

Newsletter

Ysgol Santes Fair

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Friday 31st January 2020

This week we celebrate the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

IMPORTANT DATES!

FEBRUARY

Sunday 9th

School led Mass at 11am, St.Mary's Church

Tuesday 11th

Sports for Champions Day (Sponsored event)

Welcome meeting for parents of new nursery children at 6pm, school hall

Friday 14th

INSET day, school closed to pupils, half term follows

Monday 24th

Return to school

Wednesday 26th

Ash Wednesday—distribution of ashes, school at 9am

MARCH

Wednesday 4th

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, school

Friday 13th

INSET day

Sunday 15th

School led Mass at 11am, St.Mary's Church, Third Sunday of Lent

Dear Parent,

The **Welsh Government's New Curriculum for Wales** has been published this week. St. Mary's, as a Pioneer school, has contributed significantly to the development of this curriculum over the last three years and it will be fully implemented from September 2022 onwards in all schools across Wales. If you would like to look at the details of it, a search for 'Hwb New Curriculum' will take you to the relevant site. I'd be very interested to hear of any feedback from you or queries that you might have about what is in it. In due course, I will be having a meeting for parents to look at this in some detail.

I'm very grateful to **Mrs Gmitrowicz and her children** for the **excellent assembly** we have heard this morning on the **theme of 'Communities.'** Many thanks also to all of the family members who came along to join us.

Our **first School Led Mass of 2020** will take place a week on **Sunday, February the 9th** at **St. Mary's Church, beginning at 11am.** It would be wonderful to see everybody there to join in this great celebration with us, we look forward to seeing you then.

A reminder now that **Friday 14th February is an INSET day** and therefore the school is closed to pupils for staff training on this day.

My thanks again to **Mr Wooding** for committing his time to lead another **Star Gazing session** earlier this week. I believe that the moon was particularly interesting and that the planet Venus was visible too. I trust that everybody who came along enjoyed the event.

At **6pm on the 11th February** we will have a **Meeting of Welcome** for all **parents of new Nursery children** who will be joining us in September of this year. There are a small number of places that remain available and we would be most interested to hear from anybody who may be interested in applying for them.

Fr Tim will be in school on Wednesday February 26th which is **Ash Wednesday.** We will be marking the beginning of the Lenten season with the traditional **distribution of the ashes 9am,** here in school. All are very welcome to come along and join us.

There will be a period of time on **Thursday 13th February** in which our new Relationships and Sex Education resources will be available for parents to view should you wish, ahead of sessions beginning across the school. Resources will be available in Mrs Azzopardi's room between 3.30pm and 5pm should you wish to come along to view them. We will be available to discuss any queries you may have regarding the materials.

Friends of St. Mary's

The **Friends of St Mary's** are organising **two Film Evenings** before the half term break for our children to enjoy. The details are as follows:

Wednesday 12th February – Gruffalo – Pupils in Nursery, Reception and Year 1. The show begins at 5.30pm, tickets are priced at £3 each and collection time will be 6.30pm.

Thursday 13th February – Grandpa's Great Escape – Pupils in Years 2 to Year 6. The show begins at 5.30pm, tickets are priced at £4 each and collection time will be 7pm. Refreshments for our children including hot dogs will be provided on both evenings. It is anticipated that Nursery parents will want to stay with their children to watch the film. I am very grateful to the Friends for giving up their valuable time to organise these events for our children's enjoyment.



On **Tuesday 11th February** we will be having our **Sports for Champions day.** This should be great fun for all of our children. Please note that we

need to have **sponsor money back into school by next Wednesday the 5th February,** in order for us to prepare properly for the day. Many thanks for your support of this initiative and I'm sure that our children will have a great time on the day. **Please send your child in to school in their PE kit.**

