

Newsletter 17th April

Welcome to the summer term. This will be a very busy term and we hope the weather will be kind and we will enjoy sunny days and making use of our lovely school grounds.

Summer Term Key Dates

30th April- Class photos (full uniform for all pupils)

1st May- INSET day

4th May- Bank holiday

11th-15th May- Personalised Assessment Week (Y2-Y6)

20th-22nd May- Y6 Residential to Gilwern

8th June- INSET day

3rd June- New Reception Intake Parent Meeting 2.30pm

11th June- Sports' Day (Lower School 10.30am, Upper School 1.30pm)

11th June- PTFA Colour Run (3.30pm)

12th June- Volunteer Safeguarding training 2.30pm

30th June- Y6 Church Schools' Leavers' Service- St Woolos

1st/ 2nd July-Y6 Transition days to Monmouth Comprehensive

1st July 'Moving up morning'- pupils visit new classes

3rd July- Annual reports issued

8th/ 9th/ 10th July- Upper School Production 'Wind in the Willows'

13th July- Y5 Canoeing Day

17th July- Y6 Leavers' Service 9.30am Upper School Hall

Compulsory Safeguarding Training for Volunteers

A reminder to all existing volunteers of the need to complete the additional Group A+ training this term. This will take place on **Friday 12th June at 2.30pm in the Upper School hall**. Failure to complete this module of training will mean you will not be able to support any activities and events in school. This does include PTFA events.

Blackpool Ballroom

Congratulations to our Year 4 pupil who took part in Blackpool Winter Gardens Dance Festival last weekend to compete with her formation team. They competed against 10 teams and were awarded 3rd place, which was a huge achievement. Da iawn!



PTFA Update

Please read the important update from PTFA:

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we continue to provide fun events and raise funds for our lovely school, we are reaching out to seek additional support for our PTFA.

We are currently facing a shortage of committee members. At the end of this year we will have vacancies for the Chair and Vice chair roles, as the current incumbents are stepping down at the end of this term after over 6 years.

Without these key roles we will be unable to continue to organise lots of our usual events such as the discos, colour runs and summer fayres. It would be such a shame for the children to miss out on these events. It will also limit the amount of funds we are able to raise to provide additional resources and equipment for the school.

Examples of what we have purchased this year include lots of new sports equipment, outdoor games benches and dividers for the Upper School playground, a history timeline mural for the Upper School corridor and resources to support the school's Diversity theme.

If you are able to commit some of your time for the betterment of our school community and would like to have a chat to find out more about the roles please email osbasptfa@gmail.com. The AGM will be held on **Wednesday 1st July at 3:30pm in the Upper School**.

We'd like to take this opportunity to also thank the many volunteers that help us run our events. We are very grateful for your continuing support and we really couldn't run events without you.

If you are interested in giving up a few hours of your time to volunteer at our events, please join our whatsapp group to find out more:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/BqEPeMtgOHH4iathLEUQUe?mode=gi_t

Allergy Awareness

Allergy awareness week is from 22-28 April. Awareness is really important to help recognise and understand conditions.

50% of adults with food allergies developed the conditions after the age of 35.

Tesco are recognising the importance of supporting allergy awareness initiatives by donating 10p from every Tesco free from product sold in store and online (during the week) to the Natasha Allergy Research foundation - the UK's food allergy charity. To date, Tesco customers have helped to raise over £1.3 million.

Smartphone Free Childhood

As children get older, many parents start to wonder about phones – when to get one, and what kind feels right.

A good option that more and more families are choosing is to start with a simple, child-safe phone, rather than an adult smartphone. These allow children to:

- make calls
- send texts
- stay in touch for safety and practical reasons

They **do not** include social media, internet access, or apps.

For many parents, this matters because it makes children safer. Without access to social media and online messaging platforms, children are far less likely to be exposed to online harm such as bullying or unwanted contact.

At the same time, children can still contact friends and family, arrange a lift home, or check in when plans change – without being immersed in the online world.

Parents who choose these simpler phones often notice other benefits too. Children feel less pressure, are more focused at school, and have more time for play, rest, and real-life friendships.

These phones don't need to be expensive. Many are affordable, sturdy models, that can be bought second-hand.

To help families explore their options, Smartphone Free Childhood has created a child-friendly phone guide, based on what many families are already using.

👉 See: <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/alternatives>

We hope this helps you make confident, informed choices that feel right for your children and for our school community.

Girls' Football

Please see details of an opportunity for football training.

GIRLS FOOTBALL TRAINING
U10 - U14

The Ranch, HR2 8PW
Wednesday Evenings
19:00 - 20:00

FREE
until the end of the season!

Fun, friendly, and inclusive sessions
Build skills, confidence & teamwork
Led by **UEFA B Licence Coach**

All abilities welcome - come and give it a try!

Led by UEFA B Licence Coach

Bring a friend & join the team!

School Lunch Menu

Dydd Llun- Fish fillet OR salmon fingers OR green pea fritter OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Mawrth- Pasta bolognaise OR mac 'n' cheese OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Mercher- Roast pork OR plant balls with Yorkshire pudding OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Iau- 'Build your own taco' with beef OR plant based filling OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Gwener- Curry club korma OR cauliflower cheese fritter OR filled jacket potato