

ST DAVID'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Spring Term

20th January 2017

Attendance - week ending 13.01.17

Reception –88.8%
 Year 1- 94.7%
 Year 2 – 93.6%
 Year 3 – 97.4%
 Year 4 – 99%
 Year 5 – 94.3%
 Year 6 – 98.8%

It's Year 4 with 99% Can they keep it up?

Key dates

24.01.17	Year 5/6 Happen Project –Swansea University	Morning
27.01.17	Pandemonium Theatre visit	09:00 – 12:00
01.02.17	KS2 Problem Solving in Mathematics Workshop for parents led by Mrs Winchester	15:30 – 16:30
03.02.17	NSPCC Workshop – Year 5 and Year 6	13:00 – 15:00
06.02.17	Open Evening	15:30 – 18:00
07.02.17	Safer Internet Day	All Day
09.02.17	Open Evening	15:30 – 18:00

Open Evening

The next open evenings will be held on Monday 6th and Thursday 9th February from 15:40 to 17:30. Please could I ask that you adhere to these dates as it is difficult for staff to commit to other evenings due to training and meetings. Many thanks.

National Tests

Advance notice:

The Welsh Government national tests for Y2-6 will be undertaken on days between 3rd – 10th May.

More Able and Talented

As a staff, we have reviewed our more able and talented policy in school. You will have received a letter asking you to let us know about the talents your child may have outside of school. Please return the form to us so we are able to celebrate the achievements in school and look for any opportunities to further develop those skills.

Hwb

The Welsh Government have introduced a learning platform for all schools to use called Hwb. Following reorganisation of the IT facilities in school we are now able to include class teaching times to develop the necessary skills in IT. All children will have accessed hwb using their own unique username and password. They can access a wide range of resources using this site and save work which can then be retrieved in school. Hwb can be found at:

<http://hwb.wales.gov.uk/>

Pandemonium Theatre Visit

Pandemonium Theatre will be making their annual visit on 27th January. We ask for a contribution of £1.50 per child for this please. Children will enjoy three different tales from Wales.

KS2 - Problem Solving - 1st February 2017 15:30 - 16:30

Would you like to find out how pupils are encouraged to tackle problem solving activities in KS2? Join us for an informal Mathematics session led by Mrs Winchester. It will give you the opportunity to see Reasoning Papers children undertake as part of the national tests and ways in which you can support learning at home. All welcome.

Glee Club

We are delighted that glee club will start on Thursday lunchtimes at 12:30 in the main school hall with Mrs Jones. This is open to any of the children in KS2 to sing along to pop hits and maybe even a little bit of dancing!

Happen Project

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be undertaking a new study that will look at the relationship between lifestyle behaviours such as sitting time, computer game play, fitness, sleep time, types of food eaten and so forth. The children will take part in a Fitness Fun Day which will involve a half day of fun physical activities measuring the children's strength, speed, agility, endurance and flexibility. I'm sure they will all thoroughly enjoy the day taking part in activities which may be new to them as well as to help research and development into our lives in Wales. Please could all consent forms be returned asap.

Message from PCSO

We write on behalf of South Wales Police and Mumbles Neighbourhood Policing Team in relation to ongoing parking problems outside and near school premises. Along with the Head teacher, we would like to remind you of the importance of parking appropriately.

We would also like to remind you vehicles are **NOT** permitted to park on pavements, park within 10 metres of a junction, park on double yellow lines, double park or block driveways.

If you bear in mind that the **Safety of Children**, is of paramount importance.

Many thanks
 Angela Heald