

Friday 24th September 2021

Reminders

- We kindly ask that you wear a face-covering when on the school site. The Covid cases within both schools on our site are increasing quite quickly and we are doing all that we can to stop the transmission further. Visitors who come into the school building must also wear a face-covering. Please overleaf for updated information.
- We have now returned to normal school start and finish times. Please could you ensure that your child arrives in school on time to avoid missing the start of their lessons. KS2 – 8.45am; Foundation Phase – 8.50am. Welsh Government no longer allow for the staggered start and finish times to the school day.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

This event raised £150 for this very worthy cause. Thank you so much to everyone who supported it, either by donating cakes or buying them. We are very grateful. This year we remembered Mrs Williams, who taught here for over twenty years, who passed away from cancer nearly two years ago. Today would have been her 49th birthday. A special thank you to Mrs Morrissey for helping support this worthy cause.

Springboard

The pizza party was a great success today with the sessions all being fully booked. Please see the Springboard posters on the school grounds, on the school's Twitter page and on the school's website for details of how you can book onto the course being held over the coming term.

After School Clubs

These will continue this week. Mrs Howell's Expressive Arts club will now take place on Thursday.

Day	Club	Time
Tuesday/ Dydd Mawrth	Lego Club <i>with Miss Gallagher</i>	15:20 – 16:00
	ICT <i>with Miss Calligan</i>	15:20 – 16:00
	Welsh (KS2 Only) <i>with Mrs Bowen</i>	15:20 – 16:00
Wednesday/ Dydd Mercher	Expressive Arts (KS2 Only) <i>with Miss Phillips</i>	15:20 – 16:00
Thursday/ Dydd Iau	Art (FPH only) <i>with Miss Davies</i>	15:20 – 16:00
	Expressive Arts (FPH Only) <i>with Mrs Howell</i>	15:20 – 16:00
	Skills Club (KS2 Only) <i>with Mrs Thomas</i>	15:20 – 16:00



Parish Links & RE

This Half-term's Virtues

Our pupils are growing to be learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good.



Please find latest TenTen parents' below –
<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/>

Our First Holy Communicants will make their First Holy Communion tomorrow morning. Please keep them in your prayers as they take part in their special day.



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Y Cyngor Cymraeg



A warm welcome to the newly elected members of Y Cyngor Cymraeg in Dosbarth Ramsey.

Merit Certificates

There was no assembly this morning due to the day's busy activities.



The school nurse will administer the nasal spray on Tuesday 12th October. All permission forms were needed by today and I am afraid that there is no exception to that. The numbers for ordering were needed by the school nurse by today.

Dear Jesus,
Thank you that you are
always with us. You're just
waiting for us to notice!
Help me to choose to walk
with you at school today.
Amen

SPRINGBOARD IS COMING TO ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL!



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you and your family at
St Francis Catholic School!**

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- Free and OPEN TO ALL
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- Supportive and Friendly

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Amy on 07796 997491

or message us on our Facebook page -

Springboard Pembrokeshire

Changes to contact tracing and self-isolation from this September

As we return to school, there are some new arrangements in place when someone tests positive for COVID-19. These changes have been made possible by the vaccination programme and the significant reduction in numbers being hospitalised and suffering severe illness due to COVID-19 over recent months.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 using a PCR test, NHS Test, Trace, Protect (TTP) will contact you, using the details provided when the PCR test was ordered. They will ask questions designed to identify recent close contacts of your child, and for contact details - if you know them - of the individual or their parent/guardian. TTP will then get in touch with these close contacts to provide instructions or advice.

Those who are under 18 or fully vaccinated are no longer required to self-isolate if they are identified as close contacts. But they will be contacted to let them know that they've been in close contact with someone who has tested positive. They will also be offered two PCR tests and provided with information and advice on how to minimise the risks of onward spread. If your child is identified as a close contact, they can still attend school unless they develop symptoms or are advised otherwise by TTP. Please continue to let us know if your child tests positive.

If a child tests positive, only a minority of their classmates will be identified as close contacts. But if there is a pattern of cases TTP may ask us to update you on the situation and remind you of key steps, including advising you to keep an eye out for new symptoms your child may develop, and to stay away from vulnerable family and friends in the short-term.

We do expect that there will be more cases of COVID-19 across our community over the coming weeks, but this does not mean that COVID-19 is spreading within the school. Please continue to be vigilant for symptoms. If you are in any doubt, order a PCR test for your child at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.

Anyone with symptoms - a new continuous cough, fever or high temperature or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste - should remain in self-isolation until the test result is known. You can find the latest information on self-isolation arrangements at www.gov.wales/self-isolation.

We recognise how difficult the past 18 months have been and the sacrifices that all families have had to make. Thank you for everything you have done to support your child and our school.