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Dear parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the new school year! I am writing to let you know important information for the week ahead.

As you are aware there are some new staff starting at Narberth School. We will be welcoming Mr Gerald Rees who has been appointed as the new school caretaker, Miss Hannah Griffiths will be teaching Mrs Mathias' class on a Friday, Miss Emily Thomas will be working alongside Mrs N Thomas and Mr G Noble to enable them to fulfil their Assistant Head Teacher roles. Mrs Phillipa Bevan will also be joining us also to support with music and in particular the school choir alongside Mr Seimon Morris and Mrs Meinir Lloyd.

### Autumn Term Theme

Following the 'Launch Day' of the 'Magic Carpet' all staff have been busy preparing for the return to the new academic year this term. All classes will be immersed into the theme with school visits and visitors. Further details and dates will be sent home this week. The theme will conclude with a 'Land Day' before half term in October which might be a class performance, assembly, café..... but whatever the pupils decide, all families will be welcome to celebrate the event. The theme overview for each class will be available on the school website for each individual class <https://www.narberthschool.co.uk/>

### Meet the Teacher

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September, you will have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher at the end of the school day. The school will be open for you to visit your child's class where the class teacher will explain the class routines including information regarding PE and Outdoor Learning. Each class teacher will share their 'Meet the teacher' leaflet which will be available on the school website <https://www.narberthschool.co.uk/>

### PE Sessions

The class teachers will share the days for PE during the 'Meet the Teacher' event. Please ensure that your child brings the appropriate PE kit on their designated day; house colour t-shirt, shorts/tracksuit bottoms, jumper and trainers. Weather permitting, PE sessions will take place outdoors. On wet days the sessions will take place in the school hall.

Swimming will start on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September for years 5 & 6.



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### Outdoor learning

Outdoor learning is an integral part of learning at Narberth School. In addition to the daily outdoor learning which is incorporated into all areas of learning, each class has a designated outdoor learning session, whereby the whole class will partake in outdoor learning activities for either a morning or afternoon session. The designated day for your class will be shared with you during the 'Meet the teacher' event. On this day every child will need wellies and waterproofs. We do have a supply at school, but if you have any at home, we would be grateful that these are sent to school with your child.

### New Curriculum

As a school, we have been working towards the development of the New Curriculum. During this time, all stakeholders (parents, pupils, staff, governors and the wider community) have been consulted and offered the opportunity to share their ideas through Forms/questionnaires. This information has been used to inform the further development of our school curriculum. Thank you to those who have responded.

We are aware that the mandatory parts of the curriculum such as RVE (Religion, Values and Ethics) and RSE (Relationships and Sexuality Education) have been in the news a lot recently and we would like to reassure you that with regard to the delivery of these areas, we will build upon current approaches. We have written our policies and these are due to be discussed and ratified at the next Full Governing Body Meeting later on this term. Following this, we will arrange a presentation evening to share the policies and provide an opportunity to discuss the curriculum.

### School uniform

We feel it is important that the children wear school uniform in order to have a sense of belonging and identity. We recognise, that in the current climate, that school uniform is expensive. We want to reassure you that whilst school uniform with the school logo can be purchased through the school or ....., we are more than happy for the children to wear the appropriate school colours without the logo (white polo shirt, red jumper and grey trousers/skirt). We would ask that comfortable shorts/trousers/skirts are worn instead of jeans, as these are not appropriate for many learning activities.

### Punctuality and Attendance

Punctuality and pupil attendance at school is very important. Pembrokeshire have launched a campaign; 'It starts in school campaign'. Please see attached information. The school gates open at 8.45am. Can all children in Reception to year 2 enter the school gates on the left of the school building and those in years 3 – 6 enter the school on the right by the bike shed. The side gates will be locked at 9.00am promptly, therefore late arrivals should enter school through the main reception in order that we ensure registers are accurate.



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### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will begin on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 8.00am. Breakfast is served until 8.30am. Any children arriving after 8.30am will not receive breakfast. Please ensure that you register your child via the online booking. All children attending breakfast club will need to enter the school building via the main reception and NOT the school hall doors. Mrs K Merryman will be at the reception to take the register.

### After School Club.

Due to the success of the after school club trial at the end of the summer term, we are pleased to confirm that we will be continuing with this provision on a daily basis. This provision is not profit making, and is available initially for a limited number of pupils, primarily for families with work commitments. All those wishing their child to attend will need to contact Fiona on [jenkinsf119@hwbcymru.net](mailto:jenkinsf119@hwbcymru.net). The club will run from the end of the school day until 5.00pm.

### Free School Meals

All full time children up to the age of 7 (Reception – year 2) are now entitled to free school meals. Please refer to the attached information which has been shared by the Local Authority.

### Tuck shop

Mr Pearce has been busy collating pupil voice for our new school tuck shop. The tuck shop will be open from the beginning of term with items on sale at 30p each.

Please find below forthcoming events for the Autumn term:

Date:	Event:
Monday September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School INSET – School closed for children
Tuesday September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School INSET – School closed for children
Wednesday September 7 <sup>th</sup>	School begins for children
Monday September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher after school (time to be confirmed)
W/C 17 <sup>TH</sup> October	Parent Consultation Meetings
W/C 24 <sup>TH</sup> October	'Land day' events.
Friday October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
Monday November 7 <sup>th</sup>	New term begins
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School INSET – School closed for children
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Last day of term
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring Term begins

Warm wishes,  
Mrs Kate Moore.

