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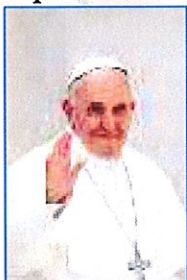


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Pope Francis' Thought for the Day



Let us pray for all the pastors of the Church, that they might guide the flock entrusted to them with the same firmness and tenderness of the Good Shepherd.

Welsh Words/Phrases From the 'Cryw Cymraeg'



Wyt ti'n barod?

Are you ready?

Ydw
Yes

Nag ydw
No



Well Done

Nathan who has received his Level 1 in the Learn to Swim Scheme and Emilia who has achieved her Wave 5 in swimming.



First week of Advent

This week each class have lit their first candle in their Advent wreaths- a purple candle symbolising hope. The use of the Advent wreath and lighting candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition as part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas. The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ. The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.



Diocesan School Inspection

We have received notification that three inspectors from the Diocese of Shrewsbury will be visiting St Mary's on Thursday 12th December to conduct a full inspection on Religious Education, Collective worship and the religious life of the school. We look forward to celebrating our very special school with them and feel sure that they will be most impressed by your wonderful, confident and respectful children. Parent questionnaires have been sent home with the children Please ensure that these are returned to school by Tuesday 10th December. Diolch yn fawr iawn.



Foundation Phase Concerts

What wonderful Christmas concerts this week. We are so proud of all our Foundation Phase children and to all staff for their hard work and dedication. The children made us all so proud! It was a wonderful start to the festive season and celebrated the great joy of the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas day. Diolch yn fawr pawb. Well done everyone. Thank you to all parents, grandparents and family members for joining us this week.

All monies raised through the sale of concert tickets will be used to purchase iPads to enhance the learning opportunities for all children. To date over £1,000 has been raised and this will buy 3 new iPads. A very big thank you to all families! Diolch o galon.

Next week- We look forward to our Key Stage 2 Concerts.

Times

Years 3 and 4 Tuesday 10th December 10 am

Tuesday 10th December 6.30pm

Wednesday 11th December 1.45pm

Years 5 and 6 Tuesday 10th December 1.45pm

Wednesday 11th December 10am

Wednesday 11th December 6.30pm



Y3/4 Community Christmas Concert in St Mary's

On Thursday 12th December, Year 3 and 4 have organised a special performance of their Christmas concert to share with a group of very special visitors from our local community. This includes a group of residents from local care homes where wonderful links have been made through Year 3 weekly visits to both Bay Tree and Hillbury House Care homes, members of our feeder parishes, Sisters from our local convent and the local Womens' Institute. We are delighted that they are able to visit our school and share in the joy of our Christmas preparations.



Years 1 and 2- Family Christingle Service

Once again, our Year 1 and 2 classes look forward to welcoming families to share in their Christingle services as part of their Religious Education topic work on Thursday 12th December at 2:30pm. Parents will receive further information via Seesaw. We hope that you will all be able to join us for what is always a very beautiful service during Advent.



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 Assissi 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.

Urdd Dance Practice Monday 9th December

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the dance practice after school on Monday has had to be cancelled for this week. Please note there will be NO practices for any of the dances during the last week of term.



Christmas Concert DVDs

If you would like to buy a DVD of your child's Christmas Concert, please pay on line at www.wrexham.gov.uk/stmarys. Please take care when ordering as there are two different DVDs to order, one is for Nursery to Year 2 and the other is for Year 3 to 6. The final day for accepting orders is Friday 13th December. Unfortunately we cannot accept orders after this time as the deadline has been set by the film company. Thank you.

Coverdale Puppets

A big thank you to Coverdale puppets for a super puppet show reflecting the true meaning of Christmas in a very humorous and enjoyable way.

Friends' Film Night

Diolch yn fawr iawn to all Friends of St Mary's for organising a super Festive film night this week and to all members of staff for your support supervising the children. It was a great night and raised in excess of £500 (final figure to be confirmed.) Well done everyone!!



Santa's Grotto

During the last week of term, Santa has kindly agreed to visit St Mary's school so that children will be able to meet him in our grotto in the school library. He has such a busy schedule but has now confirmed that he can come after school on Monday and Tuesday 16th & 17th December for Reception –Year 6 and during the school day for Nursery children on Wednesday 18th December. Please make sure that you complete your slip to book your slot to visit Santa. **All letters should be returned to school by Wednesday 11th December at the latest please. Diolch yn fawr.**



November Rainbow Slip draw

Well done to Amelia and Nathaniel Super work!

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.

Rachel Adams



Awesome Attendance!



Week Beginning 25th November 2019

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

Wrens Class



100%

Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!



Week Beginning 25th November 2019

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

Clywedog Class



99.3%

Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!



| Foundation Phase Classes | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Puffins | 97.2% |
| Parrot | 97.8% |
| Penguin | 92.6% |
| Owls | 93.7% |
| Wrens | 100% |
| Sparrows | 94.4% |
| Robins | 98.3% |
| Overall FP Average attendance | 96.29% |

| Key Stage 2 Classes | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Taff | 98.9% |
| Clywedog | 99.3% |
| Alyn | 99.2% |
| Conwy | 99.2% |
| Dovey | 97.5% |
| Gwenfro | 88.4% |
| Dyfrdwy | 98.5% |
| Gwaun | 97.6% |
| Overall KS 2 Average attendance | 97.33% |

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

