



Dear Parents,



We shall be celebrating our **Grandparents Day** tomorrow afternoon with a very special assembly starting at 2.30pm. All welcome - please do pass our invitation on to all grandparents or those important people who often fulfil this role and are very precious to us all. We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

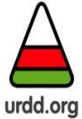
CAR PARK CLOSURE TOMORROW – PLEASE READ!

Please note that due to the Wales Rally GB arriving in Newtown, Back Lane car park will be **CLOSED TOMORROW**. The rally vehicles will be in the car park early in the morning but they have agreed that our parents will still be able to park there for the morning school 'drop off' only but not for the afternoon collection on that day. Please therefore make alternative arrangements and allow extra time for travel as both Broad Street and Severn Street will also be closed to public vehicles.

A reminder for Onnen and Castan to have PE kit in school again tomorrow (FRIDAY 27th) as the College students will be continuing their block of training with them. Outdoor kit essential so as not to miss out on this opportunity!

'Wear Something Bright for CAFOD'

*Thank you all very much for your support last week for this charity -
we have raised over £130 - Amazing!*



urdd.org

Our Urdd girls' football team had a great time playing football this week at Latham Park against other local Urdd school teams – they had lots of fun and despite the terrible forecast, the rain mostly stayed away! Thank you girls for representing St Mary's so nicely, I am very proud of you. If your child would like to become an Urdd member complete the application form and send £7 (per child) to Mrs Whittington – or alternatively, you can join online by simply visiting www.urdd.cymru.

Special Menu – Monday, 6th November 2017

There will be a special menu on our first day back after half-term –
a 'Bonfire Themed' Menu!

**Hot Dog served with Chips and Spaghetti Hoops followed by
a Firecracker Shortbread Biscuit**

Yummy! Please note: this will be the only option available on that day.



Breakfast Club

I just want to clarify that in accordance with Welsh Government guidelines – Sugar is not allowed to be added to any cereals taken at Breakfast Club. The guidelines clearly state 'Sugar should not be added or encouraged'. Thank you.

May I remind you that parents are NOT allowed access to the children's toilet and cloakroom by Dosbarth Bedwen (Mrs Jones' classroom). Please ask a member of staff if you need access for any reason. Thank you.

As you are all aware, the car park at the front of school is a very busy place at the beginning and the end of the school day, some days more so than others. **I would just like to remind you all of the importance of safety in our car park and also in having respect for other people's vehicles.** There are many pedestrians, including our school children using the car park at these times and I urge you all to keep their welfare an utmost priority when bringing your own vehicles down the drive and onto the car park. Please also take the very special care when opening your vehicle doors not to touch/damage your neighbouring vehicle. Thank you all very much for your consideration of these matters.

Our sponsored Wheelathon will be held on **Friday 10th November – please let us know if you need another sponsor form.** Children from every class are invited to bring their bikes (plus helmets) scooters, prams, skateboards etc to school on that day to do as many laps of the playground as they can within a fixed time frame. We are extremely grateful for any sponsorship you can collect. All monies raised will be for our school fund. Thank you again for your support.



PLEASE COULD YOU MAKE SURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME TO AVOID MISPLACEMENTS, LOSSES AND MIX-UPS. Thank you

CHOOSE PHARMACY

We have been asked by Mr Antonio Cabrera, Pharmacy Manager at Morrisons Newtown to make you aware of the service which is being run in Powys to help relieve the pressure to GP surgeries and increase the convenience to patients accessing treatment for 'Common Ailments'. The service goes under the logo: **'Choose Pharmacy' and it is FREE.** If you think you or your children are suffering from indigestion, constipation, diarrhoea, piles, hayfever, head lice, teething, nappy rash, colic, chicken pox, threadworms, sore throat, athlete's foot, conjunctivitis, mouth ulcers, cold sores, acne, dermatitis, verruca, back pain, ingrowing toenails, vaginal thrush, oral thrush or scabies, then your pharmacist can provide free confidential NHS advice and treatment without you having to make an appointment to see your GP. You can use this service if you live in Wales and are registered with a GP Practice. The pharmacist may ask if you wish to register for the service, registering means the pharmacist may supply you with the medicine you need free of charge, you can register by using the following link: www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk/localservices/searchlocalservices.aspx?s=Pharmacy

Over recent years, we have supported Operation Christmas Child by sending shoeboxes of gifts to children in need. We would still like your help in doing this but plan to send them to a different charity this year. Link to Hope collects and delivers shoeboxes to families and elderly people in Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria. They are a Christian charity who believe in distributing love to those in need regardless of background, colour, creed or religion. Have a look at the attached leaflet or their website <https://linktohope.co.uk/> if you wish any further information. When my children were small, filling a shoebox was always a job for our half term, please make it yours too! If you cannot fill a box, perhaps you could send a couple of items from the lists of essential items and we can add them together, a box is in the hall for your donations. Last year, we filled over forty boxes.... Can we beat this record?



Please have your shoeboxes or gifts in school by Tuesday 7th November. Thank you.



St Mary's Supporters are planning a **Christmas Fair** on Saturday, 2nd December between 2-4pm with stalls of crafts and goodies for people to buy and sell. If you know of anyone who might like to book a stall, please direct them to stmarysptanewtown@hotmail.com to arrange this. Keep the date in your diary! It'll be here before you know it!

Come and play Junior Rugby!

Want to play rugby???

Come and join our thriving Junior section at Newtown Rugby Club.

Training and matches are inclusive and all new players will be made to feel very welcome. Come and give it a go!

newtown rugby club

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Training Times

- Under 7s (Yr 2) - Sunday 10:00-11:00am
- Under 8s (Yr 3) - Sunday 10:00-11:00am
- Under 9s (Yr 4) - Friday 6:00-7:30pm
- Under 10s (Yr 5) - Friday 6:00-7:30pm
- Under 11s (Yr 6) - Friday 6:00-7:30pm
- Under 12s (Yr 7) - Friday 6:00-7:30pm
- Under 13s (Yr 8) - Friday 6:00-7:30pm
- Under 14s (Yr 9) - Wednesday 5:45-7:00pm
- Under 15s (Yr 10) - Wednesday 5:45-7:00pm
- Under 16s (Yr 11) - Monday 5:30-6:30pm

Half-Term -Don't forget we close for half-term holiday TOMORROW and re-open on Monday, 6th November 2017. Enjoy your break everybody!

**Mrs B A Legge
Headteacher**