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Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to all pupils and parents - whether this is your first year of being involved with the Roch School family or if this is the last year of many !

By the end of this week you will receive an email from your child's teacher explaining what the children will be learning this term, the class timetable, and other arrangements. I am sure the children will have an exciting, busy and productive few months.

If you are unsure of anything or have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself.

All of us at school are grateful for your continued support.

Carl Evans (Head teacher)

Important Dates

Wednesday, 12th September Friends of Roch School AGM 7.30pm at school **EVERYONE WELCOME**

Thursday 20th September 3.30pm Dosbarth Enfys - "Welcome" session with Mrs. MacDougall – Williams and Mrs. Morgan. For all parents of pupils in dosbarth Enfys

Monday 24th September 3.30pm - Lexia information session - Mr. Evans - open to all parents of pupils on the Lexia programme.

Friday 28th September Harvest Service St.Mary's Church Roch (time to be confirmed) all parents welcome

Monday 1st October 3.30pm - Athletics information session - Mr. Evans - open to all parents.

Monday October 15th Shwmae day

Thursday Oct 18th 3.30pm Friends of Roch School Little Monsters Event.

Week beginning Monday October 22nd parents evenings

Monday October 29th - Friday November 2nd half term

Monday November 5th Pupils back in school

Wednesday November 19th Individual photographs

Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th December - Christmas performances

Carol Service Church of St.Mary Roch TBC

Wednesday December 19th AM Torch theatre panto—whole school

Friday December 21st end of term

Monday January 7th First day of spring term.

End of day/going home arrangements (A reminder)

It is very important that all children know their home time arrangements every day. If these are different to normal please inform the school by letter, email or phone. If arrangements change during the day please phone school so you can be sure your message has been received and acted upon.

If home time arrangements are different to normal and the school has not been informed, or if a child is unsure of their home time arrangements they will be kept in school where they will be safe and can be collected later in the day.

School Attendance

As you all are aware over the past 5 years all schools have focussed on raising pupil attendance, the response from the pupils and parents of Roch school has, in the main been very positive, for example our target attendance is 96.2% and in September 2017 our attendance was 97.9% (4th out of the 58 primary schools in Pembrokeshire). However attendance in the summer term was poor, in July our attendance was 93.4% (47th out of 58 primary schools). The vast majority of this absence was due to families taking term time holidays, in some cases a second holiday of the academic year.

I have always been of the view that I want to work with parents and I have previously resisted requesting fines be imposed, however with attendance so poor the school has to be proactive in taking steps to improve these figures. Current local authority guidance states a penalty notice may be issued

"When a pupil has a minimum of 5 school days lost to unauthorised absences during the current term and this brings the overall attendance to below 90% in the school year to date"

Please be reminded if you wish to take your child on holiday during term time you need to complete an request form available from the school office as soon as possible before you plan to go away, schools are unable to authorise holidays retrospectively.

Emergency Contacts

A paper copy of the school’s emergency contact has been distributed today please can you complete it and return it to school as soon as possible so our records are accurate and we can contact you quickly if required.

Staffing News

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs. Brace is pregnant, the baby being due in the new year. As a result Mrs. Brace will be leaving us at the end of the autumn term, whilst she has only been in Roch for a year we will really miss her as she is an excellent teacher who is very popular with pupils, parents and staff.

Nuts (a reminder)

As we have a pupil in school with a nut allergy we operate a blanket ban on ALL nuts and products containing nuts—can all parents adhere to this please .

Clubs

All clubs will start week beginning September 17th. As usual there is a charge of 50p per child per session of club attended. Clubs will run for 10 weeks this term. Therefore £5 per pupil per club has to be sent to school before clubs start. To make it fair for all, no pupil will be able to start a club until the money has been handed in.

If your child wishes to attend a club/s please can you indicate on the slip below and either email or print off and return to school with the money required. All clubs finish at 4.10pm when children are to be collected from the hall door.

If any parents or grandparents have a particular interest that they would like to offer as an after school club we would be delighted to here from you !

Monday

Netball club Mrs. Corby- open to all junior children

Tuesday

Parkour club - Miss Hawthorn open to pupils in yr 6

Wednesday

Key Stage 2 Creative/Art club Mrs. Hordley - open to all junior children

Thursday

Story sack club Mrs. MacDougall– Williams - open to all foundation phase (Reception , Yr1 & Yr2) children

Games club Mr. Evans - open to all junior children.

Computer coding club Mrs.Smith - open to junior children in juniors

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My childwishes to attend the following clubs:

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