

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th July 2020

Reminders

- Transition week is next week, we look forward to welcoming our children into their new class groups!
- The last day for pupils is Friday 24th July. The start date in September will be communicated next week.

Back to school plans for September

Pembrokeshire County Council have confirmed that Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2020 will be planning and preparation days. On Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September we will prioritise different groups of learners. During the week beginning the 7th we will increase capacity with the view to invite all learners back by Monday 14th September. Please see the letter from Steven Richards-Downes the Acting Director of Education on the next page.

There is further guidance from Welsh Government yet to come, this will shape our plans going forward. We will be continuing to create plans during next week and I will let you know plans as soon as possible.

Please continue to keep up to date with announcements on Twitter and the Parents' Zone of our website below:

https://twitter.com/st_francispembs/status/1281655595091685377?s=21

Last day at St Francis for Year Six

The resilience and maturity shown over the year by our year six pupils has been extraordinary. A jam-packed last day including baby photos, guess the Bitmoji and a garden party with some dancing to Abba! Potentially the most memorable Year Six last day and the best way to end what has been a very different year. As always, we are very thankful to the Friends for their continued support. As our Year Six were unable to sign each other's shirts they, and Mrs Bowen, were gifted with a leavers' hoodie with all their names on the back. We are very proud of what they have achieved and what I'm sure they will continue to achieve as they take their next step in their education journey.

A link to our good luck messages and the Y6 best bits is below:

<https://www.j2e.com/st-francis-catholic-primary-school1/NicholaT/Leavers+19-20.MOV/>

Dosbarth Ramsey's fondest memories and good luck messages to each other are on the link below:

<https://www.j2e.com/st-francis-catholic-primary-school1/NicholaT/Leavers+Book/>

I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating Mrs Bowen on what was a magnificent job, virtually coordinating a brilliant last day for our Year Six. Diolch Mrs Bowen!

Teachers

The table below shows which teachers will be in each class from September.

Class	Year group	Teacher
Dosbarth Seren y Môr	N/R	Miss Davies
Dosbarth Dolffin	R/Y1	Miss Colligan
Dosbarth Puffin	Y1/Y2	Mrs Howell
Dosbarth Skomer	Y3/4	Miss Gallagher
Dosbarth Ramsey	Y5/6	Mrs Rees/Miss Williams

Dosbarth Ramsey will meet their new teachers virtually next week, something to look forward to! More details about classes and September will be out next week.



Parish Links

We find ourselves in an unprecedented situation where we are unable to celebrate Mass together. Our nearest Parish that is live streaming Mass is Haverfordwest and Narberth.

They live stream on YouTube. this link is:

<http://m.youtube.com/user/LIFBB>

Sunday Liturgy for Families

Please find an alternative on the link below provided by Ten Ten resources:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/sunday-liturgy-for-families/>

The school Twitter handle is: **@St_FrancisPembs**

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

@DosbarthSerenYM
@DosbarthDolffin
@DosbarthCaldey
@DosbarthSkomer
@Dosbarth_Ramsey

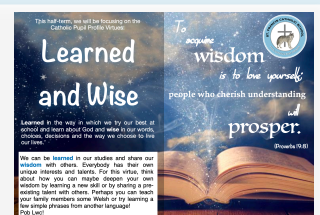
The Friends' Twitter handle is:

@friendsofstfran



Y Cyngor Cymraeg

A fantastic role model and Y Cyngor Cymraeg member, we look forward to this pupil sharing his knowledge with other pupils on our return to school: <https://www.j2e.com/st-francis-catholic-primary-school1/SarahM/Learned+and+Wise/>



Dear parents and carers,

Following the announcement by the Education Minister Kirsty Williams regarding the reopening of schools. I wanted to share our position with you. The last few months have been challenging of everyone, children and young people, parents and carers and school staff. I welcome the plans from Welsh Government, which will allow us to plan for the safe re-opening of schools in September.

At the start of next term, schools will:

- Reopen to staff on the 1st of September,
- Plan and prepare for the return of learners by reviewing risk assessments and processes to ensure schools can welcome learners back safely.
- Prioritise groups of learners to attend in the first week on the third and fourth of September.
- Maximise the number of learners and increase numbers safely through the week beginning the 7th of September, leading to a full return by the 14th of September.

Schools will communicate directly with parents and carers about their arrangements. During this week, Welsh Government will issue guidance and this guidance will change as the situation evolves. Every school will have its own challenges to deal with. There will be things like staffing, catering, cleaning, transport etc. These will be worked through in detail over the next few weeks. There will be no childcare provision for the children of key workers in September.

We will:

- continue to provide support to schools and the families they work with in the coming weeks;
- continue to support headteachers and staff in schools who have worked under extreme pressure during the lockdown phase;
- continue to communicate via the local authority website and social media channels

I would like to thank you for your support and working with our schools and us during this difficult time. I am confident that by continuing to work together we can make the return to our schools successful.

Yours sincerely

Steven Richards-Downes

Acting Director for Children and Schools



Parent Partnership Service

VIRTUAL PARENT NETWORK GROUP

An opportunity to
'Check in & Catch up'
for Parents and Carers

We will be
hosting this group
through **'Skype
for Business'**
When you have
booked your
place with us you
will receive an
email with
information and
the link to access
the virtual group

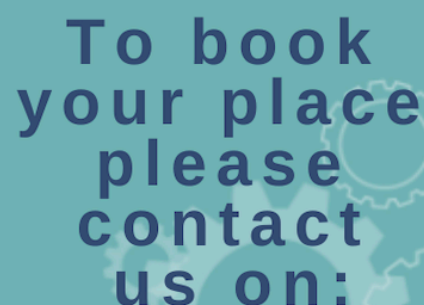


**FRIDAY
24TH JULY
10:00-11:00**

We hope that this will provide the
opportunity to check in and catch up with
our team and other Parents/Carers.

We would love to hear your thoughts on
returning to school and your plans for the
summer.

**To book
your place
please
contact
us on:**



pps@pembrokeshire.gov.uk or 01437 776354



Gwasanaeth Partneriaeth Rhieni

GRŴP RHWYDWAITH RHIENI RHITHWIR

Cyfle i 'Dal i Fyny' ar
gyfer Rhieni a Gofalwyr

Byddwn yn cynnal
y grŵp hwn
defnyddio **'Skype
for Business'**

Pan fyddwch wedi
archebu'ch lle
gyda ni byddwch
yn derbyn e-bost
gyda gwybodaeth
a'r ddolen i gael
mynediad i'r grŵp
rhithwir



**DYDD
GWENER
24AIN
GORFFENNAF**

10:00 - 11:00

Gobeithiwn y bydd hyn yn rhoi cyfle i wirio a
dal i fyny gyda'n tîm a Rhieni / Gofalwyr
eraill.

Byddem wrth ein boddau'n clywed eich barn
am ddychwelyd i'r ysgol a'ch cynlluniau ar
gyfer yr haf.



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