



Dear parents,

There will be a service here tomorrow afternoon for our children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion to receive their First Forgiveness. There will also be opportunity for the children who have already received their First Holy Communion to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation if they wish to.



The children from Year One and above will be attending Mass next Wednesday (21st March) at 9.30am - please ensure that your child has a warm and waterproof coat for their walk to and from church. Thank you.



We are looking forward to the Storytellers visiting us again next week. The Storytellers are bringing along their re-enactment of 'The Calming of the Storm' which I'm told involves a lot of water! Can't wait!



Parents Evening is NEXT Wednesday 21st March. If you haven't yet made an appointment then please do so as soon as possible. Appointments previously made will remain the same unless you request a change. If there is an urgent concern that cannot wait until then, please speak either to your child's teacher or myself and we will be ready to help. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Mrs Legge will be covering Dosbarth Bedwen appointments.

Art Club is proving to be a lovely addition to our school life and sincere thanks are due to Monika and Karolina for their time, patience and endless enthusiasm. Please note that, although the first session was free, **there is a charge of £2 per week** to cover the cost of materials.



Thank you all so much for bringing in your unwanted items for Bag2School - the collection was made yesterday and we look forward to finding out the weight of the total collection and the cash donation it has generated for our school.

I shall let you know next week!

Our hockey players enjoyed the Powys Hockey 7's Hockey Festival yesterday at Maldwyn. Whilst there was no trophy to bring home this time, the team had a lot of fun and were able to further practise their hockey skills! Miss Jones was, once again, very proud of their attitude and approach to the event. Very well done everyone!



Attendance				
Dosbarth	December %	January %	February %	Target %
Castan	96.11	94.06	94.20	95.8
Onnen	97.64	92.20	94.06	95.8
Bedwen	96.98	90.24	97.63	95.8
Celyn	93.18	94.99	97.99	95.8
Derw	95.45	97.68	93.33	95.8
Overall	95.97	93.44	95.53	95.8

It is nice to see some improvement in the attendance figures for February. Well done to Bedwen and Celyn who have exceeded our target this time. Let's hope the winter bugs have gone now and we can look forward to a much improved attendance rate. Thank you all for your support with this.

Swimming timetable for classes this year:

Class	Day	Dates
Dosbarth Onnen – Mrs Lynch	Wednesdays Tuesdays * Note the day change after Easter for 2 weeks	21 st Feb – 21 st March 10th and 17th April
Dosbarth Castan – Mrs Ruggeri	Tuesdays	24 th April – 26 th June *no swim 1 st May
Dosbarth Bedwen – Mrs Jones	Thursdays	12 th April – 28 th June
Dosbarth Celyn – Mrs Marriott/ Mrs Luke	No Swim this time	
Dosbarth Derw – Miss Phillips	No Swim this time	

Please note:

A weekly contribution of £1.50 per child is needed towards the cost of the transport for swimming. If parents do not contribute towards transport costs, we will need to either use money dedicated for other purposes, for example buying resources or consider cancelling swimming altogether. Our school budget is already very tight and facing cuts in the new financial year. Your continued support of our school is essential. Thank you.

School Uniform

Whilst I have no objections to our little boys in Dosbarth Derw in wear joggers to school, this is not acceptable for older boys in the school to do so, no matter how fashionable they are!! Please ensure that your boys are wearing school trousers, or shorts as the weather improves. Please address this issue over the holiday. Thank you.

Next Friday is 'Give It Up' day at St Mary's and our CAFOD group will be sharing the news of the day's activities during the afternoon assembly.



Throughout the day, our older children are going to give up half an hour of their time to teach a skill to a small group of younger children. So, get your thinking caps on and think of something fun that you'd like to teach and share with others!

You are all welcome to come along and join us at 2.45pm and hear all about what we've been up to.

Just a reminder that school closes for the Easter holiday next Friday, 23rd March. School re-opens for the Summer term on Tuesday, 10th April 2018



Just in case you think I've flown away to warmer climes when I'm away from school next Thursday and Friday – I haven't! I will be having surgery on my shoulder – the joys of getting older!
Thank you all for your support this term, there will be NO Newsletter next week.
Have a lovely Easter break!

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