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Dear Parents/Carers

### ***Welcome.***

I would like to welcome all the children and staff back after the New Year. It has been wonderful seeing all the children looking so refreshed after the break. I also would like to warmly welcome the new pupils who have joined us.

The school has also recently appointed a new Admin Officer, Mrs Andrews. Some of you might recognise her, as she has joined us from Ysgol Harri Tudur, where she worked as Admin Assistant and Reception. We wish all staff and children the best success and happiness for the future.

### ***Attendance and Penalty Notices***

The school continues to have an attendance target of 95% for 2023/2024. Currently the school's attendance is 94.18% for all pupils, which is a huge improvement on last year's attendance of 90.1%. Congratulations and many thanks for your support.

If your child is absent from school, please ensure that you have contacted the school before 9.30am (by telephone, email or via MySchoolApp). If attendance is being noted as a concern, the Education Welfare Officer will be contacted to offer support to the family. If attendance remains low, there is a possibility that a Penalty Notice will be enforced.

### ***Healthy Eating***

Lamphey Primary School continues to be a healthy eating school, and it is wonderful to see so many children bringing healthy snacks and lunchboxes. We would be grateful if all parents/carers could ensure a healthy snack is brought into school for each breaktime and, where necessary, lunch, and that any grapes or cherry tomatoes be cut either in half lengthways or into quarters to reduce the risk of choking. We also ask that nuts are **not** brought in due to allergies within classes.

### ***ParentPay***

All parent/carers should now have received a letter with information to set up ParentPay on a smartphone/computer. If you have not received a letter or mislaid your copy, please speak to Mrs. Andrews in the office. ParentPay will be used to make a payment for all school trips and after school club.





### **Early Morning Breakfast and After School Care Clubs**

Early Morning Breakfast Care Club will continue to run from 8.10am to 8.45am. There will be no charge for this facility.

After School Care Club will run from 3.35pm to 5pm. There will be a charge for this facility of £5 per child/per session, which will be made payable through ParentPay. Invoices will be sent out to parents/carers of children who have attended After School Care Club fortnightly. For booking and more information please contact Miss Lindsey or Mrs Andrews.

### **School Ambassadors**

The School Ambassadors, Caleb and Eva and Year 6 School Councillors, Layla and Amya worked extremely hard last term. They helped raise over £180 for JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) and with the support of the pupils a large donation of food was given to PATCH in the Autumn Term. This term any money raised will be donated to NRAS (National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society).

The Ambassadors are currently working on a Social Action project with other Ambassadors from across the Pembroke Family of Schools. They have identified that dog fouling in and around Lamphey is a problem and impacts on the wellbeing of both children and adults within the community. As part of this project, they are hoping to work alongside the local community to reduce this problem.

### **Homework**

*All pupils should have received their new homework challenges for this half term linked to their class topics. There is an expectation that they are to complete AT LEAST one of the challenges plus maths or literacy homework will be sent home weekly. Please refer to your child's homework sheet for more information. Challenges to be returned to school week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February please.*

### **After School Activity Clubs**

The following clubs are running this half term. All clubs will finish at 4.15pm unless otherwise stated.

Monday - Rugby (Years 5 and 6) Boys and girls.  
Netball (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Boys and girls.

Thursday - Football (Years 5 and 6) Boys and girls.  
Choir (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.) Boys and girls.





### ***School Meals***

All Primary School children are now entitled to a free meal at school every day. There will be no change to how meals are ordered each morning. We would like to encourage as many children as possible to take these up.

From Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January, building work is being undertaken on the kitchen at the rear of school. This might impact on parking at the end of the school day. Please consider parking at the village hall and walking to school. I would like to thank Lamphey Village Hall Committee for allowing us to use their facility.

### ***Dates for your Diary***

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan - Football festival at Ysgol Harri Tudur ( selected pupils)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan - Dosbarth Amroth Energy Warriors showcase event ( 2pm onwards)

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan - Dosbarth Amroth and Dosbarth Skrinkle to visit the 'Lost Words' exhibition at Oriel y Parc, St Davids.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb - Song for Wales at St David's Cathedral (selected pupils)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb - Last day of half term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb - Start of second half term

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Year 5 Morfa Bay Residential

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - End of term (no homework club on this day)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April - Inset Day

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April - School reopens for Summer Term.

Yours sincerely

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