



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Santes Fair Milford Road SY16 2EH

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Dear Parents,



# NON UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW, WEAR OWN CHOICE OF CLOTHES OPTIONAL DONATION FOR CAFOD

The government are currently doubling any donations to CAFOD so let's make use of this generosity.

#### Staffing updates:

Firstly, regarding Mrs Jones. I am happy to pass on that Mr Jones is home and improving, thank God for that. Although Mrs Jones will not be returning to school straight after the Easter holiday, she hopes to return shortly after, providing that the good progress continues. A huge thank you to Mrs Marriott, Miss Jones and Mr Legge for taking such excellent care of Dosbarth Bedwen and thank you to the children themselves for being so co-operative with us all, they are fabulous!

Secondly, I am still here!! The hospital have postponed my operation until next Thursday which means that I am here today and will be here tomorrow. It means that I am also likely to miss the start of next term but know that I can rely on Mrs Ruggeri to lead the school well as the new term begins.

Thirdly, in relation to the appointment process for a new Head teacher, the Governors have decided to re-advertise the vacancy. Closing date is 23<sup>rd</sup> April, watch this space!

## Free School Meals Applications

This printed newsletter is a special Easter treat mainly because I wanted to send the attached form to each family. I would like to encourage each family to apply for free school meals as the greater the number of families eligible for free school meals that we have brings extra funding for the school. It does not matter if your children still prefer to have packed lunch/brechdanau, the school still benefits financially from any pupil being on the Free School Meals Register. So please, fill in the form.

Our Sacrament of Reconciliation was a great success. Dosbarth Bedwen, Onnen and Castan all shared in part of the service with, as always, great reverence and respect. The First Communion children then attended their First Forgiveness and a number of older children who have previously made their Communion took advantage of having Fr Victor here to receive forgiveness. I am so proud of all of our children! We hope to hold another Service of Reconciliation before our First Communion Day on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Tomorrow 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.

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!

Please 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 tomorrow, 23<sup>rd</sup> March. School re-opens for the Summer term on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018





We loved the Storytellers visit this week. They brought their re-enactment of 'The Calming of the Storm' and it certainly did involve a lot of water! It also involved a lady who is now a great friend of our school, Mrs Chris Roberts. Many of you know Chris through Beavers, playgroup etc and she is an absolute treasure. She was snowed in with Mrs Jones and took great care of her, what an angel she is! Thank

you for all you do for us, Chris x x x

<u>Art Club</u> is proving to be a lovely addition to our school life and will continue after Easter starting on MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL.





### PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATES IN OUR SWIMMING TIME TABLE FOR THE NEW TERM

Class	Day	Dates
Dosbarth Onnen – Mrs Lynch	Wednesdays Tuesdays * Note the day change after Easter for 2 weeks	21 <sup>st</sup> Feb – 21 <sup>st</sup> March 10 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> April
Dosbarth Castan – Mrs Ruggeri	Tuesdays	24 <sup>th</sup> April – 26 <sup>th</sup> June *no swim 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Dosbarth Bedwen – Mrs Jones	Thursdays	12 <sup>th</sup> April – 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Dosbarth Celyn – Mrs Marriott/ Mrs Luke	No Swim this time	
Dosbarth Derw – Miss Phillips	No Swim this time	4b-Yerathufu

#### 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.

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