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Important: Please note there is a Brecon Cluster inset day on Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th October 2023. School will be closed to pupils and will re-open on Wednesday 11th October

McMillan Coffee Morning - Friday 29th September

We are very excited to be holding a MacMillan coffee morning again. We hope you will be able to come. To help stagger the morning please use the following time slots:



9.30am Bramble and Dandelion

10.00am Fern

10.30am Bluebell

11.00am Heather

SCHOOP

Please ensure you have updated your class in SCHOOP. We send all information out using SCHOOP and it is vital all parents download the app.

Important Dates

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| 29th September | McMillan Coffee Morning |
| 2nd October | Flu Vaccination - all pupils |
| 9th October | Inset Day - school closed to pupils |
| 10th October | Inset Day - School closed to pupils |
| 13th October | Individual School Photos |
| 24th October | Fluoride Varnishing - all pupils |
| 27th October | Last Day of Term |
| 6th November | All pupils return back to school |

Swimming - Year 1 and Year 2

Swimming has resumed for Year 1 and Year 2 pupils on a Thursday morning. All children will need to bring a towel, swimwear and goggles in a bag that they can wear on their backs.

Food and Drink at School

Please note we are a 'nut free' school.

Please provide your child with a suitable fruit or vegetable for snack. We ask that grapes are sliced vertically to prevent choking. All children will also require a water bottle.

Should you wish to celebrate your child's birthday at school, we ask that you DO NOT bring in cakes or sweets. Alternatively, a selection of fruit can be bought in and shared with the class. Thank you for your co-operation.

Harvest Festival



We hope to hold our Harvest Festival at The Plough Chapel during the last week of the half term. More details to follow.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available to all pupils. The club runs from 8.00am - 9.00am but please be aware that the door closes at 8.25am. The current cost is £1.50 per day. The pupils are offered a variety of cereals and toast to eat.

Payment is made using ParentPay and we ask that parents ensure there is sufficient funds on their child's account prior to their child attending the club. Children who receive the Free School Meals grant are entitled to free breakfasts. Please note you must have applied for the grant via the Powys County Council website .

We have a number of pupils who are in debt with breakfast club. Please can parents please ensure that this is cleared as soon as possible. Any debts that have not been cleared by 10th September will result in pupils not being able to access the club. Should you wish to discuss a payment plan, please contact the school.

After School Club

The After School Club is run by the Junior school and since COVID we have kept the Infants here in the school hall. The club runs from 3.30pm and all children must be collected no later than 5.15pm. This cost is £6.50 per child . If you have more than one child attending, the price is £5.50 for the second child etc.

We have a number of pupils who are in debt with After School Club. Please can all debts be cleared no later than 10th September. If this does not happen, then your child will not be able to attend until the debt has been cleared. Should you wish to discuss a payment plan please contact the school.

School Meals

All school pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The menu is available on the school website and the Powys County Council website.

Reporting an absence

Please ring or email the school office if your child is not well enough to attend school. Holiday Forms are available from the office. Please note that 28 days notice is required and only 10 days a year can be authorised.

Parking at School

To alleviate the problem with parking outside school at the beginning and the end of the day, we can issue individual parking permits, courtesy of Powys County Council, for those parents interested. This will allow you to park for free in the George Street Carpark carparks (Co-op car park) and The Watton Carpark for a limited period before and after school when dropping off and picking up your children. If you would like a permit please come to the school office. You will require your car registration number.

Please note that the school car park is for staff and school buses only. The parking bays outside the school are restricted to half an hour and become full very quickly and the police will book cars parked on yellow lines. We ask that all car users are courteous to each other and park their vehicles within the lines so that there is space for all vehicles to park.

Parking in the staff carpark is strictly reserved for parents who have made prior arrangements with Mrs Kenchington.

2023/2024 School Term Dates

Autumn term

Monday 4th September 2023 to Friday 27th October 2023

Half Term - Monday 30th October 2023 to Friday 3rd November 2023

Monday 6th November 2023 to Wednesday 22nd December 2023

Spring term

Tuesday 9th January 2024 to Friday 9th February 2024

Half Term - Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024

Monday 19th February 2024 to Friday 22nd March 2024

Summer term

Monday 8th April 2024 to Friday 24th May 2024

Half Term - Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024 to Friday 19th July 2024

Non-pupil days

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 9th October 2023

Tuesday 10th October 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Monday 15th July 2024

Free School Meal Grant

If you are on a low income, we can help you with the cost of school meals for any pupil in full time education. **If you register for free school meals, even if your child decides not to have a school lunch, you can:**

- Save up to £400 a year for each primary school child
- Help your school and other schools in Powys to benefit from funding because you have registered
- Registering for Free School Meals might also qualify you for other help and assistance.

To register is easy and confidential. You don't have to tell the school.

If your child decides to have the school meal on any day they just have the meal provided. Powys schools have systems which mean it is impossible for other pupils to know who is receiving free school meals.

Who can get free meals?

To get free meals in Powys schools, the parents/carers must get one of the following:

1. Income Support
2. Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based)
3. If you are an Asylum Seeker getting support under the Immigration and Asylum Act.
4. State Pension Guaranteed Credit
5. Employment and Support Allowance - Income based
6. Child Tax Credit - as long as you are not getting an amount for childcare paid with your CTC, or getting Working Tax Credit. HM Revenue & Customs must also have worked out your household income as £16,190 a year or less.
7. Universal Credit - as long as your annual net earnings are £7400 or less

You can also get free school meals if you are entitled to a Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment for four weeks after stopping work or reducing working hours to under 16 hours a week.