



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Y Santes Fair
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Dear all,

Well, where did this half-term go?! We have had such a busy time since returning after Christmas and we are all now ready for our half-term break. We are looking forward though to our second half of the Spring Term, see below for what is in store...

Firstly, hopefully your children have been telling you about all the lovely new ICT equipment that we have been using in school recently which we were able to buy using some of the money raised by our St Mary's Supporters group prior to Christmas. We had lots of fun on the 'Blue In' tech day using this equipment and would like to thank you all so very much for whole-heartedly supporting the children with your sponsors, which amounted to an amazing grand total of £598.20. This money will be used to purchase more, much needed ICT equipment. As Gwenfrewi raised the most amount of money, they will be helping to choose how it is spent. Thank you all so very much once again for your support.

Tuesday, 5th March (Shrove Tuesday) – Menu Change

Mrs Laird will be serving up our St David's Day menu today – Pork and Leek Sausages, Yorkshire Pudding, Potatoes, two vegetables and gravy, followed by a Welsh Cake and a glass of milk.

Tuesday, 5th March – Swimming for Dosbarth Bedwen

Dosbarth Bedwen, please ensure you bring your swimming kit to school each Tuesday. A contribution of £1.50 per week towards the coach cost will be hugely appreciated. Thank you.

Tuesday, 5th March – Storytellers

We are very much looking forward to the return to school of the Storytellers. During this visit they will be performing the tale of 'The Prodigal Son'.

Tuesday, 5th March – First Holy Communion Preparatory Sessions

First Holy Communion preparatory sessions will begin today and every following Tuesday until June. The lessons will be held at school between 4-5pm.

Wednesday, 6th March (Ash Wednesday) – Distribution of Ashes

You are all welcome to join us for the Distribution of Ashes this morning. Details of times will follow.

Wednesday, 6th March - Penny Parade

This year, our Lenten Appeal will be a 'Penny Parade' to raise money for CAFOD and it starts today! The Penny Parade will run throughout Lent and house prizes will be given for the following categories:- The longest line, the heaviest collection and the highest value collection. We will be holding a Penny Parade Afternoon on Friday, 5th April to announce the winners. So, please start saving up your pennies now for this fun challenge and to raise money for those in need. Thank you for your support.

Wednesday, 6th March (Ash Wednesday) – Another Menu Change

Lunch will be Fish in Batter, Chips and Peas today instead as it is Ash Wednesday. The rest of the week's menu will be as per normal for that week (Week 2).

Thursday, 7th March – World Book Day

Castan and Onnen will be taking a trip to Theatre Hafren to see the The Biggest Book Show to celebrate World Book Day! This is a 90 minute show featuring five high profile authors and illustrators who will each be talking about books, reading and writing. It will be a fun show which will introduce the

importance and significance of reading for pleasure. The show is free, however a contribution of £2 each towards the coach costs will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Thursday, 7th March – St Mary’s Supporters meeting

St Mary’s Supporters will be holding their first meeting of the year after school on Thursday, 7th March at 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Friday, 8th March – St David’s Day Celebration at 2pm – Dathliad Dydd Gŵyl Dewi am 2 o’gloch

You are cordially invited to our St David’s Day Celebration at 2pm. The whole school will be taking part in this celebration of our patron saint. The children may wear traditional Welsh costume or red, white and/or green clothes today. We look forward to you joining us.

Wednesday, 13th March – Powys 7’s Hoci Festival

Our Year Six will be taking part in the Powys 7’s Hoci Festival at Maldwyn Leisure Centre from 10am until 1pm. We have two teams entered and they will need a packed lunch and drinks on the day and appropriate clothing for the weather. A contribution of £2 towards the coach costs would be much appreciated.

Thursday, 14th March – Urdd Crefft a Celf

The Urdd Crefft a Celf (Arts and Craft) competition will be held at Ysgol Dafydd Llwyd. All entries will be adjudicated at 4.30pm. Pob lwc pawb! Good luck everyone!

Friday, 15th March – Red Nose Day!

Today we shall be celebrating all things RED for Red Nose Day. Any donations will go to the great Comic Relief cause. Thank you.

Saturday, 16th March – Urdd Recitation at Newtown High School

Those of our Urdd members who are taking part in the Recitation competition will be required at Newtown High School. Arrangements for the day will be confirmed once we have received them.

Friday, 22nd March and Wednesday 27th March – Year Six Cycling Proficiency

Our Year Six pupils are being offered the opportunity to undergo National Standards Cycle Training as part of their road safety education. The information and consent letters are being sent home today with the children. Please read the information carefully – your child will need a bicycle in school on each of the cycle training days and a helmet. No child will be trained unless they are wearing a helmet.

Wednesday, 27th March – Parents Evening

Parents Evening this time will feature ICT and Cymraeg workshops, to share our skills with you, led by our DigiWizards and our Criw Cymraeg alongside your traditional meetings with your child’s teacher. Appointment request forms will be sent out after half-term.

Friday, 29th March – Mother’s Day Celebration at 2pm

Please come along to join us to celebrate and thank all the very special people in our lives.

Monday, 1st April – Onnen trip to Elan Valley

Mrs Luke is treating her class to a day out at Elan Valley, what a treat! The purpose of the trip is to continue their classroom topic on Rivers and carry out some river studies. Details of the day and cost will be sent out after half-term.

Friday, 5th April – Penny Parade Afternoon

Penny Parade winners will be announced.

Tuesday, 9th April – Onnen Easter Performance ‘The Three Trees’ at 2pm

Wednesday, 10th April – Onnen Easter Performance at 6.30pm

Mrs Luke and Dosbarth Onnen will very proudly present their Easter performance of The Three Trees. All welcome to come along and be thoroughly entertained. Door entry £4 per adult, siblings and past pupils are free of charge.

Thursday, 11th April – Stations of the Cross at 2pm.

You are all welcome to join us for Stations of the Cross today at 2pm. Further details will follow.

Thursday, 11th April – School closes for Easter

Friday, 12th April is a non-pupil day. We return to school on Monday, 29th April for the Summer Term.

Happy Easter to you all!



Yours sincerely,

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Acting Headteacher