



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

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## Friday 12th 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.



### 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).**

*Please pay on the door @ FPh*

KS2 Phase - Wednesday 24th October 5 -7pm

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

*Tickets available from Mrs Champ in KS2 office.*

*Tuck Shop will be open @ KS2 site*



### 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
<b>Nursery PM Open: 12:45</b>		
<b>Nursery PM Close: 12:50</b>		
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:

**Morning Nursery Star:** Reid Williams  
**Afternoon Nursery Star:** Alyssa McCormack



### Learner of the Week

Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Mrs Humphreys: Lois Watkins-Jones  
Dosbarth Mr Thomas: Luke Davis  
Dosbarth Miss O'Dare: Maria Alexander  
Dosbarth Mrs McCallum: Alessandra Nazzaro

### Seren yr Wythnos

Dosbarth St. David's: Kamil Kamionka  
Dosbarth Tregaron: Emerson Parkes  
Dosbarth Harlech: Jayden Davis  
Dosbarth Efail Isaf: Emily Harris  
Dosbarth Lampeter: Marta Szymanowicz  
Dosbarth Ewenny: Karolina Strzala  
Dosbarth Narberth: Isaac Clawson

### Friend of the Week

Jacob Curran  
Daisy Deacon  
Pennie Burnett  
Gracie-Mae Chapman  
**Darllenwr yr Wythnos**  
Eva Turner  
Summer Hurley  
Poppy Adams  
Alfie Seaward  
Jude Tony  
Henley Plowright  
Elle Eyao

### Reader of the Week

Oliver Powell  
Alexis Jones  
Jake Papierowski  
**Seren Cymraeg**  
Stanley Crean  
Ruby-Mae Desbois  
Anupama Kottaram  
Sienna Mae Miller  
Zakary Giles  
Joseph Sajju  
Joel Ruiz

### Class Attendance week ending 5th October 2018

Dosbarth Derbyn: 99.7%  
Dosbarth Melyn: 95.5%  
Dosbarth Oren: 96.3%  
Dosbarth Gwyrdd: 90.4%  
Dosbarth St. David's: 100%  
Dosbarth Tregaron: 89.6%  
Dosbarth Harlech: 98.1%  
Dosbarth Efail Isaf: 91.9%  
Dosbarth Lampeter: 99.7%  
Dosbarth Ewenny: 98.5%  
Dosbarth Narberth: 93.6%



### Key Stage 2 After School Clubs

#### w/c 15th 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.**

**Grandparents Mass - Friday 26th October 10am at St Helen's Church.**  
All Grandparents including honorary Grandparents are invited to join us for a special Mass of Thanksgiving for all that you do for us. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Congratulations to Dosbarth Derbyn & Dosbarth St David's!**

**Ten minutes extra play for all of you!**

### Reception Parents - Baptism Photo

As part of our R.E. topic we are learning about how a baby is welcomed into the church. On **Monday 15th October**, please can the children in reception bring in a photo of their baptism to share in school. Photos will be returned at the end of the day. Thankyou.



### 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 £5, please return the consent form and money as soon as possible.

### Consent Forms - Permissions & Routine Visits

We have sent a few consent forms home recently, please can you ensure that you return these as soon as possible to keep our records up to date and as accurate as possible.

**Flu Nasal Vaccinations** can you return the consent form, whether you wish your child to receive the vaccination or not, by **Friday 16th**

**November**. If you have not received these consent forms or have lost them, then please pop into either office @ FPH or KS2 for a replacement.

### Spellodrome

Years 1 and 2 in FPH now have access to SPELLODROME.

New spelling lists will be given each week on a Thursday to be tested the following week, and these will be placed in your child's diary. These words can then be practised using your child's Spellodrome account.

This can be accessed via MATHLETICS as it uses the same Login details. If you have any queries or your child does not have access to the internet at home, please see your child's teacher in the first instance.

We hope that you will find Spellodrome an exciting way to encourage your child to develop this essential part of their learning.

Your comments and feedback are most welcome.

### Dosbarth Melyn, Oren and Gwyrdd - Foundation Phase

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.

*Ga I fynd i'r tŷ bach os gwelwch yn dda?*  
*Can I go to the toilet please?*



### 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](http://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.



### October - Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month.

To mark Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month we will be having a non uniform day on **Thursday 18th October**. Children are asked to come dressed in blue or green and bring a donation of £1 which will go to Bobarth Wales. The children will also be having an assembly on this day given by the Bobarth charity to raise their awareness of Cerebral Palsy.

### Big Pit

Year 4/5 visited the Big Pit National Coal Mining Museum.

We experienced how the miners and children would have felt working down the mine. We also learnt about the life of a child miner and the jobs they were expected to do.

A great educational day had by all.



### 'Staying Steady' project

On **Monday 15th October** at 9am, 6 children will be presenting to grandparents / great grandparents about the dangers of falling over and how to prevent these falls. If you would like to attend please inform Mrs Hill or contact Mrs Champ in the office.

### Victorian school day - Yr 4/5

To further explore the life of a child in Victorian times year 4/5 will be holding a Victorian school day on **Wednesday 17th October**. Where possible could children come into school dressed as a Victorian school child with a Victorian packed lunch. e.g bread and cheese, fruit, cold meats, jam sandwiches etc. If children wish to have school dinners as normal they can do so. Please see the year 4/5 teaching team if there are any queries.



### Wednesday Word.

All children in Year 2 - Year 6 are bringing home '**The Wednesday Word**' leaflet from school. Every Wednesday, a 'word' (inspired by the Sunday Gospel) will be suggested for you and your family to talk about in your home. This opportunity for family time is centred around the Sunday Gospel because evidence shows that Gospel values really do help family relationships to thrive.

We hope you enjoy reading the Wednesday Word and sharing this special time together with your children each week.

### Diary Dates

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
18/10	(Whole School) Non Uniform wear blue or green (£1 for Bobarth Wales)
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 (£1 donation) & 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
15/11	Shwmae Su'mae Day @ FPH & KS2 (details to follow)
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

