7pm – large school hall
- Friday 27th September – please see list at start of PM
- Friday 4th October – Cake Sale: Years 2 and 6 to provide cakes
- The annual amazing PTA Spooks & Sparkles Discos will take place on Wednesday 23rd October.
Nursery to Year 2 Disco 5pm - 5.45pm
Years 3 to 6 Disco 6pm - 7pm

Thanks, PTA

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Best wishes,

Upcoming events / Term dates

September 2024

- Monday 23rd September – Year 3 Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm
- Tuesday 24th September - Year 5 Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm
- Wednesday 25th September – PTA AGM Big Hall 7pm
- Thursday 26th September - Year 6 Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm
- Friday 27th September – St John’s Ambulance Fundraising Day
- Friday 27th September – Teddy Bears’ Picnic in Half Aker Wood Garden – 3.30pm
- Friday 27th September – PTA Uniform Sale
- Monday 30th September - Child and Infant First Aid Awareness sessions for parents/carers of pupils in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2

October 2024

- Tuesday 1st October – Year 5 visit to Llancaiach Fawr Manor
- Tuesday 1st October - Year 4 Curriculum Meeting 2.45pm
- Wednesday 2nd October – Harvest celebration and delivery of Food Bank donations
- Thursday 3rd October – Reception Reading Meeting for Reception parents/carers
- Friday 4th October – PTA Cake Sale
- Monday 7th October – Flu immunisations
- Friday 11th October - Wear Yellow for Mental Health Day
- Tuesday 15th October – Year 6 visit to Cardiff Castle
- Friday 18th October – Shwmae Day – wear red to school
- Week commencing Monday 21st October – Parent/Carer consultations
- Wednesday 23rd October – Spooks & Sparkles Disco

November 2024

- Monday 4th November – Lakeside Diwali celebrations
- Monday 11th to Friday 15th November – Anti-bullying Week
- Tuesday 12th November – Odd Socks Day
- Friday 15th November – Children in Need – wear spots to school
- Saturday 30th November – end of ASDA Cashpots for Schools scheme

Term dates

2024-2025 Academic year

Autumn Term 2024

Break up for Autumn Half Term break	Friday 25 th October		
HALF TERM BREAK	Monday 28 th October	Friday 1 st November	
Back to school	Monday 4 th November		
Break up for Christmas break	Friday 20 th December		
CHRISTMAS BREAK	Monday 23 rd December	Friday 3 rd January 2025	
Back to school	Monday 6 th January		

Break up for Spring Half Term break	Friday 21 st February		
HALF TERM BREAK	Monday 24 th February	Friday 28 th February	
Back to school	Monday 3 rd March		