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ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

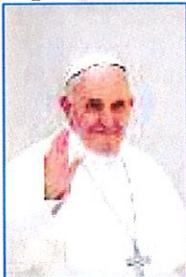


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11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Pope Francis' Thought for the Day**



So many of our brothers and sisters in Amazonia are bearing heavy crosses and awaiting the liberating consolation of the Gospel, the Church's caress of love. For them, and with them, let us journey together.

**MESSENGERS OF CHRIST**

Messengers of Christ group have decided to continue with the Rosary for the month of October. A Messengers of Christ member will lead the Rosary in the prayer gardens around the school – weather permitting.

**Welsh Words/Phrases  
From the  
'Cryw Cymraeg'**





### **Sorry you're leaving**

Sadly, Mrs Jane Gledhill is leaving St Mary's this Friday to take up a new position with Transport for Wales. Mrs Gledhill has worked at St Mary's for 14 years and has worked in all years groups in the Foundation Phase and in lower juniors providing PPA cover. She has been a wonderful teaching assistant and has shown such warmth and love for all children in her care. She has been a dedicated member of the school family who will be greatly missed by all staff, children, governors and parents. We wish her all the very best in her new career and ask her to keep in touch. I am sure you will all keep her in your prayers. Good luck and God bless Mrs Gledhill.

### **Second Hand School Uniform**

A reminder that if you would like to buy second hand school uniform throughout the year, please ask the office for an order form and return it to them with the money and they will check to see if they have your sizes in stock, otherwise the money will be returned to you. Any queries please speak to the office and they will be more than happy to help you!



### **Estyn Awards for Excellence in Education**

Today Mr O'Toole, Mrs Jones and I will be attending the awards ceremony in Cardiff. We are very proud to be representing the school at such a prestigious event. Hopefully we will keep you updated with some tweets!

Before the event on Friday, we will also be visiting St Alban's Catholic Primary School in Cardiff whose Headteacher was one of the Peer Inspectors during our inspection. We will be looking at how the Come and See Religious Education programme and Catholicity is embedded in the school.



### **Year 2 & 6 Mitzvah day**

Year 2 will be joining Year 6 for Mitzvah Day (good deed day) on Monday 14th October. The children will be doing good deeds around the school to enhance their school environment. Parents and families are invited to join us but please return the form that has been sent home/shared on Seesaw to register your place. We look forward to spending the morning with you!



### **Nursery Open Morning Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 10.45am**

If your child will be age 3 by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 and you would like them to be educated in a Catholic School, we will be having an open morning on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 10.45am. If you would like any information regarding the open morning, telephone us on 01978 352406. Please pass this information to friends or family or on social media to anyone who you think may be interested. Thank you.

### Book fair

The book people are coming to school next week. There will be lots of bargains to be had! Maybe a Christmas present or too! The fair will be open after school or if your child goes home on the bus they can bring money to school to visit in the day.

### Visit from Fire Service Year 2

The Fire Service will be joining the Year 2 children on Wednesday 16th October to talk about fire safety in the home.

SHOW  
RACISM  
THE  
RED  
CARD

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October Wear RED day to 'Show racism the Red Card'

We have benefited from the free 'Show Racism the Red Card' workshops over the past few years and once again, we use this day to highlight the importance to recognise, celebrate and respect diversity in our school community and within the wider community. There is no charge for this event. Diolch for your support.

### Year 2 Week Beginning Monday 21st October

To end our topic we will be having a superhero week. The children are invited to come to school on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October** dressed as a superhero. We will be turning into local superheroes and that week we will be collecting tinned and dried foods and clothes to give to the homeless/Wrexham Food Bank. The children will also be selling their Andy Warhol inspired self-portraits in our 'pop up' art gallery after school! The money raised will also be given to charity (more details to follow next week).



### Nursery and Reception Information Evening

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October there will be an information evening for the Reception and Nursery parents. A letter and more information is to follow.



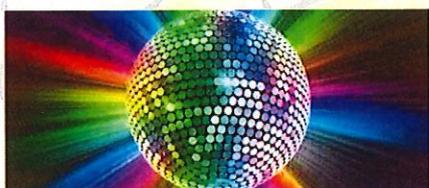
### Parents' Evenings

The Nursery and Reception Parents' evenings will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November. The rest of the school will be having their Parents' evenings on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October except Dosbarth Conwy whose Parents' evenings are on 16<sup>th</sup> October and 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Letters have been sent home for you to request time slots. Please ensure these have been returned.

**GWE Supporting Improvement officer**

On Wednesday afternoon, Mr Dafydd Rhys will be visiting St Mary's as part of his support and monitoring role. Mr Rhys offers wonderful support for the school and has requested for other schools to visit St Mary's to view the excellent practice observed during the inspection. We are delighted to welcome colleagues to share in our approach.

**School Disco**



On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October, the Friends of St Mary's will be organising our first school disco of the year for children in Reception class to year 6. Details to follow next week.



**Headteacher Awards**

NAME	CLASS	REASON
Zac	Taff	Being kind towards the residents in the care home
Noah	Clywedog	
Alicjia	Taff	

**THESE ARE THE CONFIRMED TEACHER TRAINING/ INSET DAYS 2018/2019**  
**(No School for children on these days)**

**INSET DAYS FOR 2019-20**

- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020



**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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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

Owls and Wrens Classes



100%



Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!

Week Beginning 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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

Gwenfro Class



99.6%



Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!

Foundation Phase Classes	
Puffins	95.7%
Parrot	95.6%
Penguin	88.9%
Owls	100%
Wrens	100%
Sparrows	98.4%
Robins	99.1%
Overall FP Average attendance	<b>96.8%</b>

Key Stage 2 Classes	
Taff	97.4%
Clywedog	96.3%
Alyn	97.4%
Conwy	93.8%
Dovey	99.2%
Gwenfro	99.6%
Dyfrdwy	98.5%
Gwaun	92.8%
Overall KS 2 Average attendance	<b>96.9%</b>

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

*R. Jones*