

# Newsletter

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Ysgol Catholig Santes Fair

*This weekend we celebrate the 2nd Sunday in Lent.*

Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parent,

It has been a joy to welcome our Foundation Phase children back to school this week. They seem to have really enjoyed spending time with their friends and teachers again.

This morning, I led an **online assembly with our Infant children**. This is very much a second best when compared to being able to come together as a community in the school hall of course, but it allows us to continue with the theme of gathering in one form or another. Our children were **awarded with certificates for being attentive and discerning** (these are the virtues that we are developing with our pupils during this Half Term). These two virtues relate closely to being able to listen well and to think carefully about what we see and hear. We were also able to reflect on our progress with our Lenten promises to date. I am very grateful to everybody who joined the live streaming of the Ash Wednesday Mass with Fr. Tim during the Half Term break. I have received many positive comments about it.



Monday is of course **St. David's Day** when traditionally we would be having an Eisteddfod celebration in school. Due to the pandemic this is not possible this year. However, staff will mark the day with children in their classes.

We have been asked by the Local Authority to remind all of our parents about the need to maintain our discipline around the arrival and collection time in the school day. This largely involves maintaining social distancing and wearing masks on the school site. I think that our parents have respected this very well to date, so your continued support of this is very important as we aim to do all we can towards contributing to lowering the COVID rate and to allowing us to get back to normal school life as quickly as possible.

We currently have a list open for children to join our **Nursery in September of 2022**. If you have a child who will have their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday before September 1<sup>st</sup> 2022, please do get in touch with us to register your interest. If you know of any other families who are in that position, please do encourage them to get in touch with us as it helps us to have ideas about future numbers as early as possible.

