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| **Pope Francis’ Thought for the Day** Image result for pope francis smilingRemember the more you give yourselves to others, the more you will receive and be happy! | **Welsh Words/Phrases**Bore da – Good morningPnawn da – Good afternoonHwyl fawr – Goodbye |
| **Welcome back everyone!**Image result for welcome back to schoolIt has been wonderful to welcome all children back to school after our summer break. We extend a very warm welcome to all the new children who have joined our Nursery class and all other children who have joined other classes across the school. Thank you to all parents for supporting the school’s very high standards by sending your beautifully presented children to school in their very smart uniforms. Da iawn pawb. Your support is very much appreciated. We look forward to another happy, successful and exciting year ahead working in partnership together. Diolch o galon.We welcome Miss Hannah Gillett, new teacher in Year 6 Dyfrdwy and send our best wishes to all members of staff who left at the end of last term. We will keep them all in our prayers.  |
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| **New school website** We are very excited to launch our brand new school website within the next couple of weeks. We are delighted with the new style and format and hope that you will find it informative and very ‘user-friendly.’We will keep you updated.**School calendar dates**An exciting feature of the new website will allow parents to upload the school calendar onto their personal Google calendar which can be viewed on a range of devices such as mobile phones, tablets and computers. This will further enhance our communication with you. Sounds very exciting! |

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| **Safeguarding arrangements** Image result for safeguardingAs you will be aware, a new intercom system has been installed on the ‘Top Block’ pedestrian gate. If you visit school during the school day, please use this gate to access school. Nursery parents should continue to access and leave school via the Lea Road gate where a member of staff will be availble to supervise access at all times. As always, we thank you for your support and understanding. Diolch yn fawr. Please note:- Gate opening and closing times |
| **New School Council/ Eco Reps**As we begin a new school year we are excited to begin to hold elections for new School Council/Eco to represent the St Mary’s Pupil voice! Forms will be sent home next Friday for pupils to apply for the SC/EC 2018/19. |
| **Interim Marking and Feedback Policy**Image result for well done stickersFrom the start of this new school year, we will be implementing an ‘Interim Marking and Feedback policy’ following extensive staff research and discussion about strategies that have the greatest impact on pupil progress. As parents, ‘marking’ within your child’s book will look different and may even seem on occasions, that the teacher has not marked a piece of work at all. The main strategy that teachers will be trialling over the coming term will be what we are calling ‘live marking’. Live marking refers to ‘immediate feedback’ that is provided to help a child move on in their learning and this feedback may be either verbal or written. We will advise parents more thoroughly during the forthcoming Parents’ Information Workshops which we urge all parents to attend. Foundation Phase- Wednesday 26th September and Key Stage 2 Thursday 27th September- time to be confirmed after school.  |

**Y 4 Museum Trip**Year 4 classes will be bringing a letter home with them regarding two museum trips, all the information is in the letter. Please pay on line as stated in the letter. |
| **Promoting Excellent Attendance- Polite reminder** Attendance 100% Award Pin Badge 25mm (1&quot;)The governing body of St Mary’s maintain a very robust, consistent and fair attendance policy in line with legislation and following local authority guidance. We actively promote and encourage all pupils to achieve 100% attendance and we expect all pupils to attend school every day, **as long as they are fit and healthy to do so**. A very positive and successful attendance reward system is in place in St Mary’s, which includes a range of awards and rewards for good attendance. These include the weekly class attendance race and Key Stage shield/ trophy awards resulting in the winning classes visiting the cinema at the end of the summer term, half termly 100% attendance certificates and gold medal awards for 100% attendance for a full academic year. The children have responded very positively to these systems since their introduction in September 2015 and parents have been kept informed of class weekly attendance figures in the weekly school newsletter and via individual ongoing attendance letters each term.Please support our efforts to ensure all children receive the best possible learning opportunities by arranging **all holidays** during school designated holiday periods. Thank you for your support and understanding. Diolch.  |
| **THESE ARE THE CONFIRMED TEACHER TRAINING/ INSET DAYS 2018/2019****( No School for children on these days)**Monday 3rd September 2018Friday 26th October 2018Monday 7th January 2019Monday 29th April 2019Monday 22nd July 2019 |
| **Twitter** We are now on Twitter. Please follow us **@stmaryswxm** to keep up to date with events, activities and whole school news.  |