

# St Mary's Weekly Newsletter



## MESSAGES FROM MRS ACTON

Date:-11.3.22

### Good News! Congratulations!



Many congratulations to Mr and Mrs Binnersley on the birth of their gorgeous baby boy- Cai Bryn on Sunday. We keep them all in our prayers and look forward to seeing him for a few cuddles!



Click on the slide to access the video

## Cafod Walk for Hunger



**CAFOD**

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development



Video Link

After watching the CAFOD video, we at St Mary's are joining in with The CAFOD 'Walk Against Hunger'. Collectively we are going to walk the 4,101 miles from Wrexham to Sierra Leone, where Lombek is from. Each pupil's steps will be added to their class' weekly total of steps. Each class will then be added to a school total which will be converted to miles and plotted on the map. Please feel free to add any walks over the weekend. We hope to set there by Easter!

As part of our Walk for Hunger in support of CAFOD, each class will be collecting spare coins/ change in their CAFOD boxes. Perhaps you could encourage family members to 'sponsor' you or give a donation for your CAFOD box!



Staff Training Days 2021-22

Monday 25th April 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Wednesday 20th July 2022

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O Lord, hear the prayers  
of those who trust in you,  
especially the lowly,  
those sorely tried, and those  
who suffer and flee before  
the roar of weapons.  
Restore peace to our hearts;  
once again,  
grant your peace to our days.  
Amen.

*Franciscus*  
#PrayTogether #Ukraine



## Eisteddfod Ysgol Santes Fair



Today we held our whole school Eisteddfod where all children took part in year group competitions representing their 'houses' named after Welsh mountains. Each phase performed for each other and were judged by each other.

House points will be counted over the weekend and prizes will be awarded in a special results assembly via MS Teams on Monday afternoon.

Pob Lwc Pawb!

## MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK



We are all learning a special sign language called Makaton to promote inclusion in St Mary's and to support all learners to communicate with each other. You can practise our 'Sign of the Week' with your family and friends.



This week's sign is: book

[LINK](#)

## Brawddeg Yr Wythnos Sentence of the Week



**Dydd Gwyl Dewi hapus**  
**Happy Saint David's**  
**day**

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### Support the Friends of St Mary's

### to raise much needed funds for the benefit of all our children

Friends of St. Mary's School are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

Do it today- Sign up by clicking on the [LINK](#)

Please encourage your family and friends to do the same.

## Messengers of Christ

### MESSENGER OF CHRIST

11.3.22



THIS WEEK WE MADE PRAYER BAGS TO SHARE WITH OUR CLASS. ONE CHILD WILL TAKE THE BAG HOME TO SHARE WITH THEIR FAMILY. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING IT BACK TO SCHOOL.

WE HAVE ALSO CREATED A SLIDE TO SHARE WITH OUR CLASSES ABOUT DIFFERENT SAINTS WHO HAVE SPECIAL DAYS IN MARCH.



PIC-COLLAGE

Today KS 2 Messengers of Christ had a lovely meeting inspired by the Gospel of St Luke 14:4-22– Jesus begins his mission. We shared the Gospel and prayed for God's strength in our mission. We prayed for peace in our world. We decided that our mission should be preparing for Easter. Each class is to learn an Act of Contrition . We feel we should have the opportunity to go to Confession before Easter. We also want to lead Stations of the Cross for our classes. We thought we could possibly go to the Cathedral in year groups for Stations of the Cross, Confession and quiet reflective prayer. Year 6 are going to write to Fr Nicholas to ask if this would be possible . The meeting was concluded with a prayer. Mr O'Toole

### Five Ways to Well-being



On Mondays, for the coming few weeks Mrs Lane will be delivering well-being and yoga sessions to each class as part of our 5 ways to well-being programme. We look forward to 'keeping learning' with Mrs Lane. Diolch.



# Parent Governor Vacancy

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent to do so. In our school we have provision for two parent governors and there is currently **one parent governor vacancy**.

## Firstly some background information:

**The role of the school governor and governing bodies:** The role of the school governor is demanding but very rewarding and is a good way to give something back to your local community. School governing bodies are responsible for working with the school to ensure that it delivers a good quality education. Together with the Headteacher, who is responsible for day-to-day management, they set the school's aims and policies.

## **Key roles of governors:**

The governing body, with the Headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing bodies have three core strategic functions:

- To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- To hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- To oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent

## **They also carry out a number of other important duties, which include:**

- Determining how the school's budget is spent.
- The appointing and dismissing of staff
- Hearing appeals and grievances
- Forming policy on the school's curriculum and collective worship
- Setting standards for pupils' behaviour and discipline
- Making sure school buildings are welcoming and safe
- Setting and monitoring the school's aims and policies

## **Who can be a school governor?**

You don't have to have children at the school to be a governor. However, you do have to be over 18, and pass a formal check for your suitability to be within a school. No specific qualifications are required but the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. Training is available for all governors and this governing body has an expectation that those new to being a governor attend free induction training.

Parent governors serve a term of four years from the date of appointment, although you may resign at any time if you wish. There is at least one full governing body meeting during each school term and all governors are invited to join committees and attend those meetings prior to each full governors' meeting. The governor committees are as follows;- Mission and Purpose, Finance, Curriculum, Staffing and Premises.



# Parent Governor Vacancy

Parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours per academic year or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections.

If you would like to stand for election please complete the attached nomination form and return it to the school no later than **FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022.**

You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words. Self-nominations will be accepted but if you are nominating another parent, please seek their prior consent.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

Yours faithfully

*M E Davies*

Mrs Liz Davies (Chair of Governors)

(Copy of letter sent 9.3.22)

## St Mary's Catholic Primary School

### Parent Governor Nomination Form

#### Nominating someone else

I \_\_\_\_\_ wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_

for the role of Parent Governor in St Mary's Catholic Primary School.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Child in Class \_\_\_\_\_

#### Self –nominations

I wish to nominate myself \_\_\_\_\_ for the role of Parent Governor in St Mary's Catholic Primary School.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Child in Class \_\_\_\_\_

Please see short personal statement below ( no more than 250 words)

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## Updated WG Covid 19 guidance Jan 28th 2022

If a child has mild cold-like symptoms, and no one in their household has any of the main COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for coronavirus, they should continue to go to school, if fit to do so.

The three main [symptoms of COVID-19](#) to be aware of are:

- a new continuous cough
- fever or high temperature
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

If your child develops one of these symptoms they should follow the [self-isolation guidance](#) and you should [apply for a coronavirus test](#). The [guidance for other members of the household](#) is available.

Please contact school if you need any lateral flow tests. Diolch.