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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly I would like to welcome everyone back to Lamphey Primary School following a, hopefully, restful Christmas break. I would especially like to welcome Mrs Williams back to Year 2, and extend a big thank you to Mrs Morgan who covered in this class over a very busy half term.

Flu Vaccinations

The School Nursing Team will be carrying out a mop-up session for children who did not receive their flu vaccinations before Christmas. This will be held on Thursday 23rd January. Green forms are to be distributed shortly to those children who missed this. If your child receives a green form please complete it and return to school as soon as possible.

If your child missed the vaccination before Christmas and you do not receive a green form by the end of next week (17th January) please let the school know.

Assessments

Reception children will be undertaking routine DEST assessment during this half term. All pupils in Pembrokeshire undertake this annually.

Children in Years 2 to 6 will also be undertaking the first round of online assessments for the Welsh National Tests. These will be carried out during the first half of the term with the children then resitting these tests in the Summer Term.

All parents/carers will be invited to attend a Parents' Evening in the second half of the term where your child's progress, health and wellbeing will be discussed.

MySchoolApp

The take up for this has been good, however we would like to see all parents taking advantage of this app. Currently we have 50% of our parents on this, our target is over 90%. Please speak to Mrs Roblin if you would like to be invited to join this app.

Empathy Lab

Pembroke Family of Schools are currently working on a joint programme to raise pupils' awareness of empathy and its importance. Over the next few months pupils will have many opportunities to discuss, share and become more informed on the importance of empathy across society. In assembly yesterday I introduced this using the book 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse'. With that in mind I would like to furnish you with a simple quote from the book,





Attendance

We would like to remind all parents/carers of the importance of regular attendance, and how good attendance impacts positively on health and wellbeing, and attainment.

Last term our overall school attendance was just over 95%, with the school target being 95.75%. I appreciate your support in this matter and as I am sure you are all aware, the school does follow Local Authority policies regarding absences and penalty notices.

Allergies

We have recently welcomed children to the school who have an allergy to nuts. We would therefore be grateful if all parents be mindful of this when packing lunches and snacks for their children.

After School Activities

After School Activities will commence on Monday 13th January. All clubs will be available for Junior children and finish at 4.15pm (unless indicated otherwise). The clubs available for children will be:

Monday	Football
Wednesday	Gymnastics
Thursday	Year 6 Health & Wellbeing (was Cook It Club)
	Rugby (Years 5 and 6)

Rotary Club Competitions

All pupils in the junior classes are invited to take part in the following Rotary Club organised competitions:

Young Writer Competition – The theme of this competition is ‘Connections’. Children may write a piece on this theme using imagination and creativity.

Young Photographer Competition – The theme for this is ‘Through My Eyes’. Children may experiment with photography, use either digital or traditional methods of photography, demonstrate their interpretation of this topic and express ideas through the medium of photography.

Young Artist Competition – Once again the theme for this is ‘Through My Eyes’. Children should be creative, use traditional or contemporary media, demonstrate their interpretation of the topic and express personal ideas through their selected medium.

The closing date for each of these is Friday 31st January, and entry forms are available from the school.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 21 st January	Friends of Lamphey School Coffee Morning – 9am to 11.30am. Everyone welcome!
Thursday 23 rd January	Flu Vaccination Mop Up
Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st February	Half Term

Yours sincerely

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