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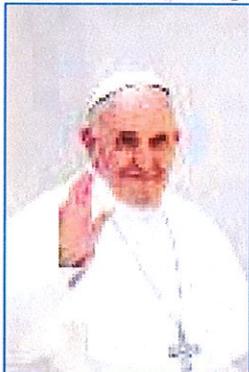
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16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Pope Francis' Thought for the Day**



The first step to knowing Jesus Christ is to recognise our own poverty and our need to be saved.

**Welsh Words/Phrases**

Hapus – Happy  
Bendigedig – Fantastic  
Ofnadwy – Awful  
Sal – Ill



**\*\*\*\*Very Important- Healthy Tuck\*\*\*\***

Following last week's disappointing 'Eco Secret Mission' to find out if all children are keeping the school rules regarding healthy tuck, I am delighted to say that nearly all children are now keeping to the Healthy Schools' guidance. Da iawn pawb.

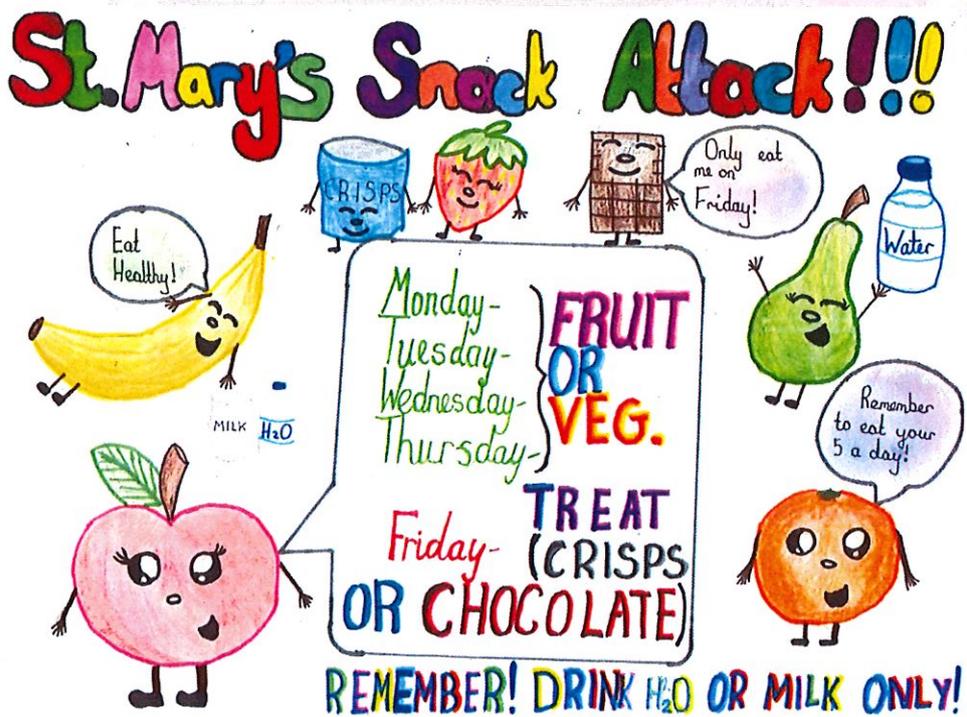
As explained, the school rule requires the children to bring in fruit on a Monday to Thursday and as a special concession, we allow the children to have a 'treat day' on a Friday. **Crisps or chocolate bars only please. No sweets please.**

It is very important that **all children** comply with this rule. Early Years children in Nursery and Reception are provided with fruit and milk everyday and all children in Years 1 to 6 should bring fruit (Fresh/ dried fruit/ raisins etc and a drink of water or milk only). The Eco team are currently consulting with the children to think of a suitable class reward system to promote this very important aspect of school life.

We seek parental support and understanding with this requirement upon schools.

Thank you in advance. Diolch yn fawr.

Please see the Eco poster below to remind children. You will find it displayed around the school.





## **CHILDREN IN NEED FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**



Today, we held a wonderful fundraising day in aid of Children in Need. Thank you so much for your amazing support. The School Council organised and ran a fantastic spotty bake sale and so many children and staff dressed in the spotty clothes or had a comfy PJ day! Da iawn pawb. A super, duper over £635 Was raised! Diolch yn fawr iawn! Thank you for all the yummy cakes and biscuits. Your support was overwhelming. I have informed the BBC of our fundraising fun and hopefully we will see the name 'St Mary's Catholic Primary School Wrexham' on the TV for the third year running! Fingers crossed.

### **Rickshaw Challenge**

Yesterday the children stood at the bottom of Vicarage Hill to watch the Rickshaw Challenge go past – the children enjoyed cheering them on were excited to see Pudsey Bear passing!



### **ParentMail**

Hopefully most parents will have received the link to download the new ParentMail system we are using. If you have still not received the link or are having problems with the system please contact the school office. If your child is off school for any reason, please use the absence part of the app or you may continue to leave a message on the school answer phone, either way please contact school by 8.30am. We no longer use the texting service and therefore if your child is off school and we have not received a message then we will email asking for you to inform us as to why your child absent. Thank you.

**Please note\*\*\*New Website\*\*\***



On-line Google School calendar available



**Parent Questionnaire Summary**

I hope you have all received your summary of the questionnaire issued in September. We were delighted with the responses received and have ensured that any concerns have been explored and addressed, as required. We are always keen to work in partnership with parents and welcome any constructive feedback to help us improve the educational provision at St Mary's. Diolch o galon.



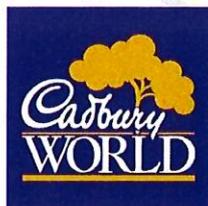
**School Development Plan Summary**

Again, hopefully you have received a summary of the focus for school development this year. Any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask. Diolch.



**The Friends Christmas Bingo**

The Friends of St Mary's will be holding their Christmas Bingo on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November in the school hall. The bingo opens at 6pm and ends at 6.30pm. There will be lots of prizes to be won, stalls and refreshments. Thank you so much to those families who have already donated prizes and we would still gratefully receive any further donations of bottles, chocolates, vouchers etc. Everyone is very welcome to the bingo and we look forward to seeing you there!



**Y3 Cadbury's World trip**

We had a great day in the Cadbury's chocolate factory. We learned all about the process of making chocolate and its packaging. We went on lots of fun rides and even tasted the chocolate!



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**Y5 DOVEY ASSEMBLY next week- FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER**

Parents can come along to watch at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall.

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**Dinner money**

There is a major change in the Wrexham Council's policy regarding debt on school meal accounts, implemented with effect from 05/11/18.

Wrexham School Meals are unfortunately no longer able to continue allowing parents and guardians of primary school pupils to run up debts on meal accounts, and from 05/11/18 you must ensure that all school meals are paid for in advance. This is the same system currently in place for high school pupils in Wrexham.

Any existing debts must be cleared by that date, and they will not serve any meals to pupils whose accounts are in debt, you will need to provide a packed lunch.

If you have any queries, or require assistance in agreeing a payment plan for existing debts, please telephone 01978 315645.

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**Year 4 Inventors' Day**

On Tuesday, all Year 4 children came well- prepared to work in teams to produce a moving toy ready to pitch their product to a team of local business people next week. (Unfortunately, Lord Sugar was unable to attend on this occasion due to a very busy diary!)

They had a wonderful day and it was great to see all children working collaboratively and creatively. Da iawn pawb. Future inventors in the making. Well done everyone!

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**Year 3 Mr Courtney**

Mr Courtney from Plastipak kindly came in to year 3 to tell us all about plastic. He showed us how bottles are made and the importance of recycling.

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**Early Years' Baseline feedback meetings**

A big thank you to all parents who attended the baseline assesment meetings this week. Your support is greatly valued. Dioch yn fawr.

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**Football Tournament**

The football team are taking part in a tournament in Rhos today – results to follow next week.

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**Forthcoming School Council and Eco Meetings**

Eco – 1<sup>st</sup> February

School Council - 16<sup>th</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> February

Joint meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> December

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**THESE ARE THE CONFIRMED TEACHER TRAINING/ INSET DAYS 2018/2019**

**( No School for children on these days)**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

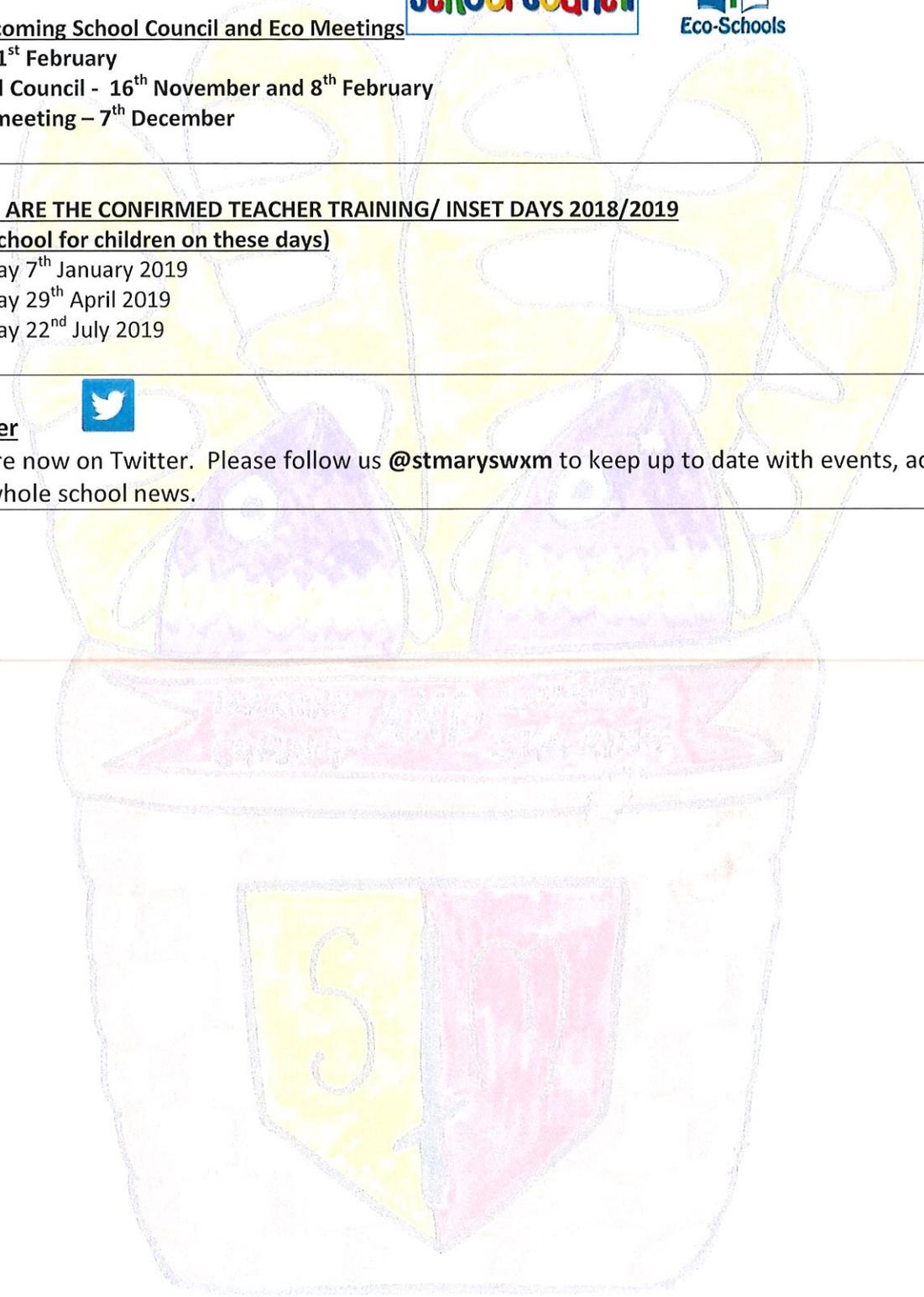
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019



**Twitter**

We are now on Twitter. Please follow us [@stmaryswxm](https://twitter.com/stmaryswxm) to keep up to date with events, activities and whole school news.

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Awesome Attendance!



Week Beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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

Robins Class



100%

Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!



Week Beginning Monday 5th 2018

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

Gwenfro Class



98.8%

Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!



Foundation Phase Classes	
Stork	97.4%
Swan	78.9%
Penguins	95%
Parrots	97%
Owls	96%
Wrens	94.2%
Sparrows	93.8%
Robins	100%

Key Stage 2 Classes	
Clywedog	95.6%
Taff	96.7%
Alyn	96.2%
Conwy	96.2%
Dovey	98.4%
Gwaun	96.6%
Gwenfro	98.8%
Dyfrdwy	98.6%

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



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