



Dear Parents,

Welcome back everybody! I hope you all enjoyed your half-term holiday - didn't it fly by?

Head-check news - no child was found to have live lice! Clearly having the checks work, we shall continue to do this at regular intervals... watch this space!



Our apologies but due to circumstances beyond our control, it is necessary to postpone Parents Evening until Wednesday 21st March. 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.

Swimming began for Dosbarth Onnen this week, please see the timetable below for further details:

| Class | Day | Dates |
|--|------------------------|--|
| Dosbarth Onnen – Mrs Lynch | Wednesdays Tuesdays | 21 st Feb – 21 st March 10 th and 17 th 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.

| Attendance | | | | | |
|------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------------------|----------|
| Dosbarth | November % | December % | January % | This year so far | Target % |
| Castan | 92.98 | 96.11 | 94.06 | 94.38% | 95.8 |
| Onnen | 97.03 | 97.64 | 92.20 | 95.62% Silver medals | 95.8 |
| Bedwen | 95.90 | 96.98 | 90.24 | 94.37% | 95.8 |
| Celyn | 96.53 | 93.18 | 94.99 | 94.90% Bronze medals | 95.8 |
| Derw | 97.13 | 95.45 | 97.68 | 96.75% Champions! | 95.8 |
| Overall | 95.66 | 95.97 | 93.44 | 95.02% | 95.8 |

Very well done Dosbarth Derw for your fantastic January attendance! Unfortunately the nasty flu and sickness bugs hit us hard during January - as you can see by the January percentages. Let's hope that the bugs have gone away now and that our February figures will look healthier!

St Mary's Catholic Primary School invites you to celebrate

WORLD BOOK DAY

1ST MARCH 2018

Dress up as your favourite story or nursery rhyme character and pay £1 to help to share the gift of reading:

£10

World Gifts
by CAFOD

Teach a child to read



Reading opens up so many doors – education, work, pleasure and self-improvement. This fabulous, life-changing charity gift can pay for children's literacy classes.

Reading is a skill that stays with a child for life and can provide an escape for children from their daily lives. Children who can read are likely to get better jobs when they are older. Please help us to help others.



I have told the children that they can, if they prefer, just wear their own clothes and be 'a kid from a book'. Expensive costumes are not needed.

Dydd Gwyl Dewi 2018



To celebrate Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Sant – St David's Day
there will be a special menu
on Thursday, 1st March:



**Pork and Leek Sausages, Served with a Yorkshire Pudding, Potatoes
and a choice of two vegetables and gravy
Welsh Cake and a glass of Milk**

Mrs Laird will change the menu on Tuesday, 27th February to Roast Dinner

We shall be having a special assembly on Friday 2nd March for our St David's Day celebrations. This will begin at 2.30pm and all mums, dads, friends and family are welcome to see our hat parade and every child sharing their skills in singing, art, poetry and dance!

Our Cwriw Cymraeg hope that you are all enjoying making your hats for their competition in celebration of Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Sant – St David's Day

Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hat competition

At home ...

Design and make a hat with a welsh theme.

Wear it on... FRIDAY 2nd March'18.

IT MUST BE HOME MADE!

Pob Lwc!



Mother's Day treat in store - Our children's 'Draw your Mum' pictures will feature in the 1st March edition of the County Times and Express newspaper. Order your copy now – a wonderful keepsake!

Celyn Trip

Mrs Marriott and Dosbarth Celyn have a trip in store!

To support their current class topic of 'Journeys' they are going on their own

journey which will involve a bus, a boat, aeroplanes and a helicopter! Mrs Marriott, you have been busy! More details will follow soon, the date for your diaries, is **Tuesday 13th March 2018**. Woop! Woop!



Take a look at the current Scholastic Books catalogue sent home today. All orders you place generate discount vouchers for our school which we use to buy much needed books for our classrooms. We are always grateful for your support of our school. Please send in your orders and payment by Friday, 9th March 2018 – Thank you ☺

Come and join our Art Club
Every Monday (starting 26th Feb)
3.30pm to 4.30pm



Children of all ages are welcome!
£2* per week, first week free!



Club leaders:

Mrs Monika Dent and Mrs Karolina Pazdzior

* this money will be used to buy resources.



Activities will begin with gifts for a very special person (ssshhh!) and move on to Easter surprises.



All children in Bedwen, Onnen and Castan will be going to church each Friday morning to take part in the Stations of the Cross – don't forget your coats! We shall be leaving school at ten past nine, so be in good time please.

It's a good job we like to be busy! Keep smiling... Spring is on its way!

B A Legge
Headteacher

