

Newsletter 17th October

Short Week

A reminder next week is a four-day week for pupils as there is a staff INSET day on Friday 24th October. Half term begins on 24th October and pupils return to school on Monday 3rd November.

Parent Consultations

If you have not yet booked a slot for parent consultations, please can we ask you to do this by the end of the day today (Friday 17th). This enables teachers to make notes and prepare for their meetings.

Please remember the appointment slots are 10 minutes only. The schedule will be posted on the door of the area where you are meeting with the class teacher. Please knock on the door when it is your time to let the teacher know you are waiting.

If you need to discuss things further with a member of staff, you will need to make another appointment after the half term break.

End of School Day

The 'Stay and Play' sessions have now come to an end for the winter months. As such, we kindly ask all families to ensure they have vacated the school grounds by 3.35pm at the latest. The gates will be locked at 3.40pm by staff members to ensure the safety of pupils who are attending clubs or after school club.

Book Fair

Buzzard Books will be running a Book Fair next Tuesday and Wednesday, including during the parent & teacher consultations. Payments can be made through a QR code, cash or card payments. Can any cash being sent in with pupils please be in a named envelope.

In addition to books being available to be bought at the fair, if anyone wants to do some secret / Christmas shopping whilst still earning free books for the school, please use this shopping link which is open until next Sunday evening. <https://usborne.com/gb/uevent?event=3073874e7c8634a38e4b2fd83a651ac3>

All purchases made at the fair or through the shopping link will earn new free books for the school.

Mrs Cooper Request

Year 3 are developing a partnership with a school in Kenya. One of our parents, Cat Barker will be visiting the school in January and would like to take out fidget toys for the students in the school. If you have any you could donate, please send them in to Mrs Cooper.

Family Advice Service

Schools Family Advice South Wales is a new project providing one-to-one advice to parents of children living in poverty. They can provide generalist advice including, but is not limited to, income maximisation, welfare benefits, energy, housing and debt support.

It is targeted at those most in need, provided in a way that allows for interventions as early as possible. It aims to lift children out of poverty as early as possible to give them the best chances in life, aligned with Welsh Government Child Poverty Strategy.

Parents can self-refer to the service by using the QR code. Alternatively, you could call their local offices and an appointment can be arranged.

Schools Family Advice South Wales

Need support finding the right path?

Monmouthshire County Citizens Advice provide free, confidential and impartial advice on issues including benefits, debt, housing, employment, family and more.

Please call our offices :

Abergavenny - 01873 856466
Caldicot - 01291 422119
Chepstow - 01291 622185
Monmouth - 01600 773297

Or use the QR code to connect with one of our friendly advisers.



Gymnastics

Well done to two of our Upper School students who represented Monmouth Gymnastics Club in London last weekend. We are very proud of you and our former students.



Thanks From Monmouth Food Bank

Monmouth Food Bank have asked us to say thank you to all our families for donating 151kg of food to their worthy cause. This will support six families with food parcels that will last for several days.

School Lunch Menu

Please note the school lunch menu will remain the same for the remainder of the term.

Dydd Llun/ Monday- Battered fish OR salmon fishcakes OR cheese and onion quiche OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Mawrth/ Tuesday- Chicken masala OR chickpea masala OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Mercher/ Wednesday- Pork sausage and Yorkshire pudding roast OR veggie Glamorgan sausage roast OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Iau/ Thursday- Beef bolognese OR vegetarian bolognese OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Gwener/ Friday- Cheese and tomato pizza OR rainbow veg pizza OR filled jacket potato