



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

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## Friday 14th December 2018

### Message from Mrs Giernalczyk:

Christmas! The very word brings joy to our hearts. Throughout the week it has been my privilege to share the beauty and joy of the Christian Season with all of your wonderful children. As always, I am truly amazed by the confidence of the children and to witness their creative skills in terms of acting, singing and narrating. Big shout out to Aiden in Year 2 for stepping in at the last minute in our Angel Express Celebration @ the Foundation Phase. A big thank you to our dedicated staff in creating such memorable celebrations in the true spirit of Christmas.

There is no better way to share the beauty and joy of the Christmas Season than through the eyes and minds of children. It is so important to ensure that the real message of Christmas is at the forefront of our hearts.

I am sure you will agree that the children have delivered that message loud and clear throughout this week.

On behalf of everyone at St. Helen's Catholic Primary School, we wish you, your family and the children, a holy and peaceful Christmas.



**Mrs Giernalczyk's Star:** Aiden M

**Mrs Clawson's Star:** Year 3 Tableau



**Morning Nursery Star:** Morgan G

**Afternoon Nursery Star:** Nanelia AM

### Learner of the Week

### Friend of the Week

### Reader of the Week

### Cymraeg of the Week

Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Mrs Humphreys: Ameya J

Oscar T

Arlo Q

Dosbarth Mr Thomas

Olivia K

Oliver P

Harrison D

Annmaria S

Dosbarth Miss O'Dare

Pennie B

Harry-James WD

Hollie M

Evan P

Dosbarth Mrs McCallum

Lacey W

Madilyn H

Fiona R

Seren R

### Seren yr Wythnos

### Darllenwr yr Wythnos

### Seren Cymraeg

Dosbarth St. David's:

Jasmyn H

Holly B

Leo S

Dosbarth Tregaron:

Alfie T

Tierra J

Thomas W

Dosbarth Harlech:

Wiktorja B

Olivia J

Seiya M

Dosbarth Efail Isaf:

Sienna-Mae M

Lucas E

Ruby M

Dosbarth Lampeter:

Jackeline E-D

Marcel K

Harriet N

Dosbarth Ewenny:

Szymon K

Joseph S

Joshua ED

Dosbarth Narberth:

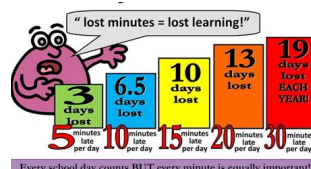
Aneira B

Ieuan M

Beatrice V

### Class Attendance week ending 7th December 2018

Dosbarth Derbyn	89.7%
Dosbarth Melyn	86.5%
Dosbarth Oren	95.4%
Dosbarth Gwyrdd	95.6%
Dosbarth St. David's	97.8%
Dosbarth Tregaron	98.7%
Dosbarth Harlech	94.8%
Dosbarth Efail Isaf	94.2%
Dosbarth Lampeter	97.7%
Dosbarth Ewenny	95.5%
Dosbarth Narberth	94.6%



**New telephone number for School (both sites) :01446 700034**

### Pantomime @ The Memorial Hall: 19th December 2018

The children will be returning to school for a late lunch following the Pantomime. The cook has very kindly agreed to provide baguettes or a hot dinner of pasta bolognese.



Congratulations to Dosbarth Gwyrdd & Dosbarth Tregaron

Ten minutes extra play for all of you!

**Please note school will finish at the normal time of 3.15pm (Fdn Ph) and 3.30pm (KS2) on Friday 21st December 2018**

## Foundation Phase Showcase

Parents/Carers are invited to attend our Foundation Phase Showcase afternoon at 2.30pm on **Monday 17th December**. The children from Dosbarth Derbyn, Dosbarth Melyn, Dosbarth Oren and Dosbarth Gwyrdd will share their learning with you in their classrooms. We look forward to celebrating the end of our topics with you.



Please could you indicate in their green diaries or let the class teacher know if you will be attending. Diolch

## Year 6 WW2 Experience - Wednesday 19th December (pm)

Parents welcome to come along and find out about the fantastic learning that we have completed this term.

Could the children bring their Evacuee/ WW2 costumes in a carrier bag as we will be at the panto in the morning?



## Empty 4pt Plastic Milk Carton Donations - Foundation Phase

Nursery Staff have kindly asked if you could send in an empty, washed 4pt milk cartons to school for their next project after the Christmas break. Diolch



## Diolch!

Grateful thanks for all the support for the St Helen's Annual Christmas Parish Bazaar.

## Diolch yn fawr!

We would like to give a huge thank you to our wonderful FiSH who are a fantastic support to our school especially over the past week holding 3 events in 3 days, all of which have been a huge success and enjoyed by each and every pupil throughout the school.

None of this would be possible without our fantastic (but small) team of parents who so willingly give up their time to support our school in fundraising events. If you are able to give a little time to help our FiSH, we would be so very grateful.



*Thank you SO much! You are all truly wonderful!*



## Criw Cymraeg Winner

Congratulations to the winner of the Criw Cymraeg poster competition- Abbie D. Her poster will be displayed around the school! Da lawn!



Also a huge well done for all of the wonderful entries.

## Mobile Phones - Polite Reminder

We do not encourage our pupils to bring a mobile to school with them.

Please note that if they are brought in to school they will be kept in the office @ KS2 and handed back at the end of the day.



## 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.

*Nadolig Llawn Merry Christmas*

*Merch dda: Good girl*

*Bachgen da: Good boy*

*Dal ati: Keep it up*

*Gwait da: Good work*

*Bendigidig: Wonderful*

*Gwych: Great*

*Blwyddyn: Year*



## Christmas Cards

This year we are asking you to support our decision to ask the pupils to bring just one Christmas Card for their class and instead make a donation to the class fund for a CAFOD World Gift. Everyone's participation in this alternative to sending everyone Christmas Cards will support both the work of our Mission Ministry but also our Environment and Sustainability Ministry.



## Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day: 20th December 2018

Christmas Lunch costs £2.25 just like any other day. Payment can be made on PARENTPAY ONLY looking for the 'School Meal Payments'. If your child is usually free school meals, their entitlement will stand just like a normal day.

In Key Stage 2, the whole school will dine together. Those children who choose Christmas dinner will be placed in groups to decorate their table. We ask that you begin to collect suitable decorations for this event. Those who choose sandwiches are encouraged to decorate their lunchboxes. There will be spot prizes!



## Year 3 Nativity Costumes.

If you would like to donate your costume from the nativity concert we would be very grateful so we can build up a collection of costumes for future years. Thank you to all those who have already donated costumes we really appreciate it.



## Key Stage 2 After School Clubs w/c 17th December 2018

**Monday:** No Clubs

**Tuesday:** No Clubs

**Wednesday:** No Clubs

**Thursday:** No Clubs

**Friday:** No Clubs

School Clubs Timetable



## After School Clubs will resume after the Christmas Break.

### Start the Christmas Holiday with a Festive Treat @ Techniquet.

Head to Techniquet on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 3pm where you can explore two floors of exhibits, enjoy a warm spiced apple juice and a mince pie before settling into our Science Theatre for a screening of family favourite — ELF!

Ticket Type	With donation*	Without donation
Per person booking fee	£9.40 + 66p booking fee	£8.50 + 60p booking fee

Tickets are limited & not available on the door, pre book online <https://www.seetickets.com/event/festive-cinema-elf/techniquet-cardiff/1291870>



## Diary Dates

17/12: Foundation Phase Showcase 2:30pm

19/12: Year 6 WW2 Experience

19/12: Billboard Pantomime @ Memo

20/12: Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

21/12: Last day of term

7/1: INSET DAY

## Tuesday 8th January 2019: First day of Spring Term

10/1: Google Classroom Drop-in Workshop for KS2 Parents, 9am-10am & 3:30pm-4:30pm

7-14/5: National Testing Period

17-28/6: Year 4 Swimming Lessons @ Cardiff International Pool

24-28/6: Year 5 Residential Visit to Llangrannog

