



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

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Friday 14th September 2018

Together We Believe + Achieve and Succeed
Gyda'n Gilydd Credwn + Chyflawnwn a Llwyddwn

School Uniform

Don't forget to label all items of clothing clearly This will enable us to reunite you with lost items. A reminder that the School Uniform Policy states black shoes.

School Timings

	<u>Foundation Phase</u>	<u>KS2</u>
Breakfast Club:	08:00-08:20	08:10-08:45
Gates Open am:	08:50	08:45
Gates Close am:	09:00	08:55
Gates Open pm:	15:15	15:25
Gates Close pm:	15:20	15:40

IMPORTANT – Data Issues

You may or may not be aware from the news that due to a bug in the School Information Management System (SIMS) which is used in school, there is a chance that some pupils' contact information has been incorrectly amended. The bug only affected a small percentage of schools across the UK, us being one of them. Capita SIMS designed a diagnostic tool and were able to pinpoint the children who may or may not have been affected.

If your child has brought home an envelope containing a 'Check 99 Data Collection Sheet', it is essential that you complete and return it to school by **Friday 14th September 2018** at the very latest. Until we receive this completed form back from you, we are unable to relay on the personal data we hold for those children in school. Your co-operation as always is very much appreciated.

Mrs Clawson's Star:

Morning Nursery Star: Morgan Gulliver
Afternoon Nursery Star: Imogen Ruiz



	Learner of the Week	Friend of the Week	Reader of the Week
Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Mrs Humphrey	Lois Ferguson	Ameya John	
Dosbarth Mr Thomas	Lucy Easton	Solomon Bowditch	Rose Giddings
Dosbarth Miss O'Dare	Billy Union	Macy Thomas	Kai Thomas
Dosbarth Mrs McCallum	Sofia Jones	Gabriella Abraham	Orla Conway
	Seren yr Wythnos	Darllenwr yr Wythnos	Seren Cymraeg
Dosbarth St. David's:	Elizabeth Britton	Dexter Owen	Lacey Jones
Dosbarth Tregaron:	Olivia Williams	Lois Dutton	Alfie Tregidgo
Dosbarth Harlech:	Imogen Brana	Sam Williams	Ellison Thomas
Dosbarth Efail Isaf:	Megan Dobbins	Dominic Dukes	Oliver Slee
Dosbarth Lampeter:	Zakary Giles	Harriet Giles	Ewan Carrick
Dosbarth Ewenny:	Joshua Earnest-Daniel	Mika Turner	Chloe Sumsion
Dosbarth Narberth:	Sam Curran	Beatrice Vernon	Bethan Barnsley

Class Attendance week ending 14th September 2018

Dosbarth Glas
Dosbarth Coch
Dosbarth Melyn
Dosbarth Gwrydd
Dosbarth Oren
Dosbarth St. David's
Dosbarth Tregaron
Dosbarth Harlech
Dosbarth Efail Isaf
Dosbarth Lampeter
Dosbarth Ewenny
Dosbarth Narberth

Key Stage 2 After School Clubs

w/c 17th September 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:	No Clubs	

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. A note must also be provided if you wish your child to walk home from club.

Congratulations to **Dosbarth & Dosbarth!** Ten minutes extra play for all of you!

Roald Dahl's Birthday

On Thursday 13th September, we celebrated Roald Dahl's birthday. It was wonderful to see all the children dressed up as their favourite Roald Dahl character. We spent a lovely day taking part in many Roald Dahl themed activities.



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.



Social Media

Our school have been running their own Official Facebook page for some time now 'St. Helen's Catholic Primary School (Official)'. We encourage you to use this page to gain information but also to post information of relevance and help to the whole school community.



We are also happy to approve posts which will assist you, eg. lost property or school event queries.



We also have a Twitter page @sthcpsbarry.

Please follow us to see the school Tweets about the learning going on in the classrooms. You will get to see the fantastic, fun learning which is taking place every day.

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.



KS2 Music Tuition

Peripatetic lessons begin next week. We currently facilitate guitar, violin, piano, ukulele, drums and voice lessons, please note in your child's diary if you would like more information regarding the termly cost of the lessons.

We would like to offer brass lessons in the future, as we have instruments which can be loaned. Please contact Mrs Champ if you are interested.

Foundation Phase Site

Polite reminder to parents

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

KS2 Parking

Please note the following when dropping off and collecting your child from the KS2 site:

- No stopping in the bus stop or on the yellow zig zag areas;
- The Ty-newydd Inn Car Park is a patron only car park and the landlord has requested that parents do not park there.

The ideal place for parking is Cemetery approach, however there are plenty of places to safely park your car in the surrounding streets. If parking in residential areas, please be courteous to homeowners.

Donations

Please consider St. Helen's when you are sorting out your children's toys!

We are always very grateful to receive donations of good quality toys, puzzles, games and books.



Foundation Phase Information

PE Days

Meithrin - every Friday

Dosbarth Derbyn - every Wednesday and Thursday

Dosbarth Oren and Dosbarth Melyn - every Thursday

Dosbarth Gwyrdd - every Friday

Year 1 & 2 Fruit Snack

Please could all children in Years 1 and 2 bring a fruit snack to school every day.

RE Topic: Families

Children in Dosbarth Melyn, Oren and Gwyrdd - Please bring a family photograph into school.

Diary Dates

14/9: Reception class pictures with Barry & District

18/9: Oren & Gwyrdd Visit to Cardiff Castle

21/9: Yr 4/5 Historical Walk of Barry

28/9: Welcome Mass @ St Helen's Church, 10am

28/9: FiSH Coffee Morning 11am-1pm in the Church Hall

5/10: Yr 4/5 Visit to Big Pit

17/10: Ewenny Class Assembly

26/10: Grandparents' Mass @ St Helen's Church, 10am

29/10 - 2/11 Half Term

