

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Ysgol Catholig Santes Fair

Friday 5th March 2021

*This weekend we celebrate the 3rd Sunday in Lent.*

Dear Parent,

The positive pattern in relation to COVID 19 data has continued over the last week or so and it is **still the intention of the Welsh Government that our children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6) will return to school full time with us from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March onwards**. We are very much working towards that timescale in school at the moment. If this is the case, next week will be the last of our Hub provision, hopefully forever! That will give us two weeks together as a full school community before breaking up for the Easter Holiday. The Summer Term ahead is a relatively long one and we will be looking to complete a substantial amount of work with our children in relation to the amount of catch up that needs to be done. Their wellbeing will also be a priority for us of course and we will be working hard in this area too. I know that we can rely on your co-operation and support of our work as we attempt to take as many high quality remedial actions as is possible. The very basic part of this is to maintain reading to and with your child every day at home, if at all possible. Thank you very much. On this note, you should have received a letter this morning from the Director of Education & Family Support regarding the return of our Key Stage 2 pupils.

Here is a reminder of the basics of our current routines, we begin to unload children who are arriving in school by bus at 8.35am. We ask parents who are bringing their children to school to arrive between 8.50 and 9am. Please continue to maintain social distancing throughout the arrival and collection times and please do wear a mask on the school site at all times (unless you are exempted from doing so). Key Stage 2 collection time is 3.05pm. Please wait in a socially distanced way outside your child's class.

I have received a request from a local resident in terms of asking parents to park with the consideration of the local residents in mind. The area around the school at the beginning and end of the day is inevitably going to be busy but your co-operation with this is much appreciated in the interest of positive relations with our neighbours.

Between now and the end of term, one of our **themes of learning will be the celebration of the rich diversity that we have in our school**. This is a great joy to us all and I'm sure our children will enjoy working in this area. It is likely you will as parents be invited to be a part of this via your child's teacher too. It is a wonderful thing that over 40% of our pupils come from such a broad range in terms of their ethnicity. This is living evidence of the Church's teaching, that we are one global family within Christ's Church.

We have been working on the construction of our **new website**. We hope to launch it soon and we will inform you of this when we have done so. I trust that you will find it a very useful reference in the future.

Over the next week, your child's teacher will be in touch with you about details regarding **Parental Consultations** between now and the Easter Holiday. They will be able to provide you with a day and time for a meeting, either via Teams or on the telephone.

In relation to **parents of our children who are currently in our Full Time Nursery, Governors will be dealing with applications for Reception over the next two weeks** and acceptance letters to parents will be distributed on April 16<sup>th</sup>, in keeping with the whole of the Bridgend Local Authority.

We are currently collating a list of pupils for our **Nursery provision from September 2022** onwards. Therefore, if you have a child who will have his or her third birthday before September 1st 2022, please do get in touch with us so that we can log the details. We would appreciate it also if you are aware of families and friends who have children of that age who may have an interest in coming to St. Mary's to register with us too. Many thanks for your support in this area.

### Message from Credit Union:

We'd like to remind all our school savers that we are still open for any deposits, withdrawals or queries. If you would like to get in touch with us for any reason, please visit [www.bridgendschoolsavings.com](http://www.bridgendschoolsavings.com).

**Have a great weekend!**

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