

Newsletter

Ysgol Santes Fair

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Friday 10th January 2020

This week we celebrate The Baptism of the Lord.

Dear Parent,

Yesterday Mr Matthew Bunt of the **Keep Wales Tidy** organisation visited our school to take a look at our work in the area of the environment. He was most impressed by the staff and children he spoke to including our Eco Committee. As a result we **maintain our Platinum Eco School status**. For us as a Catholic school this allows us not only to help our children to learn about the need to care for our environment but also to appreciate it as a part of God's precious creation. My thanks to Mrs Frampton, Mr Howe, Mr Sadd and Mr Wooding who in particular have helped in this area over the last year. You can find out more information about our **Eco Committee on our website:** www.stmarys.wales.

I am most grateful to all of the families who contribute to our **Building Fund** and to the good number of new families who have begun to support it in the last week or so. Your help is much appreciated. If you are able, please return the standing order form to school next week and we will process it on your behalf. Due to parental support we have been able to extend our Year 2 classroom and provide a new veranda cover outside our early years and year 1 classrooms. These things would not have been possible without your support. During this year we will need to replace a number of windows and also begin a rolling programme of painting classrooms. These are expensive repairs to undertake but I'm sure your support will allow us to do so.

Many thanks to the vast majority of parents who fully support our **school uniform policy**. A reminder please that in Key Stage 2 children need to wear plain black shoes with a white shirt and a school tie. Thank you to everybody for helping us to adhere to this policy.

Today our **rugby team** have been away playing at Pencoed Primary School. We trust that they have enjoyed the experience and have represented the school with great credit.

On **Thursday of next week after school**, Mr Brian Davies one of the **Mathematics teachers at Archbishop McGrath school** will be leading a **Family Maths Session** for children in years 5 & 6 and a family member. Many thanks to the parents who have already responded to this to say you are going to attend, I highly recommend it. Mr Davies will run 4 consecutive sessions between **3.30pm and 4.30pm**. Please let us know at the beginning of the week if you would like to attend.

My thanks again for all of your support of our **Advent activities in school**. Because of this we have a sum of **extra money to invest in our children's education**. We will be purchasing a good deal of new reading materials over the next few weeks and I will let you know exactly what your money has been able to buy for our children.

Governors are meeting soon to admit **new Nursery pupils in September**. These children need to be 3 years old before the 1st September. Please get in touch if you have an interest or encourage others to do so if necessary, many thanks.

Fr Tim has booked some dates with us for the coming term:
Sunday 9th February at 11am - School led Mass at St. Mary's Church.
26th February - Ash Wednesday — Distribution of ashes.
Wednesday 4th March - Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of our Lenten effort.
Sunday 15th March at 11am – School led Mass at St. Mary's Church for the Third Sunday of Lent.

Your support of our school Masses is much appreciated. It is such an important part of our school's life. If you have not attended them to date, please do consider joining us as you are helping us in our work in school greatly by doing so. Your support is much appreciated.

A reminder now that we have **two INSET days** this term, the first being **Friday 14th February** and the second **Friday 13th March**. School will be closed to pupils on these days for staff training.

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If you have any outgrown/no longer required Frozen themed costumes or small Frozen figurines, please feel free to donate them to our Nursery class for their role play area. I am certain your donations would be much appreciated.



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