

Newsletter

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

Friday 16th April 2021

This weekend we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Easter Season.

Dear Parent,

It has been wonderful to welcome all of our children back to school this week and they seem to have settled well. I am very hopeful that we will be able to enjoy a full summer term's learning together in school. Your support of this as always is very much appreciated and in particular, any time that you can spend reading to and with your child will make a real difference to their learning in school.

This week we have had a range of new yard markings placed on our two main play areas. They not only brighten up the areas but they also provide real learning and fun opportunities for our children, both during formal lessons and in their break times. Over the course of this half term, we hope to have an outdoor learning cabin positioned on our grounds which will also provide additional learning accommodation for our children. I'm very grateful to the Friends who were able to part fund this cabin and we will also be using some of the money raised in our activities leading up to the Easter period. So many thanks for your support of that. The money raised through these activities really does make a difference to our children's education.

A reminder now that our Credit Union Savings Club is up and running as normal. Each Wednesday, Mr. Wooding will run it and you are welcome to send in your children's savings in with them every week. This is a really good habit to start young in life for our children. It doesn't matter how much you wish to save for them, however large or small it doesn't matter.

Our after school Sunbeam Club is up and running again for the Summer Term. We're able to accommodate up to 16 children on any one day. If you wish to book places, simply contact 07939458204. The rates are £7.50 per child and £5 for any additional siblings.

Many thanks for your ongoing support of the various Covid routines that remain in place in and around the school day. It is so important that we maintain our discipline in these areas even though the rates of infection are currently low. It is by maintaining our discipline that we will be able to provide a full term's learning for our children. So once again, many thanks for your support in this area.

Can I please ask for all parents support in terms of maintaining our standards of school uniform, in particular the need for plain black shoes to be worn. We are very grateful for your support of this.

A reminder now that Monday 3rd May will be a Bank Holiday and that there will be an INSET Day immediately after the Half Term break which means that our children will return after that holiday on Tuesday 8th June.

Currently we are unable to meet as a whole school or groups of classes as we normally do for prayer and Collective Worship. This does of course continue in each individual class but your support of promoting prayer at home is particularly important at the moment and therefore I would be most grateful if you would be able to encourage your child to develop their prayer life at home. Particularly perhaps an evening prayer before bed time. This is such an important area of the Catholic life of the school and I am most grateful for your support of it.

Parents of Nursery pupils who made an application for a Reception place to start in September 2021 should have now received a letter confirming their place. Please could you respond no later than 4pm on Friday 30th April, many thanks.

We wish you a wonderful weekend!



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