



Dear Parents,



We are supporting Children in Need's Spotacular event **TOMORROW!!** Please come along to school dressed in spots – **big spots, small spots, COLOURFUL spots** – any spots that you can find!! Your donations will be gratefully received for this amazing charity. Thank you ☺

### Scarlet Fever

We have one reported case of Scarlet Fever in school this week. The following information has been extracted for your information from the Public Health Wales website:-

*Scarlet Fever 'is highly infectious and can be caught through direct contact with an infected person or through the air via droplets from coughs or sneezes. The characteristic symptom of scarlet fever is a widespread, fine pink-red rash that feels like sandpaper to touch. Other symptoms include a high temperature, a flushed face and a red, swollen tongue. The symptoms are caused by toxins produced by the streptococcus bacteria. For more detailed information about scarlet fever please see the NHS Direct Wales website*

at <https://www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk/encyclopaedia/s/article/scarletfever/?print=1>

*Scarlet fever is one of a number of **notifiable diseases** in the UK. Any doctor who suspects that a patient has scarlet fever is required by law to report it.*

#### Treatment

*Most mild cases of scarlet fever will clear up on their own, but it is still best to seek medical advice. Having treatment for the illness speeds recovery, reduces the risk of complications and makes the patient non-infectious more quickly. The usual treatment for scarlet fever is a 10-day course of antibiotics. The fever will normally disappear within 24 hours of starting antibiotics and the other symptoms usually go within a few days. However, the whole course of treatment must be finished to make sure the infection is fully cleared.*

#### Prevention

*Scarlet fever can be highly contagious, especially where susceptible people are in a closed environment. People with scarlet fever should be kept away from others until they have been on a course of antibiotics for at least 24 hours.*

### Head Lice

We've also had a report of head lice in the school again. Please can you all check your children's hair regularly for lice or their eggs and treat accordingly when necessary. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.



### Fluenz Tetra Nasal Spray Vaccine – Reception and Years One to Four

The school nursing team will be visiting us on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November to administer the above vaccine to our Reception group and also Years One through to Four. The consent letters are being sent home today for your signatures. **The nursing team have requested that ALL forms are returned, even if you are opting NOT to have the immunisation.** Many thanks for your co-operation.

Thank you to all of you who have supported our **sponsored Wheelathon** – the sponsor money is still coming in and we are very, very grateful indeed for your support. It was a lot of fun riding around on or pushing our wheels! Thank you all again!! ☺



### Ordering School Dinners

Please note that if your child wishes to have a school dinner, this must be ordered **BY 9.30am** on the day. If your child arrives at school after this time, then you must provide a packed lunch as Mrs Laird cannot accept orders later than 9.30am. Thank you.



Very well done to our Urdd swimmers who participated in the Urdd Bro Hafren competition last week at Maldwyn Leisure Centre. Diolch yn fawr, thank you very much for representing our school so nicely!

### Parents Evening

**Parents Evening is being held next Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Please return your appointment request slips by Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.**



Due to a considerable decrease in sales in recent years there will be NO school photographs before Christmas. Our apologies for any disappointment this causes.

### Home-time

Please can I appeal to you all once again to help us make our home-time dismissal as safe and swift as possible. You can all help us by waiting for your children on the playground at home-time in clear view of your child's teacher. Please do NOT wait up on the path around Dosbarth Celyn as this causes congestion and makes it difficult for people wishing to use the footpath and also our teachers can't see you up there. Thank you all very much indeed for your help.

### Children's Christmas Fair



St Mary's Supporters are organising a Christmas Fair for our children on the afternoon of Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December between 2.30pm-4.30pm. Parents will also be very welcome to come along too from 3.30pm onwards. There will be stalls and fun activities to entertain you, cakes and mince pies to tempt you and refreshments to relax you! Please do come along to support this festive event to raise money for our school. Should you wish to contact our Supporters, please do so directly on [stmarysptanewtown@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarysptanewtown@hotmail.com)

***Please note: this event will replace the Christmas Fair scheduled for Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December.***

### Scholastic Books catalogue

All orders received from you earn our school reward vouchers which we use to purchase much needed resources for our classrooms. Please place your orders with Mrs Whittington by Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Have a lovely weekend ☺

**Mrs B A Legge  
Headteacher**