



St Mary's Church in Wales

Primary School



Friday 24th May 2019

Dear Parents/Friends,

Thank you to everyone who sent in the questionnaire with regard this week's Church in Wales inspection. The time taken to complete the questionnaire is very much appreciated. Diolch.

This week our Wildlife Quiz Team got to the Gwent final and were up against Rougemount (Newport) & Shirenewton (Monmouthshire). After some challenging questions, Shirenewton were the worthy winners, but our team of Anthony, Isabella, Kate & Timothy did the School proud. Well done to all of you.

The Athletics Team travelled to Abertillery on Wednesday to compete in the Town Sports. The whole team showed a great attitude and effort throughout the competition with some great results. A number of our pupils have qualified for the Grand Final after half term. Well done to all our team members who represented the school so well.

Today is the last day before half term. School starts again for pupils on Tuesday 4th June at the normal times.

Thank you all for your continuing support,
Darren Jones

School Dinners – Tuesday 4th June

Monday Training Day
Tuesday Mini grill with chips & beans or cheese or sausage sandwich, salad & drink
Wednesday Chicken fillet dinner or chicken or tuna sandwich, salad items & drink
Thursday Beefy Bolognese or cheese or turkey wrap, salad items & drink
Friday Fish fillet & chips or tuna or cheese sandwich, salad items & a drink

***** **CHANGE TO MENU ON TUESDAY** *****

PTA Cinema Night

Thank you to everyone who came along to the cinema night on Wednesday. We had almost 110 pupils in the School Hall for the film.

Thank you to the PTA who organised the evening, supplied a party bag and refreshments.

Not just an enjoyable evening, but £252 was raised for the pupils of St Mary's Church in Wales School. Diolch pawb.

School Uniform

New school uniform is available from **Mel Morgans** (Ebbw Vale) or from the Reflex Embroidery Shop (NP22 4EF) – website: <http://www.reflexembroidery.co.uk/product/crew-neck-sweatshirt-12/>

Welsh Phrases of the Week

Beth sy'n bod? What's the matter? Mae pen tost da fi – I've got a headache

Mae braich tost da fi – I've got a poorly arm

The Week Ahead

Monday	Staff Training Day			
Tuesday	Intergenerational Choir	Yrs3-6	2.40-3.40pm	Sarah Lewis & Kimberly Williams
Wednesday	Year 6 go on their Residential Trip to Abernant			
	Colouring Club	Yrs 3-6	12.45 – 1.20pm	Linda Webb
Thursday	Gardening Club	Yrs 3-6	3.20-4.20pm	Linda Webb & Helen Francis
	Cricket Club	No cricket Club due to the Yr 6 Residential Trip		
Friday	Swimming	Yrs 2		
	Year 6 return from Abernant			

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Value of the Week – INDEPENDENCE

Tweet @stmarysciw with a photo showing how you have shown independence over the half term holiday. It may be cooking, riding a bike, feeding a pet or doing something for the first time. Looking forward to seeing the photos.

Estyn Report

The Inspection Report on the school after the Estyn Inspection is now available for everyone to read at:

<https://www.estyn.llyw.cymru/darparwr/6773309>

If anyone would like a hard copy please contact the School office.

The inspection team were very pleased with the standards and skills of pupils, and in particular the behaviour and caring nature of pupils. We do have 3 recommendations to help improve the school further, to which we are already working towards.

Year 5 & 6 Residential Trips

Thank you to the families that came in to school this week for the information sessions in readiness for the residential trips after half term.

If you were unable to make the meeting, the information should have come home with pupils. If you have yet to receive the information, please contact the school office.

What's Coming Up?

Monday 3rd June	Teacher Training Day	
Tuesday 4th June	First day of the new half term for pupils	
Wed 5th June – Fri 7th June	Year 6 to Abernant – Residential Trip	
Mon 10th June – Wed 12th June	Year 5 to Gilwern – Residential Trip	
Tuesday 11th June	Year 4 to Llancaiach Fawr as part of Tudor Project	
Friday 14th June	Non-uniform Day – Chocolate Donation for Summer Fayre	
	Reception Class Trip to Cantref Farm	
Monday 17th June	Years 2 & 3 Trip to Noah's Ark Zoo	
	Year 1 to Cefn Mably Farm	
Tuesday 18th June	Year 6 Diocesan Leaver Service at Brecon Cathedral	
Thursday 20th June	PTA Summer Fayre	
Friday 21st June	Swimming Grand Final	
24th – 28th June	Year 6 Taster Week at Brynmawr Foundation School	
Friday 28th June	School Move Up Morning	
Thursday 13th June	Information Session – Reception Class Sept 2019 10am	
	Dragon bag collection	
Tuesday 2nd July	10.30am Nursery Sports Day	1.30pm Foundation Phase Sports
Tuesday 9th July	Year 2 Class Assembly	9.15am
Wednesday 10th July	Year 1 Class Assembly	9.15am
	Year 6 Confirmation Service with Archbishop of Wales	10.15am
	PTA Summer Disco for pupils	
Thursday 11th July	Reception Class Assembly	9.15am
Friday 12th July	Key Stage 2 Sports Day	1.30pm
Tuesday 16th July	Year 3 Class Assembly	9.15am
Wednesday 17th July	Year 4 Class Assembly	9.15am
Arrangements for Yr5/6 end of year assembly to be confirmed		