

Newsletter

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Ysgol Catholig Santes Fair

This week we celebrate the 26th Sunday in Ordinary time.

Friday 25th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Many thanks for your cooperation with our various routines around the school day which are now starting to settle well. Your support is helping us to reduce crowding as much as possible and to keep our various bubbles separate. One point that would further help us please is, if at the end of the day, parents would **not come onto the school site before 3pm (Nursery at 2.55pm)**. This will facilitate a smooth ending of the day for our children in their classrooms before they leave to be with you.

We have been working very hard over the last couple of weeks to assess our children carefully to ascertain their current academic position. We have used these data to identify a significant number of children who will be able to benefit from the extra support that we are able to provide this year in relation to closing the gap caused by the closure period. We are writing to all the parents of children who are able to benefit from this work. **Your support at home by, in particular, reading to and with your child is much appreciated.** All work in relation to mathematics will also be beneficial. We will be able to report on the difference this work has made to you as we head towards the Easter break. **Many thanks in advance for your support of this work which we hope will make a significant difference to our children.**

Today our **photographer has been in school to take pictures of each individual pupil.** Your child should have a barcode with them which can be used to order prints of the photograph if you would like to purchase them.



One of the many issues caused by the current regulations is that we are unable to have our regular Collective Worship as a school or as groups of classes in our hall. Prayer is of course continuing in each class every day. I'm beginning to experiment over the next week or so with some **Collective Worship online** in which I will be beamed into each classroom. It will be an interesting experiment to see if this form of worship proves to be successful. **Your ongoing support with encouraging prayer at home is much appreciated.**

In relation to the theme above, it is now of course possible **to attend Mass in our Parishes but it does have to be booked beforehand.** Details are in the Parish newsletters. In addition, most of the Masses are live streamed from St. Mary's Bridgend. The link for these is on the parish website.

Mr Wooding will be **resuming our Credit Union Savings Club** next week in school. Again it will need to look different. We normally have children helping in the process. However, at the moment because this could cause 'bubble mixing' we are unable to do this. However, each child will be able to bring their savings in each **Wednesday** as normal. We would encourage everybody to take part in this to help our children to develop their skills in numeracy and their appreciation of how to handle money appropriately. Full details of this service are included with this newsletter.



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