



Dear Parents,

Welcome to St Mary's



We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff to our team for this term. Welcome to Mr Rob Stephens in Dosbarth Castan who will be teaching Years Five and Six throughout the Summer term and also to Mrs Sophie Castree-Jones who will be assisting Miss Phillips in Dosbarth Derw with the Nursery children. We hope you will both be very happy here at St Mary's, thank you for joining us! ☺

Swimming for Summer Term - REMINDER

The children in Dosbarth Castan have been given a choice if they want to swim in the Summer Term or not. Those wanting to swim will do so on a Wednesday afternoon and a contribution of £1.50 per week towards the cost of the transport would be very much appreciated. Those not wishing to swim will remain at school with Mrs Legge. Dosbarth Bedwen and Mrs Jones will swim on a Thursday afternoons and again a contribution of £1.50 per week towards the cost of the transport would be very much appreciated.
There will be NO swimming in July, the final swim session will be Thursday, 29th June.

Cashless System for School Dinners

Please continue to pay cash for your children's dinners until and including Wednesday, 3rd May. We 'go live' with the cashless system on Thursday, 4th May. Thank you. Please ensure that you have activated your ParentPay accounts by 3rd May and topped them up to avoid any problems once we 'go live'. Thank you.

National Tests

The Welsh Government National Tests will be held in school next week between Wednesday 3rd – Wednesday 10th May 2017. Please make every effort to ensure that your child does not miss school during this period or indeed any other period without a serious reason. Thank you.

Do you have any of the following ...?

Do you have either of the following which Mrs Jones could borrow for a short while please? Soft toy birds or insects
If so, please bring them in for her – thank you ☺

Friday Assembly
There will be assembly next Friday afternoon, 5th May at 2.50pm.
Everyone is welcome to come along ☺

Bedwen School Trip to Elan Valley – Tuesday, 16th May 2017.

Mrs Jones and Dosbarth Bedwen are visiting the Elan Valley Visitor Centre and the Gigrin Red Kite Centre on Tuesday, 16th May 2017. It'll be an early start as **the coach will be leaving school at 8.30am** to ensure they arrive in plenty of time for their activities at Elan Valley. After their packed lunch, they will then visit Gigrin to watch the Red Kites being fed, all 400 of them!! Amazing! The cost of the trip is £10.00. We aim to arrive back at school as close to 5pm as possible.

The children will need:

- a packed lunch and drinks (non fizzy)
- a warm/waterproof coat and wellies for the outdoor activities
- a peaked cap/hat or a hood – to help stop the gnats from biting!
- old clothes which you don't mind possibly getting dirty
- £3 maximum spending money (optional) for the shop at Gigrin



Elan Valley Trip

I consent to my child (name) _____ attending the Elan Valley trip on Tuesday, 16th May 2017 at 8.30am and enclose my payment of £10.

Signed (Parent) _____ Date _____

Forthcoming events...

All children in Y3 – Y6 will be attending a ‘**Hockey Wales 4689 Party**’ on **Friday 12th May**. Some more experienced children will be playing within a team of eight, some with less experience will be playing in teams of four and others, who aren’t yet ready to play competitive hockey will be joining in fun activities to develop their skills. Packed lunch will be required.

We are looking for children from Y4 – Y6 to be dance in Broad St to celebrate **Robert Owen’s birthday**. Different schools are asked each year and we would like a good number of children to represent our school. Letters were distributed earlier this week with further information about this event.

You also received information about our **May Festival on Friday, 26th May 2017** when we will have an outdoor party to crown Our Lady’s statue as May is a month of special dedication to Mary. Mr Stephens has kindly offered to run our own Champions League Football Competition, the final of this will be played that afternoon before the crowning ceremony. The football will begin at 1.30pm and the crowning ceremony will take place at 2.15pm. You are all most welcome to join us for this afternoon.

We will be having a float in **Newtown Carnival** again this year, the date for your diaries is **Saturday 10th June**. A supporters meeting will be held next Wednesday, 3rd May 2017 at 7pm to begin planning for this event. Anyone with interest and/or ideas, please come along!

A new event for our school:

Llandyssil Dragonfest Procession – Saturday 9th September 2017

Each year the pretty village of Llandyssil, two miles from Montgomery, has its Dragonfest, the village fete, to raise funds for the village hall. This year is the 10th Dragonfest and will be held on Saturday 9th September, starting at 12.30. There are no parking or entrance charges.

The event starts with a Dragon procession with children from local infant and primary schools and last year we were happily supported by schools from Montgomery, Abermule and Berriew. The children really seem to enjoy making their dragons in the Summer term - and the event itself, the early part of which is geared to young children. It is a fun event to start the school year with a Bouncy Castle, owl handling – and hopefully a little steam train; all of which the kids love. We have not yet taken part in this event but would like to do so. With this in mind, Mrs Jones will be running a **Dragon Making Club** starting on Thursday, 11th May at 3.30pm for a maximum of twelve children from Y3/Y4/Y5. Please complete the slip below if your child would like to be one of the twelve!

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Dragon Making Club

Please may I be one of your twelve dragon makers from Y3/Y4/Y5

My name is: _____ and I am in Dosbarth Castan/Onnen/Bedwen (please circle)

Thank you ☺

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Scholastic Books

Please browse this terms scholastic books catalogue, please send your orders and payments in to Mrs Whittington by Friday, 12th May 2017. Thank you.

Bank Holiday

Remember this is a Bank Holiday weekend, there is NO SCHOOL on Monday. See you all on Tuesday, 2nd May!

B A Legge
Headteacher