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ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

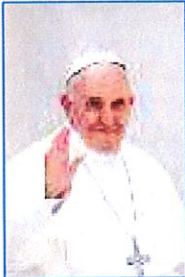


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Pope Francis' Thought for the Day



The true worship of God is always expressed in love of one's neighbour.

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



Nadolig Llawen – Merry Christmas



Well Done

To Scarlett who has passed Wave 3 of Plas Madoc Leisure Centre's Swimming Lessons. Iwan has received a marathon award for his park run.

The Giving Tree

School Council had lots of fun spending the money they had raised buying lots of gifts to make Christmas extra special for children in Wrexham. A very successful shopping trip to B&M. A whopping £188.81 was raised – a huge thank you to everybody for donating money and beautiful gifts. School Council members will start to wrap presents this week ready for their collection on Thursday.



Diocesan School Inspection

Yesterday, we were inspected by three Diocesan Inspectors from the Shrewsbury Diocese. Whilst we are unable to share the judgements of the inspection until publication of the report, I am delighted to say that the inspectors were very impressed by the children and the staff and they reported that they thoroughly enjoyed their day with us. We very much look forward to sharing the full report with you in due course.

May I express my gratitude to all parents/ carers for taking the time to return your parent questionnaires and for your continued, wonderful support for the school. Diolch o galon.



KS 2 Christmas Concerts

Very well done to all children! The KS 2 concerts were wonderful. It was an absolute pleasure to watch from the side-lines and to see how much you all enjoyed performing for your families. You were amazing. Thank you to all members of staff for all their hard work, patience and commitment. Diolch yn fawr iawn. Thank you also to our special guests and to all parents, grandparents and extended families for your support.

Community Concert

It was wonderful to watch our Year 3 & 4 children perform their concert for the last time yesterday. We were delighted to welcome residents of Hilbury House, Bay Tree care home and other visitors to our school to share in the joy of our Christmas preparations. Thank you to Mrs Edwards and Mrs Astbury for making this wonderful link with the two local care homes and for affording our children this fantastic opportunity. Our children have had such a significant impact on the elderly residents' well-being and I cannot thank them enough for being so kind, caring and loving- truly living out our school Mission Statement at this special time of year.



Years 1 and 2- Family Christingle Service

Well done to our super Year 1 & 2 children and their teachers for organising such a beautiful Christingle service yesterday. It was lovely to welcome all families to school to share in this wonderful tradition this Advent. Diolch pawb.



Children's Christmas Eve Mass in Llay-

If there are any children who would like to take part in the Christmas Eve Mass in St Francis of Assisi Church in Llay, please let Mrs Acton know. We need volunteers who would like to join the lantern procession to the crib, read bidding prayers, take part in the offertory and to distribute sweets after Mass. Diolch yn fawr iawn.



Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Christmas Jumper day today. A super £320.00 was raised to support our local hospice 'Nightingale House.' A very worthy cause! Diolch pawb.



Cinema

Today, Years 1-6 visited the Odeon cinema as a special Christmas treat after a very busy couple of weeks. We hope they enjoyed the film!



Santa's Grotto

A big thank you to Santa for taking the time to visit Reception –Year 6 next Monday and Tuesday and Nursery on Wednesday. All children should have received their appointment form. Please ensure that you bring this to the Grotto for Santa's elves to check your name on the list!

Please note: All appointments have now GONE and Santa will not be available for any additional appointments.

Early Years' Christmas Party

Reception and Nursery will be having their Christmas Party next Thursday. The children may come dressed in their party clothes.

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday is Christmas dinner day. Please remember to wear your Christmas jumper and a party hat/ antlers- THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS! Please ensure you have enough money on your child's dinner account (£2.40) on this day as no debt is allowed by Wrexham Council on your child's dinner account.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Tuesday, the children will have the opportunity to go to confession in school as part of their preparations for the coming of Jesus this Advent. Thank you to Canon Simon for organising this important opportunity.



Y5 Advent Celebration

On Monday 16th December, year 5 pupils will be taking part in a 'Crafternoon.' They will be making a variety of Christmas decorations. On Tuesday 17th December at 2pm year 5 will be holding an Advent Celebration and parents and grandparents of year 5 children are invited to take part in the celebration. You will be able to purchase your child's decorations at a price of £2 (a bundle of decorations). **SORRY THERE WILL BE NO PARKING ALLOWED ON THE YARD.** All money raised will be going to the charity MIND – a young people's mental health charity.



Advent Whole School Mass

On Friday, Canon Simon will be celebrating Mass during Advent in school.

Own Clothes day - Friday 20th December

Next Week – Friday 20th December - Rainbow slip draw

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

INSET DAYS FOR 2019-20

Monday 6th January 2020

Monday 20th April 2020

Monday 20th 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 2nd December 2019

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

Owls Class



95.8%

Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!



Week Beginning 2nd December 2019

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

Gwenfro Class



96.8%

Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!



| Foundation Phase Classes | |
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| Puffins | 92.1% |
| Parrot | 87.1% |
| Penguin | 94% |
| Owls | 95.8% |
| Wrens | 91% |
| Sparrows | 83.6% |
| Robins | 93.5% |
| Overall FP Average attendance | 91.01% |

| Key Stage 2 Classes | |
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| Taff | 96.3% 😊 |
| Clywedog | 94.1% |
| Alyn | 95% |
| Conwy | 94.2% |
| Dovey | 96.7% 😊 |
| Gwenfro | 96.8% 😊 |
| Dyfrdwy | 94.6% |
| Gwaun | 93.6% |
| Overall KS 2 Average attendance | 95.16% |

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



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