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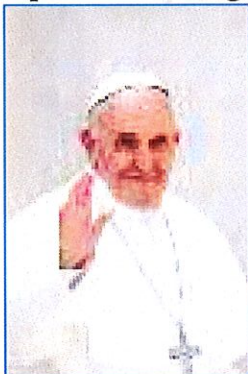
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Pope Francis' Thought for the Day



God can act in any circumstance, even in the midst of apparent defeat.

Welsh Words/Phrases

Yma – Here

Ble mae? – Where is?

Dyma... - Here is

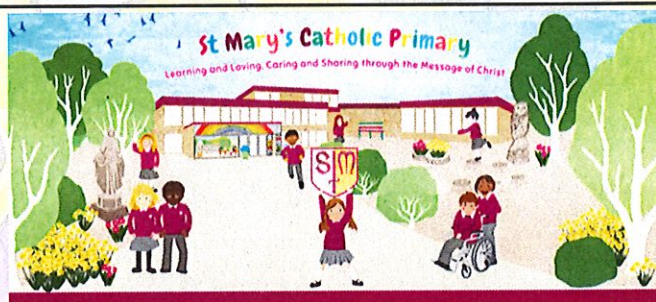
Dyma ti – Here you are/go



ParentMail

CallParents, our previous provider, has been taken over by ParentMail. This is a new system to the school and we are still getting used to it. Hopefully you will now have received an email from ParentMail asking you to register with them and download the App. If you have any problems with this, please contact Mrs Pugh or Mrs Davies in the school office who will try to assist. There is a function on the App which enables you to report a child's absence, so please use this if you are able to. Please bear with us whilst we all get used to this new system!

Please note*New Website *****



On-line Google School calendar available



TEMPEST
PHOTOGRAPHY

Tempest Individual Photos -new date***

Individuals photos will now take place on the first day after half term- **Monday 5th November**. Please ensure you have returned your Data Booklet which contains a form giving permission for your child's photo to be taken by Tempest.

Nursery Open Morning

A big thank you to the Year 6 Gwaun children who acted as tour guides for our prospective new nursery parents and children on Wednesday morning. They were an absolute credit to the school and to their parents. I received many compliments about the children's manners and about the very comprehensive and informative tours that each group provided. What super children! I have no doubt that you 'sold' our school brilliantly! Da iawn a diolch o galon!

End of term .

Staff training day Friday 26th October. Back to school Monday 5th November.



FUNDRAISING-Friends

Thank you to all parents who attended Tuesday's Friends' meeting and a big 'Diolch' to all the helpers in advance of tonight's discos. We are extremely grateful for all your help and support. Once again, a big thank you to Mrs Paula Hack who has resigned from her position as the Chair of the Friends and Mrs Clare Openshaw who has resigned as Vice Chair. I am pleased to say that both ladies have agreed to continue to support the work of the Friends again this year. A warm welcome to Mrs Machaela O'Connor who has taken over as Chair and to Miss Lisa Gillam who has taken over as Vice Chair. Mrs Annette Taylor has agreed to stay on as Treasurer and Mrs Pugh and Mrs Davies (School Secretaries) have agreed to take on the secretarial duties alongside a Junior Friends' committee who are yet to be formed. We look forward to another successful, busy and productive year of school fundraising and community events.



FUNDRAISING- School Council

Due to last year's school budget cuts and further cuts forecast for the next financial year, schools are going to need to rely more heavily on monies raised through fundraising events. We are very keen to encourage more families to get involved in an effort to raise funds needed to pay for ICT equipment such as iPads and laptops. Any good ideas and any support, however little, is greatly needed and appreciated. Diolch yn fawr.

The School Council have decided that they are going to work really hard this year to help the Friends to raise money to buy more ICT equipment too. They are due to meet on Friday 16th November and will be thinking of some innovative ideas to get everyone involved. Watch this space!

If anyone has any connection with local/national businesses who would be willing to donate towards some ICT equipment, please get in touch. We are willing to try anything! Diolch.

Reception Soup Share Harvest Celebration

We are looking forward to welcoming all Reception class families to our wonderful Soup Share Harvest Celebration this afternoon. The children have been busy practising a lovely selection of harvest songs so parents are in for a real treat! Thank you for all your very kind food donations which will be taken to Wrexham Foodbank. Diolch yn fawr iawn.



Y5 Museum Visits

Dovey and Gwenfro classes will be visiting the Museum after half term on 6th and 7th November. They will be having their second visit in April.

Netball tournament Thursday 8th November

Miss Wright will be taking our netball team to Rhosnesni for a netball tournament on Thursday 8th November 12pm – 2.30pm. The children will be informed by letter.

School Council and Eco Meetings

School Council - 16th November and 8th February

Joint meeting – 7th December

The first meeting will take place on Monday 5th November at lunchtime and further dates for the year are to be confirmed.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the poppy workshop! Thank you for the bottles and special thanks to Mr Courtney for providing bottles from Plastipak. We look forward to the great transformation to honour our soldiers on Armistice Day.

(No School for children on these days)

Monday 7th January 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019



We are now on Twitter. Please follow us **@stmaryswxm** to keep up to date with events, activities and whole school news.

afternoon.



Awesome Attendance!



Week Beginning 15th October 2018

The Foundation Phase Attendance Award this week has been presented to:

Parrots Class



99%

Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!



Week Beginning 15th October 2018

The Key Stage 2 Attendance Award this week has been presented to:

Taff and Dyfrdwy Classes



100%

Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!



Foundation Phase Classes		
Stork	96.5%	😊
Swan	86.3%	
Penguins	93%	
Parrots	99%	😊
Owls	98%	😊
Wrens	95%	
Sparrows	98.1%	😊
Robins	98.5%	😊

Key Stage 2 Classes		
Clywedog	97.6%	😊
Taff	100%	🎉😊
Alyn	98.8%	😊
Conwy	98.5%	😊
Dovey	98.4%	😊
Gwaun	95.9%	
Gwenfro	98.8%	😊
Dyfrdwy	100%	🎉😊

Well done to those classes who have achieved or exceeded our school target of 96%! 😊