



St. Helen's Catholic Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Santes Helen

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Friday 5th October 2018

Note for Parents

Please note that teaching and support staff attend a meeting from 8.30 to 8.55am on the following mornings:

Key Stage 2: Thursday morning

Foundation Phase: Friday morning

The office is un-manned whilst these meetings are taking place.



Whole School: Colorfoto Pupil Portraits

On Tuesday 9th October, Colorfoto will be coming in to school to take individual portrait photos of the children. Family group photos will be taken at each site from 8.30am to 9am.

Please ensure EVERY child comes to school in full school uniform that day. If it is your child's birthday that day, they may wear their own clothes the following day.



INSET DAYS:

5th November 2018

5th July 2019

7th January 2019

22nd July 2019



School Timings

	Foundation Phase	KS2
Breakfast Club:	08:00-08:20	08:10-08:45
Gates Open am:	08:50	08:45
Gates Close am:	09:00	08:55
Nursery PM Open: 12:45		
Nursery PM Close: 12:50		
Gates Open pm:	15:15	15:25
Gates Close pm:	15:25	15:40



Presbytery Car Park

Please do not park in the Presbytery car park, this is not for use to parents when dropping off and collecting your child.



Mrs Clawson's Star: **Alexis Jones**

Morning Nursery Star: Seren Williams

Afternoon Nursery Star: Jessica Minton



Learner of the Week

Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Mrs Humphreys Eli Glies

Dosbarth Mr Thomas Jerusha Tony

Dosbarth Miss O'Dare Maxwell Charles

Dosbarth Mrs McCallum Seren Rees

Seren yr Wythnos

Dosbarth St. David's: Freya Williams

Dosbarth Tregaron: Eva Green

Dosbarth Harlech: Olivia Jones

Dosbarth Efail Isaf: Lucas Easton

Dosbarth Lampeter: Ffion Williams

Dosbarth Ewenny: Chloe Sumsion

Dosbarth Narberth: Ceris Griffiths

Friend of the Week

Olivia Shardlow

Isabelle-Rose Thomas

Hollie Dobbinson

Lellie Jones

Darllenwr yr Wythnos

Jacob Prosser

Leighton Ferguson

Daniel Devine

Zeb Llewellyn

Jackeline Earnest-Daniel

Isaac Thomas

Romero Roberts

Reader of the Week

Ivan Zoleta

Zara Phyfer

Lacey Wiltshire

Seren Cymraeg

Holly Belarmino

Creddie Price

Luca Hemmens

Theo Williams

Ruby Thomas

Niya Varghese

Evie Williams

Class Attendance week ending 28th September 2018

Derbyn 92.3%

Dosbarth Melyn 95%

Dosbarth Oren 94.6%

Dosbarth Gwyrdd 93.2%

Dosbarth St. David's 96.5%

Dosbarth Tregaron 84.8%

Dosbarth Harlech 93.9%

Dosbarth Efail Isaf 89.7%

Dosbarth Lampeter 96.8%

Dosbarth Ewenny 94.5%

Dosbarth Narberth 95.5%



Key Stage 2 After School Clubs

w/c 8th October 2018

Monday: Hockey (Years 5 & 6)

Tuesday: Rugby (Years 4/5 & 6)

Fitness & Wellbeing (Years 3-6)

Wednesday: No Clubs

Thursday: Golf/Badminton (Years 3/4)

Friday: Football (Years 5 & 6)

School Clubs Timetable



Unless otherwise stated, after school clubs are held in school and finish at 4.30pm

A reminder that if your child is not able to attend club, a note in their diary must be provided.

Congratulations to Dosbarth Melyn & Dosbarth Lampeter!

Ten minutes extra play for all of you!

Headlice - Polite Reminder to Parents

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the importance of checking your child's hair regularly for head lice. With the co-operation of all parents we can control this problem and have fewer incidences of head lice in school.

Many Thanks



Dosbarth Melyn – Cardiff Museum & Workshop

Dosbarth Melyn will be going to Cardiff Museum on Friday 19th October. The children will have a look around and take part in the Sounds of the Dinosaur Workshop. Cost of the trip is TBC, please keep a look out in your child's book bag for a letter and consent form.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To further enhance the safety of children going to and from school, the Vale of Glamorgan Council has recently standardised parking restrictions on the 'School Keep Clear Markings' and has installed signage to reflect these changes.



The restrictions are legally enforceable and are as follows:-
8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm.

We would be grateful if parents co-operate accordingly.

Many Thanks

Reception to Year 6 Flu Nasal Vaccinations

Look out for letters coming home with all children in Reception through to Year 6. The Nurses will be coming in on Thursday 22nd November to administer the nasal vaccination.

Please ensure you return the consent form, whether you wish your child to receive the vaccination or not, by Friday 16th November.



Dosbarth Melyn, Oren and Gwyrdd

Over the coming weeks pupils will continue to have targets set in the back of their diaries.



Please encourage your child to practice these at home.

Ymadrodd yr Wythnos / Phrase of the Week

Every week we will be focusing on a Welsh Phrase of the Week. Please encourage your child to use this phrase.



Sut mae'r tywydd? Heulog, bwrw glaw, gymylog, oer.

How is the weather? Sunny, raining, cloudy, cold.

Communication

Please remember that our primary forms of communication are via the newsletter and Learning Diaries. It is therefore imperative that you read the newsletter and take time every evening to check your children's diaries. Our Twitter and Facebook feeds are tools which we use to celebrate the life of the school and to post reminders of information you should already know.



The weekly newsletter will always be 'pinned' to the top of both the Facebook and Twitter feed for ease of reference.

Alerts and reminders are sent via Schoop, a communication app for schools. If you need to activate Schoop, please contact the Office at either site who will provide you with an activation letter.

ParentPay (www.parentpay.com)

ParentPay has been up and running in school for some time now. If you have not yet logged into your account, please do so. Payments for school dinners can ONLY be made on ParentPay. ParentPay can also be used to pay for your child's school trips.



All school meals must be paid for IN ADVANCE.



Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

If you are in receipt of either Jobseekers Allowance Income Based, Income Support, Employment and Support Allowance income related or Guaranteed Pension Credit then you may very well be entitled to receive Free School Meals. Or, if you are in receipt of Child Tax Credit and your income is less than £16,190 per annum, you may also be entitled to claim Free School Meals. If you are in receipt of Working Tax Credits then you are not eligible. For more information, contact either Mrs Champ or Housing Benefits at the Vale of Glamorgan Council on 01446 700111.

Water Bottles - Years 1 & 2

Pupils in Years 1 & 2 are encouraged to bring a clear sports type water bottle to school every day filled with WATER only. Please clearly label with your child's name. They will be returned everyday to be washed & refilled.



Bottles are available and can be purchased from the Foundation Phase Office at a cost of £1.50.

SPOOKS and SPARKLES DISCO

Foundation Phase - Monday 15th October

Reception - 4:15 - 5:15pm

Years 1 & 2 - 5:30 - 6:45pm

Tickets £3.50 (includes a hot dog & drink).



KS2 Phase - Wednesday 24th October 5 - 7pm

Tickets £4.00 (includes a hot dog & drink).

Tuck Shop will be open @ KS2 site

Healthy Snack

Please try to make sure that pupils have a healthy snack for their break times particularly in KS2.



Fruit or vegetable pieces are a great healthy snack.

Mrs Hill and the rest of the staff will be on the look out for the healthiest eaters!!

Did you enjoy the breakfast tasters during Healthy and Wellbeing week? Write in your diary which was your favourite taster? You never know they may make a return! If you like the sound of this speak to Mrs Hill.

Infection Control

As part of our commitment to reduce likelihood of infections, we have installed hand sanitisers throughout the school on both sites. The foam has a non-alcohol base and is designed to be safe on the skin of babies.



We are encouraging pupils to wash, dry and then sanitise, which we are assured will give the pupils 6 hour protection.

Please encourage your child to use the sanitisers.

Diary Dates

9/10	Colorfoto Pupil Portraits
12/10	St David's & Tregaron: Mass @ St. Helen's, 9.30am
15/10	Spooks & Sparkles Disco (Foundation Site) Reception - 4:15 to 5:15pm Yrs 1 & 2 - 5:30 to 6:45pm
17/10	Ewenny Class Assembly
19/10	Yr 1 (Dosbarth Melyn) Cardiff Museum Trip
19/10	Lampeter: Mass @ St. Helen's, 9.30am
22/10	Yr 6 Cardiff Museum outreach visit to school.
24/10	Spooks & Sparkles Disco (KS2 Site) 5-7pm
26/10	Grandparents' Mass @ St Helen's Church, 10am
26/10	(Whole School) Own Clothes Day & Tuck Shop @ end of school.
29/10 - 2/11	HALF TERM
5/11	INSET DAY
9/11	Yrs 2 & Narbeth: Mass @ St. Helen's, 9.30am
12 & 14/11	KS2 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings
14/11	Efail Isaf Class Assembly
13 & 15/11	Foundation Parent Pupil Progress Meetings
16/11	Efail Isaf: Mass @ St. Helen's, 9.30am
28/11	Year 6 Visit to Bletchley Park
30/11	Harlech: Mass @ St. Helen's, 9.30am
7/12	Whole School: Advent Mass @ St. Helen's, 10-11am
7/12	Christmas Fete @ KS2, 3:30-5pm
13/12	Foundation Visit to Live Nativity @ St. Mary's Church
14/12	KS2 Visit to Live Nativity @ St. Mary's Church

