

Autumn Term Newsletter



September 2007

Penrhys Primary School

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our attendance for the school year of 2006—07 was 85%. This figure presents us with a massive problem as it is seen by RCT as unsatisfactory. For this reason the Education Welfare Officer, Elaine, will be working very closely with us in order to raise this year's attendance to 90% plus.

A new scheme has started where those children who attend school for 100% this term will receive an award. Children who also achieve the 90% plus target will also be rewarded.

Regular attendance is very important if a child is to reach his/her full potential. Days off for shopping, haircuts etc. will be recorded as unauthorised and parents could receive a home visit from Elaine.

Parents who wish to take their children out of school for a holiday should apply in writing to the headteacher. The school must be informed of illnesses so an authorised absence can be recorded.

The EWO will also be carrying out 'Late on the Gate' mornings, where the parents of any child who arrive at school after 9:00 will be sent a letter and a possible visit could be made to the home.

PE DAYS and CLOTHING

The PE timetable will begin this week. The children **MUST** wear appropriate clothing for these lessons for health and safety reasons. This is:

- Shorts and t shirt
- Trainers for outdoor games

In addition to this, **ALL JEWELLERY** must be removed for these lessons. This is school policy.

PARKING

Once again we must urge parents not to park in the yard at the end of the day until the taxis have left the premises. The reason for this is plain and simple— **SAFETY**.

Parents are also requested to drive slowly when entering the designated taxi parking zone.

OVER THE RAINBOW PLAYGROUP

Tuesday - 1:00 to 2:45
Thursday - 1:00 to 2:45

At Llanfair

Melanie will soon begin 'Link Up' sessions for those children who will be soon starting school. 'Link Up' aims to help children make their entry into school a little easier. These sessions will take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9:30 to 11:15.

Half Term
We break up on
Friday 26th October
at 3:20
And return on
Monday 5th
November at 9:00

CHARITY EVENTS

We will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 5th October in order to raise money for the Macmillan nurses and the Wear Pink Campaign. Last year we raised over £200 for these two cancer charities. This is a fantastic achievement for such a small school.

Mrs Alford has already started collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Monday

Dance - Years 3,4,5 and 6 (finishes at 4:30)
Art and Craft - Years 1,2 and 3

Tuesday

Netball - Years 3,4,5 and 6

Thursday

Football - Years 3,4,5 and 6

All activities run from 3:30 to 4:15

Important Dates

Monday 17th September -	After School Dance Club with Nia begins
Friday 21st September -	International Day of Peace
Wednesday 26th September -	Barnado's Assembly
Friday 28th September -	Years 3 and 4 trip to St Fagans
Tuesday 2nd October -	Operation Christmas Child Assembly
Wednesday 3rd October -	Years 5 and 6 trip to Swansea Bay Second World War Exhibition
Friday 5th October -	Macmillan and Wear Pink Coffee Morning
Thursday 18th October -	Harvest Festival Assembly
Friday 19th October -	Netball Fun Day at Tylorstown Sports Centre (years 5 and 6)
Friday 26th October -	Break Up For Half Term
Thursday 8th November -	Years 1,2,3 and 4 to visit Maerdy Community Centre – performance of 'Devoted Friends'
Thursday 15th November -	Years 5 and 6 to visit the New Theatre to watch a performance of 'Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'