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Pope Francis' Thought for the Day



Christians promote peace, starting with the community in which they live.

Welsh Words/Phrases

Bore da – Good morning
Prawn da – Good afternoon
Hwyl fawr – Goodbye

Safer Internet Assembly and Parent presentation

On Wednesday the Y6 Digital Leaders performed a wonderful e-safety assembly to some parents. They discussed the importance of consent when using the internet and highlighted some of the risks associated. Their assembly was followed by an informative presentation by Mrs Jones to parents only. The presentation provided parents with information about the content and risks associated of popular apps and websites frequently used by children and young people. A big thank you to all of Y6 pupils and to the parents who attended.



Friends' School Disco

A big thank you to the Friends of St Mary's and Mrs Davies and Mrs Pugh for organising another wonderful Disco evening for our children. Diolch to Mr O'Toole for organising the music along with the Y6 helpers . Da iawn pawb.

No Uniform Day



Own Clothes Day

School Council are delighted that over £270 has been raised from today's own clothes day which will go towards buying an Ipad.



CAFOD

Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools to act on their sense of justice? Are you keen to help young people to prepare to receive the sacrament of confirmation?

Working alongside teachers, priests, and catechists, with all the training and resources you will need, you will relish the time you spend discussing issues of global justice with children and young people.

Campaigns Volunteers

CAFOD campaigners brought their local MPs Ian Lucas and Susan Elan Jones on board to sign a [cross party letter](#) to the Prime Minister for a net zero emissions target by 2050. These MPs both expressed that they were not receiving letters from their constituents on the issue of climate change. This means that we, as Catholics, must raise our voices. The world's poorest people are often the people who contribute the least to climate change, but are affected the most. The intergovernmental report on climate change stated that we have only **12 years** to act on climate change before it is too late! If MPs are not speaking up, it will be too late. The following MPs have not signed the letter.

Albert Owen (Anglesey)

Hywel Williams (Arfon)

Guto Bebb (Aberconwy)
David West (Clwyd West)
Chris Ruane (Vale of Clwyd)
Mark Tami (Alyn and Deeside)

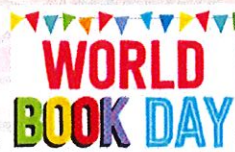
The most likely reason they haven't signed is because they haven't been asked to by their constituents. Can you join our campaign to speak up? CAFOD need new campaigners all across Wrexham Diocese. Please do get in touch to be involved. Call Colette on 07779 804 242 or email cbyrne@cafod.org.uk

Thank you to those volunteers who took action to have a conversation with their MP. CAFOD will provide training and guidance, so if it is something you feel inexperienced in, we're here to help!



St David's Day- Eisteddfod

As St David's Day (1st March) falls during half term this year, we will be holding our annual Eisteddfod on Monday 11th March. All children are invited to come to school dressed in traditional Welsh costume, in Welsh colours or in Welsh rugby/ football shirts. We look forward to a special day celebrating our Welsh culture. Details of competitions/ events will follow on individual class Seesaw accounts. Diolch.



World Book Day

This year, St Mary's will celebrate World Book Day on Friday 8th March. Children are encouraged to dress as their favourite book character and this year, we have been approached to take part in a beautiful charity event where books are sent to needy children in Africa. With this in mind, we hope that all children will 'Send a Story to others' by donating a favourite good quality used book so that other children can enjoy it. More details to follow on Seesaw. Diolch.



Year 3 – Sharing

As part of Year 3's Religious Education topic, 'Sharing', the children have been busy collecting food to donate for the homeless in Wrexham.

Netball

Well done to St Mary's netball team who competed at a tournament at Rhosnesni on Thursday 21st February. All children represented the school well and we won all of our matches. Well done.

Visit from St Joseph's Welsh Ambassadors

On Tuesday morning, year 6 were visited by the Welsh Ambassadors from St. Joseph's. They planned and delivered a fabulous morning full of activities to improve Welsh language skills. A big thank you to the Welsh Ambassadors for their hard work and efforts. All of the children found the morning really enjoyable and useful.



Athletics

Well done to the year 5 and 6 children who competed at the North East Wales athletics tournament. All children represented the school well. St Mary's came second overall. A fantastic achievement well done.



Learning Walk 7.2.19

On 7th March, Mr Dafydd Rhys, GWE Supporting Improvement Advisor and Mr John Droog Chair of Governors, will be joining us to conduct a whole school Learning Walk focusing upon Assessment for Learning strategies and cross curricular rich tasks in line with our School Development Plan priorities. We look forward to the opportunity to celebrate all the wonderful work in our school.

Additional Learning Needs

All parents/carers will receive a letter today detailing the new Additional Learning Needs transformation proposed by the Welsh Government. If you would like to read the document and see how it could impact on children in the future please follow the link as stated on the letter. Your views will be invaluable. Thank you.



Urdd Dates

The first local round is Wednesday March 20th and if we are successful the second round is Wednesday April 3rd.

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

(No School for children on these days)

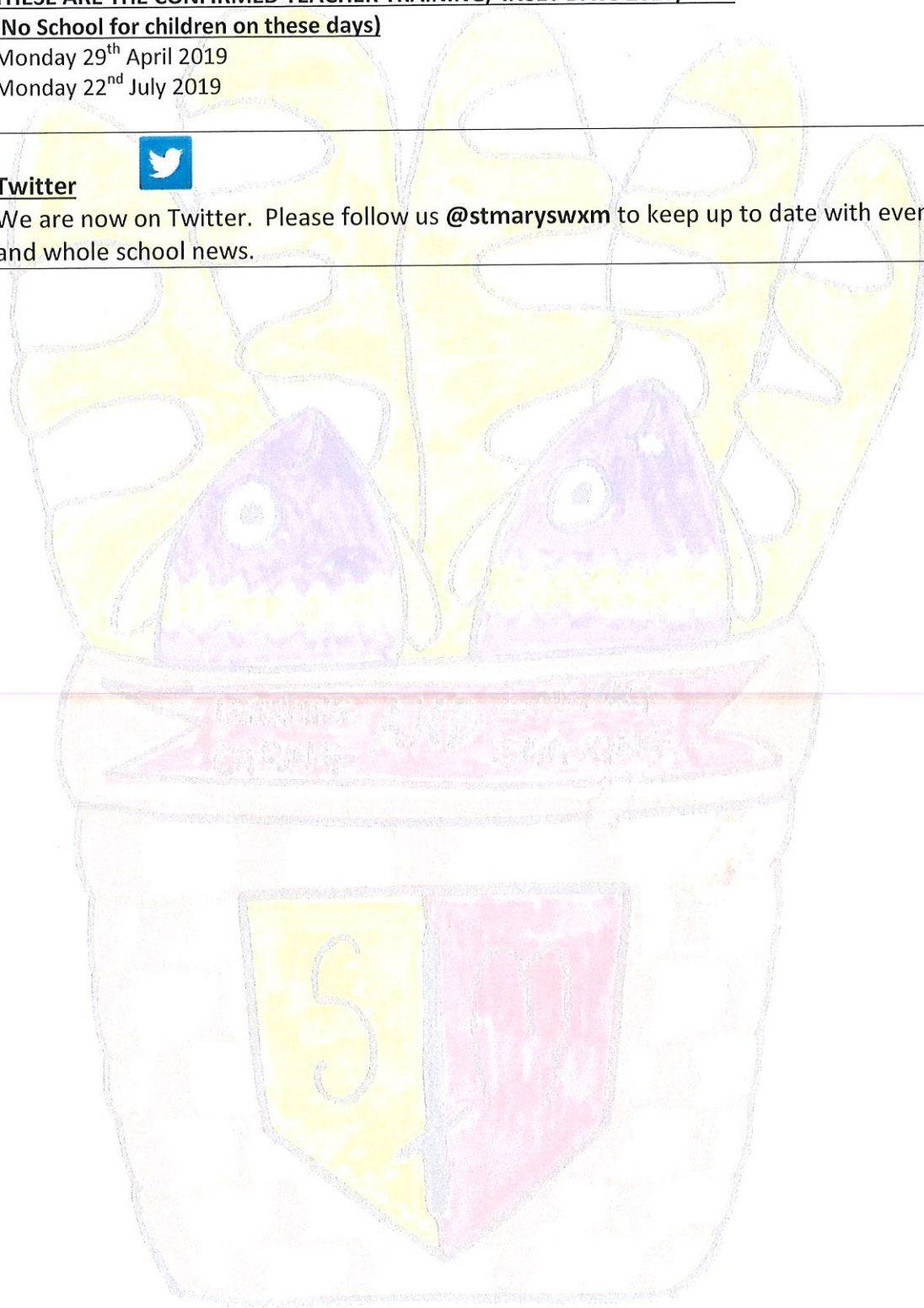
Monday 29th April 2019

Monday 22nd 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.





Awesome Attendance!

Week Beginning 11th February February 2019

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

Owls and Sparrows Class



99.2%

Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!



Week Beginning 11th February 2019

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

Alyn Class



99.6%

Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!



Foundation Phase Classes	
Stork	93.9%
Swan	97.9%
Parrot	94.3%
Penguin	96.2%
Owls	99.2%
Wrens	89.2%
Sparrows	99.2%
Robins	88.1%

Key Stage 2 Classes	
Taff	95.8%
Clywedog	95.6%
Alyn	99.6%
Conwy	93.1%
Dovey	94.6%
Gwenfro	96%
Dyfrdwy	95.7%
Gwaun	97.1%

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



R. Jones