



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

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Friday 21st September 2018

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

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

Welcome Mass Friday 28th September.

On Friday 28th September at 10am, the whole school will be gathering together at St Helen's Church for the first time this academic year to celebrate Mass and welcome Reception into our school family. All are welcome to attend.
If anyone is able to help with walking children to and from the KS2 site please let Mrs Champ in the school office know.

Mrs Clawson's Star:

Morning Nursery Star: Rosie Wiltshire
Afternoon Nursery Star: Mia Wendolowska

Learner of the Week

Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Mrs Humphrey	Theo Dowdell
Dosbarth Mr Thomas	Solomon Bowditch
Dosbarth Miss O'Dare	Zachary Amat
Dosbarth Mrs McCallum	Sofia Debono
Seren yr Wythnos	
Dosbarth St. David's:	Riley Dancey
Dosbarth Tregaron:	Levi Davis
Dosbarth Harlech:	Noel Bugarin
Dosbarth Efail Isaf:	Ruby James
Dosbarth Lampeter:	Talaie Davies
Dosbarth Ewenny:	Ella Evans
Dosbarth Narberth:	Lucas Hinsley

Friend of the Week

Kayla Sweet	
Lucy Easton	
Rhianne Lim	
Hannah Amos	
Darllenwr yr Wythnos	
George Curran	
Elliott Whittaker	
Seiya Mapstone	
Russell Gariando	
Charlie Warry	
Isaac Thomas	
Harry Frayling	



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

Foundation Phase Site

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



Reader of the Week

Cohen Wilcox	
Macy Thomas	
Fiona Roy	
Seren Cymraeg	
Luke Williams	
Noel Varghese	
Wiktoria Barczewska	
Alecsi Busuttill-Thomas	
Teilo Clawson	
Alfie Stone	
Libbie-Mai Clogg	

Class Attendance week ending 14th September 2018

Derbyn	95.7%
Dosbarth Melyn	86.8%
Dosbarth Oren	90.8%
Dosbarth Gwyrdd	98.4%
Dosbarth St. David's	91.3%
Dosbarth Tregaron	98.3%
Dosbarth Harlech	95.8%
Dosbarth Efail Isaf	94.2%
Dosbarth Lampeter	97.1%
Dosbarth Ewenny	97.0%
Dosbarth Narberth	96.4%

Key Stage 2 After School Clubs

w/c 24th 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:	Football (Years 5 & 6)



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 Gwyrdd & Dosbarth Tregaron !

Reception -Snack

A big Thank You to the parents who have already paid Reception Snack money for this half term. Snack money can now be paid weekly or half termly. This is £1 per week or £7 for the half term. Thank you for your support.



Reception -Wellies

Can we ask that Reception parents bring in a pair of wellies for their child to leave in school so regardless of weather they can use the outdoor classroom. Many Thanks



Reception - Welcome Mass Certificates

Welcome Mass certificates for parents to sign will be sent out this week Please can they must be returned by Wednesday 26th September at the latest. Thanks

First Holy Communion

For all those who will be beginning their preparations for First Holy Communion this year, there will be a meeting for parents on **Wednesday 3rd October 7:00pm - 9:00pm, St Helen's Parish Hall.**

On **Wednesday 10th October The Rite of Inscription** will take place for children and parents / guardians at St Helen's Church at **5.15pm.**

Reminder: Rugby Training

If you child attends Rugby Training at our After School Club KS2 then they will need a gum shield.



Reminder: KS2

Year 4/5 trip for the walk around Barry is next Wednesday 26th September.

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.

Year 1/2 Cardiff Castle Trip

On Tuesday 18th Dosbarth Gwyrdd and Dosbarth Oren visited Cardiff Castle as part of their Topic work. The pupils participated in a workshop where we learnt some amazing facts about weapons and armoury. We had a guided tour around the castle house and learnt lots of fascinating information about the families, rooms and decoration. Such an exciting educational visit that has sparked our imaginations for this term. The children were an absolute pleasure and really well behaved and polite. A wonderful experience and so much gained.

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 can be purchased from the Foundation Phase Office at a cost of £1.50. These are currently on order and should be available in school during the next week.

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.

Can you help?

Football Friday

Many thanks to Mr Rollinson who has volunteered once again this year to take our Friday Football club at KS2. Could you help too?

Please contact Mrs Champ, if you are interested.



Chess Club

We have many children who are keen to practise their chess skills. Could you over an evening after school to help run the club?



Please contact Mrs Champ, if you are interested.

Diary Dates

- 26/9: 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.
- 28/9 **(Whole School)** Own Clothes Day & Tuck Shop @ end of school.
- 2/10 Nursery Parent Consultation Meetings
- 4/10 Nursery Parent Consultation Meetings
- 5/10: Yr 4/5 Visit to Big Pit
- 17/10: Ewenny Class Assembly
- 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**
- 12 & 14/11 KS2 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings
- 14/11 Efail Isaf Class Assembly
- 13 & 15/11 Foundation Parent Pupil Progress Meetings

