



Dear Parents,

Welcome to our new Nursery pupils, Aleah, Charlie, Estelle, Jaicee, Keegan, Lewis, Nadia, Seren and Tallulah. No doubt this long list explains why Miss Phillips is so busy! Welcome also to Matilda who has joined our Reception children.

A belated welcome also to Ellyn who has joined our Y6, it is lovely to have you at St Mary's!

I think that we were possibly biting off more than we can chew in adding extra assemblies so early in the term. We shall endeavour to be ready for next week on Thursday at 9.10am if you wish to join us. This will be led by Martyna, Pad, Phoebe and Zuza.

Please return your **updated confidential information sheet**, we have received some but there are many still missing. As we plan for more and more of our information to be shared electronically, it is essential that we have the most current details. Diolch!

Please also return your **local visits consent form** to be completed and returned asap please.

DOSBARTH BEDWEN are going on a trip next Tuesday and have a separate letter attached.

Diolch yn fawr to Alfie, Dennis, Harry, Jack, James, Jorja, Maddie, Mia and Natasha and their parents who attended the Dragonfest and represented our school so wonderfully last Saturday, in the rain, which thankfully did not dim their excitement. We have certificates for each child which will be distributed at our assembly on 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. Thank also to past pupils Oli Wood and George Austin who added to the crew to carry the weight of the dragon's head and to Mrs Austin who, according to Mrs Jones, was FAB-U-LOUS!



**Homework** is now being given to each class, (except Nursery!!). In some cases, we have been trialling various groupings as teachers are assessing different children's areas of strength and where their focus is needed. As explained at the Meet and Greet evenings, children in Dosbarth Onnen or Castan will be part of a homework club on Thursday lunchtimes if they have not returned their homework on time or do not have access to the internet at home to enable them to do their work.

Two of our Year Five pupils, **Jorja Kelly and Dennis Kozma** have been chosen as **our Bronze Ambassadors** for this year. They will be going with our **Y6 Ambassadors Igor Napierala and Lucy Powell** to their training session at Newtown High School on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30am to 2.30pm. Packed unch is required.  
**Llongyfarchiadau i Jorja and Dennis.**



**Onnen and Castan** celebrated **Roald Dalh Day** yesterday by sharing in a nationwide interactive lesson which was streamed to their classroom. It's not every day that we have a drawing lesson from Quentin Blake!

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, **Dosbarth Bedwen** will be going to an **Athletics Heptathlon** at Maldwyn Leisure Centre and will need a packed lunch.



If you are struggling with your energy bills then you could benefit from Welsh Government Warm Homes Nest. Call Freephone 0808 808 2244 to see what help Nest can offer you or attend the advice surgery on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October or Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30am to 1pm.

**PE** – every class has scheduled sessions for PE each week but it is best if the children can keep their PE kits in school throughout each half term in case of changes or additional events. At this time of year, this should consist of a yellow T-shirt (with or without the school logo), blue or black shorts, socks and trainers. There are yellow polo shirts available online from Tesco, Asda and Matalan which are ideal and are a cheaper option if this helps.

**School uniform** is a requirement of the Governing Body and part of our tradition. As a pupil of St Mary's, all children are expected to wear it.

All children should have:

A pair of indoor shoes, preferably black, of a sensible and safe design avoiding high heels or thick platforms

A pair of outdoor shoes or wellies

Royal blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan

White polo shirt, shirt or blouse.

Boys: Grey or black school trousers, long or short  
Dark socks

Girls: Grey skirt, pinafore dress or tailored trousers PLEASE NOTE NO LEGGINGS  
White socks or grey or black tights

In warm weather, blue and white check dresses may be worn.

P.E.Kit: Plain black or navy blue shorts  
Plain yellow T-shirt  
Or  
Yellow T-shirt with school logo  
P.E.shoes / trainers

#### **PLEASE NOTE THAT JEANS SHOULD NOT BE WORN FOR SCHOOL**

Hair should be clean and tidy with no unnatural colouring. Long hair should be tied back at all times. Jewellery is not allowed except one small stud or sleeper per ear.

#### **Urdd**

Following on from last year's successes in the Urdd we shall be joining up again this year. So, if your child is Dosbarth Bedwen, Onnen or Castan, is interested in joining the Urdd and taking part in various events, including sports and recitation then please see Mrs Whittington for a form. Membership costs £7 if you join before 5<sup>th</sup> December and £8.50 after that date.

**Action for Children** have started a '**Baby Group**' for parents of babies aged 0-6mths. If this applies to you then you are invited to come to their relaxed group for support and guidance on a range of topics of interest and relevance for you and your baby. Held on Tuesday from 10am -12noon at Newtown Integrated Family Centre, next week's session will be an open session followed by a first aid session on the 26<sup>th</sup> Sept.

#### **Scholastic Books**

Take a look at the accompanying Scholastic Books flyer – visit their website to see all of what's on offer this time!

Have a great weekend!

**Mrs B A Legge**  
**Headteacher**