



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

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Friday 19th 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

KS2 Phase

Wednesday 24th October 5 -7pm

All tickets are now SOLD OUT

Tuck Shop will be open

Any parents available to help on the night? We would be very grateful



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
Nursery PM Open: 12:45		
Nursery PM Close: 12:50		
Gates Open pm:	15:15	15:25
Gates Close pm:	15:25	15:40



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.

Presbytery Car Park

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



Mrs Clawson's Star: Eli Giles

Morning Nursery Star: Julia Bednorz
Afternoon Nursery Star: Nanalina Anna Mathew

Learner of the Week

Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Mrs Humphreys: Zuri Amat
Dosbarth Mr Thomas: Annmaria Shaju
Dosbarth Miss O'Dare: Liara Patten
Dosbarth Mrs McCallum: Maia Behardien

Seren yr Wythnos

Dosbarth St. David's: Holly Belarmino
Dosbarth Tregaron: Credie Price
Dosbarth Harlech: Sam Thomas
Dosbarth Efail Isaf: Ruby Morgan
Dosbarth Lampeter: Ruby Thomas
Dosbarth Ewenny: Alfie Stone
Dosbarth Narberth: Ieuan Morris

Friend of the Week

Theo Dowdell
Harrison Davies
Oscar Morris
Amelia Shaji

Darllenwr yr Wythnos

Jack Taylor
Colton Griffiths
Holly Hunter
Che Bailey
Tilly Lloyd
Hollie Vaquerizo
Kaidon Lawrence

Reader of the Week

Richie Thompson
Harry Whitlock-Davie
Piotr Szymanowicz
Seren Cymraeg
Jasmyn Hinsley
Zak Gale
Danica Ricaforte
Imogen Ferguson
Sheikha Hatherill
Jamie Vincent
Paul Reid



Class Attendance week ending 12th October 2018

Dosbarth Derbyn	94%
Dosbarth Melyn	96.4%
Dosbarth Oren	99.2%
Dosbarth Gwyrdd	88.8%
Dosbarth St. David's	100%
Dosbarth Tregaron	88.3%
Dosbarth Harlech	98.1%
Dosbarth Efail Isaf	96.1%
Dosbarth Lampeter	97.1%
Dosbarth Ewenny	100%
Dosbarth Narberth	96.8%



Key Stage 2 After School Clubs

w/c 22nd 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 Oren, Dosbarth St. David's & Dosbarth Ewenny!

Ten minutes extra play for all of you!

Poppy Appeal

The Mission Ministry will be selling various items, such as pencils, rulers, rubbers and sharpeners ranging from 50p to £1 to support the Poppy Appeal. Children will be given a poppy with each purchase made.



Senedd Santes Helen

All Ministries met up for the first time this year. Chairpersons and Secretary's were appointed as well as actions being agreed and set for the forthcoming year!

You are all welcome to join our next Ministry meeting and experience Pupil Voice in action! We will inform you of the next meeting.

Return of School Forms & Questionnaires

There are still some children who have not returned their flu vaccination form, photograph permissions or routine visits forms. Please ensure these are returned to school urgently.

All children brought home Parent Questionnaires for the School and Vale Catering this week. Please ensure that these are also completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Also a KS2 reminder: if you would like your child to walk home after school, a note detailing the arrangements must be sent to school.

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.

Jordan Howe, Paralympian Athlete

On 10th October, we welcomed Jordan Howe to our school. Jordan is a GB Paralympian who competes in category T35 sprinting events. Jordan worked with all classes across the school helping us to develop our Growth Mindset. He is a wonderful role model for our pupils and his life story is quite inspirational [#raiseawarenesscerebralpalsy](#)

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 practise 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?

Unruly Children Get the Cane

Year 4/5 travelled back to the Victorian period where they experienced life in a Victorian school.

Canes, exercise drills, cleanliness checks, singing and a dunce's cap were all features of the day!



Most children made it through the day without the whip of the cane!

Thank you all for your fantastic outfits and traditional lunches.

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.

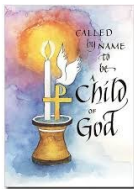


Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

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.

Year 1/2: Baptism

As part of our Baptism topic, we would like the children in Dosbarth Melyn, Oren and Gwyrdd to bring in a photograph or memento of their Baptism. Any items brought to school will be returned by the end of the week.



Harvest Foodbank Collection

As a school we are asking for donations for the foodbank of tins, biscuits, pasta, rice, dried foods and squash. Please bring them into either school site by **Wednesday 24th October**. Thank you for your support.



Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day: Thursday 18th October

Thank you to everyone who came in dressed in blue or green on Thursday to help raise awareness of Cerebral Palsy. Both sites had an informative assembly delivered to them from Claire and Rachel from the Bobath charity to teach us a little more about Cerebral Palsy and the work that they do. As



a school we raised a wonderful **£250** which will be donated to the Bobath charity. Thank you for your support.

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.

Nursery & Foundation Phase Collection

Please ensure the prompt collection of children at 3.15pm. The gates will be opened until 3.20pm. Once the gates are closed, please use the front entrance for exit and late collection.

Diary Dates

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
9/11:	Yr3 Education Visit to Wickedly Welsh Chocolate Factory
12/11:	Yr2 Carbon Monoxide Workshop with Safety Seamour
12 & 14/11	KS2 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings
13/11:	Yr3 Carbon Monoxide Workshop with Safety Seamour
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
22/11:	Rec to Yr6 Flu Nasal Immunisation
26/11:	Year 5 visit to SRG
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	PTA Christmas Fete @ KS2, 3:30-5pm
12 & 13/12:	Christmas Liturgy @ St. Helen's Church
13/12	Foundation Phase attending Live Nativity @ St. Mary's Church
14/12	KS2 attending Live Nativity @ St. Mary's Church
19/12:	Billboard Pantomime @ Memo
21/12:	Last day of term

