



Dear Parents,

Estyn and Section 50 Diocesan Inspections – Parents Meeting on Monday, 6th March 2017 at 3.45pm



As you are all aware, Estyn will be visiting us next week from Monday lunchtime until Thursday lunchtime, 6th-9th March 2017. Estyn are very interested in parent feedback and I would like to thank those of you who have completed and returned your questionnaires. There is also a meeting for parents to attend with the Estyn Inspectors, giving you an opportunity to share your thoughts with them. This meeting will take place this Monday, 6th March between 3.45 and 4.45pm. Our Section 50 Diocesan Inspection is coinciding with our Estyn Inspection and therefore the Diocesan Inspectors will also be present at this meeting. It would be lovely if as many of you as possible would attend this meeting. Thank you in advance for your support of our school.



Homework

There will be **NO** homework next week as we will need to hold on to the books for the inspectors to look at.

Attendance

Dosbarth	February	Target %
Castan	98.03%	96%
Onnen	97.40%	96%
Bedwen	93.71%	96%
Celyn	93.47%	96%
Derw	92.50%	96%
Overall	95.40%	96%

Dosbarth Castan and Onnen have done amazingly well during February in exceeding our Attendance Target of 96%.
Da iawn pawb!
Please make every effort to avoid absence from school where possible to help us meet our target.
Thank you very much for your support with this.

Playtime Shoes/Wellies



I am reliably informed by our local Podiatrist that the flat, black indoor plimsolls which many of our children wear inside school, are not good for children's feet and so with their wellbeing in mind, the children may now wear their 'coming to school' shoes indoors. As an alternative to the 'indoor' pumps/shoes, we aim to have 'playtime' shoes/wellies for playtimes, so please send a spare pair in.

Dosbarth Castan Maternity Cover

We are delighted to share the news with you that Mr Rob Stephens will be covering Miss Jones' maternity cover until Mrs Ruggeri returns at the beginning of July. Both Mrs Ruggeri and Mr Stephens will be with us until the end of the summer term to ensure continuity and the very best provision for the children. Mr Stephens comes highly recommended and we are very much looking forward to him joining us at St Mary's after the Easter holiday.

Cashless System for School Dinners

From 4th May 2017 onwards, St Mary's will be using the new 'cashless' system for payment of dinner money. Mrs Laird will no longer be able to accept your cash or cheques to pay for children's dinners. Further details will follow when we've received them, however in the meantime, there will be a Cashless presentation at Newtown High School on 15th March 2017 at 6pm for all parents to attend which will help to explain the new payment system to you.

Dosbarth Celyn Trip



Mrs Marriott is planning a trip for Dosbarth Celyn to Park Hall Farm in Oswestry, how exciting! The trip will be on Tuesday, 14th March 2017 and will cost £15 each. The children will need a packed lunch on the day, wellies and warm, waterproof clothing for their outdoor activities. The children do not need to wear school uniform, just old clothes which you won't mind getting dirty. Please complete and return the consent slip at the foot of this letter. Diolch!

Swimming

Swimming begins next Wednesday afternoon for Mrs Marriott and Dosbarth Celyn and Miss Brian and Dosbarth Onnen will be swimming on Thursday afternoon. Please ensure your child brings their swim kit to school along with £1.50 contribution towards the cost of the transport to and from Maldwyn Leisure Centre. Please sign the goggles consent form if your child wishes to use goggles during their swim session, help yourself to the consent forms, they are in the green stack of drawers outside the office. Thank you.



School Website and Facebook

Check out our school website which is currently being updated with news of our school and information. You can find us at www.st-marys.powys.sch.uk and also our Facebook page – lots of news and pics on there to show what we are up to!

World Book Day 2017

To celebrate World Book Day 2017, please enjoy using the World Book Day Book Token which is being sent home with this Newsletter. Swap the token for a FREE world Book Day book or get £1 off any book or audiobook worth £2.99 or more at your local Bookseller. Tokens are valid until 26th March 2017.

Scholastic Books

Please also find attached the latest Scholastic Books brochure for you to choose from. You can use your World Book Day Tokens – see the brochure for the details. Every order we receive earns us a 20% commission to buy books for our school. Please send your orders and payments to Mrs Whittington by Friday, 17th March 2017. Thank you for your support.

Thank you.

B. A. Legge



Dosbarth Celyn Trip – Park Hall Farm



I consent to my child (name) _____

Attending the trip to Park Hall Farm on Tuesday, 14th March 2017 and enclose my £15 payment.

Signed (parent) _____ Date _____