

Newsletter 4th September

Welcome Back

It has been lovely to welcome back our pupils and to meet our new families this week. Pupils have settled well into their new classes, and they are learning new routines. We look forward to a very successful year at school.

Individual School Photographs

Roz and Kirsty, our school photographers will be coming into school to take individual and sibling class photographs on Monday 7th September. Please ensure your child is wearing FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM. If Monday is going to be a PE day, please note the session will change next week and full uniform is required.

Contacting Class Teachers

If you wish to contact your child's class teacher by email, please can we kindly ask you to send your mail to the school office (osb.primary@monmouthshireschools.wales). Mrs Kift will pass on the mail and will let you know this has happened.

As teachers are very busy during the school day, they may not pick up this email until the day has ended. Please be assured you will receive a response or acknowledgement of your mail within 24 hours.

Improving Communication

This year, we are keen to further develop our home/ school partnerships and ensuring you know what is going on in school/ in your child's class and how they are getting on. During the autumn and spring term, you will be invited to come and look at your child's work as part of a 'Parent Share' afternoon. This will take place during the week before formal parent consultations. Additionally, each term your child's class teacher will invite you to attend a sharing learning event where the class will talk about their learning and things they have done. We will also be running some 'coffee and conversation' events where parents/ carers can come and join us and find out more about the school, our learning, learning behaviours and how you can help at home.

Schoop is our main method of communication, but we have decided to develop another channel to enable you to find out more about your child. We have chosen a system called 'Class Dojo' and this will be developed across the year. Dojo will provide a means of acknowledging your child's effort and progress and will become our system of reward linked to house points. Dojo does have other features which we will gradually introduce.

In order for us to set up Class Dojo, parents/ carers need to sign up. Details of this will be shared by class teachers at the Class Forum events (see below) and via Schoop. The privacy notice can be found here: [Privacy Policy](#)

Class Forums

Your child's new class teachers are keen to meet you and to share information about the year ahead, their routines and expectations. These sessions will last around 20 minutes. Please do try and attend as these are important.

Reception: (date to be confirmed later this month after settling in period)

Year 1: 14th September 3.20pm

Year 2: 14th September 3.20pm

Year 3: 14th September 4.00pm

Year 4: 17th September 4.00pm

Year 5: 15th September 3.20pm

Year 6: 17th September 3.20pm

Dates for the Diary

7th Sept: Individual and sibling photos

25th Sept: MacMillan/Fairtrade coffee morning 9am ALL WELCOME

2nd Oct: Harvest Festival 10am St Mary's ALL WELCOME

9th Oct: School closed to pupils- Training Day

16th Oct: Parent Share afternoon (1.30-3pm)

21st & 22nd Oct: Parents' Consultations (3.30-6.10pm)

10th & 11th Dec: Lower School Nativity 1.30pm (one ticket for each performance for parents)

16th Dec: Christmas lunch

17th Dec: Christmas class parties

18th Dec: Upper School Carol Service 1.30pm St Mary's Church (& Xmas jumper day)

PTFA - We Need Your Help!



Simple ways to help fund raise- QR codes

School Lunch Menu

Dydd Llun- Cod OR salmon OR plant-based fingers in a wrap with wedges OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Mawrth- Cheese and tomato pizza OR tomato pasta OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Mercher- Roast chicken OR green pea fritter roast OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Iau- Beef Or vegetable bolognaise OR Mexican vegetable quesadillas OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Gwener- Sweet soy chicken OR tofu with noodles OR filled jacket potato