



Dear Parents,

Children's Christmas Fair – Tomorrow!

Remember it our Christmas Fair tomorrow afternoon between 2.30pm-4.30pm for the children, parents will also be very welcome to come along too from 3.30pm onwards. Donations of small cakes for selling on the cake stall would be very much appreciated and gratefully received. Please send your cake donations in in the morning, we will collect them in the school hall. There will be some lovely Christmas table decorations to sell which were beautifully handcrafted at this week's craft session (special thanks to the ladies who arranged this session, it was lovely!). There will also be other stalls and fun activities to entertain you, cakes 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

New Governors Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome three new governors to our governing body - Mr Ray Dent (Jack's dad) as Parent Governor, Mr Seamus O'Doherty (Lorcan and Alanna's dad) and Sister Helen Bamber, both as Foundation Governors. I know that you will all join me in giving them a warm welcome to the St Mary's team. Welcome aboard!

Thank you for the items already received, Mrs Jones and Miss Brian are still in need of a very few things now for the Christmas performances - please let them know if you have any of the following items which they could borrow:-

- 4 Striped t-shirts to fit boys age 7-9*
- 3 Dark/Leather jackets to fit boys age 7-9*

Dosbarth Celyn are going to see **Snow White at Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury** next Tuesday morning - **Parents, please remember it's an EARLY START and that you are meeting at Newtown Railway Station at 8.25am in time to travel on the 8.39am train.** A reminder that the children will need a coat, a packed lunch and a drink on the day. The children will be back in school for collection at the usual time.



Christmas Dinner will be on Tuesday, 19th December – thank you for pre-ordering this week, it helps Mrs Laird very much. Christmas Dinner is £3.50 per child and must be paid for using ParentPay – we are unable to accept any cash/cheque payments. There will be no Jacket Potato option available on this day. Children bringing packed lunches will join in the festivities!

Following on from our Christmas Dinner, we are so excited to be welcoming a very special guest to our school – we have received confirmation from the North Pole that Santa will be calling in during the afternoon to see us all! Parents and pre-school brothers and sisters are also invited to join in the fun at 2pm – ho! ho! ho!



I hope you have all received your copy of the Christmas Activities at St Mary's calendar earlier in the week – if not check out the website, it's on there for you to see. Meanwhile see the reminders below ...



Wednesday 13th December - Celyn, Bedwen and Onnen performances starting at 1.30pm

Thursday 14th December - Celyn, Bedwen and Onnen performances starting at 6.30pm



Friday, 15th December – Calm Down and Be Comfy for Christmas
[wear your own clothes, pyjamas, Christmas jumpers or whatever!]

Friday, 15th December – Disgo Nadolig – Christmas Disco – 6.30pm – 8pm
[£2.50 per child admission or £5 per family to include refreshments]



Wednesday 20th December – Derw Nativity Performance at the earlier time of 2pm

accompanied by our Choir
(Onnen and Castan children)

An Additional Date for your Diaries...

An additional date to our calendar for the last week of term is a **Carol Service in church at 2pm on Monday, 18th December**. All parents are welcome to come along and enjoy this festive service with **Dosbarth Onnen and Castan** and members of the parish community.



Further to parents' requests, attached to this week's Newsletter is a class list to help with your Christmas card deliveries! Each classroom will have a post box to post your Christmas cards into or alternatively give them to the class teacher. Happy Christmas!

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.

Please remember that the Newsletters are now also published on the school website. So, if your Newsletter goes astray for any reason – your dog ate it, it was thrown away by mistake or it simply didn't reach you – then you can always go online to have a read at

www.st-marys.powys.sch.uk

**School closes for Christmas on Wednesday, 20th December 2017
and re-opens on Tuesday, 9th January 2018 ☺**

**Mrs B A Legge
Headteacher**