



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Blwyddyn Newydd Dda! Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku! Happy New Year!

*Ring out the old, ring in the new, with heaps of luck and joy for you.
May all the months roll swiftly by and bring success whate'er you try!*

Why is it that holidays pass by so quickly? But here we are all set and raring to go, let's continue to work together to make 2018 a year that really counts for your child!

Children in Year One and above will be going to Mass at 9.30am tomorrow, please bring a coat! The theme of this Mass is Gifts - of all types!

Staffing- It is lovely to welcome Mrs Lynch to St Mary's; she will be teaching Dosbarth Onnen until July. I am sure that she would be eager to meet you if you wanted to pop into her class after school one afternoon.

Due to personal reasons, Mrs Ruggeri is reducing her teaching hours and will in future be working Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs but not Friday. Miss Jones, who became a valued member of our team last year, is returning to teach Dosbarth Castan on Fridays.

Information sharing- Please note that from the end of this month, access to our newsletters will be via the school website www.st-marys.powys.sch.uk. If it is not possible for you to access this information through either of these routes, please email us and we will arrange to have a copy emailed to you on a weekly basis.

HOMEWORK starts next week.

Class topics this term are very exciting, will include trips out and about and will need plenty of energy from the children after their Christmas break.



Dosbarth Derw are learning more about **TOYS**. This will include interviews with ~~elderly~~ older people, like myself, to find out more about the sort of toys that were popular long ago.



Dosbarth Celyn's topic is **Journeys**. This will include some visits using different types of transport, hopefully some of which will be new to the children.



Dosbarth Bedwen's topic is **There be Dragons**, (rest assured that the obvious comment has already been made!) They will be learning about Welsh dragons, Polish dragons, Chinese dragons and more as they explore the wonderful world of myths and legends.

The topic for Dosbarth Onnen and Dosbarth Castan is **Space** as in outer not empty! Although we cannot promise to become the next Tim Peake, a visit to the Space guard Centre in Knighton is planned. The centre boasts some other eminent visitors who came to discover more. Check this link for further information: <http://www.countytimes.co.uk/news/2017/09/28/gallery/science-genius-stephen-hawking-visits-knighton-space-observatory-96202/>



Onnen and Castan - be sure to have PE kit in school every Friday as you will be having hockey coaching from Hockey Wales in advance of a tournament later this term. Let's make excellent use of this wonderful opportunity!