



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

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Friday 21st December 2018



Nadolig Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda

Wishing all our families a very happy and holy Christmas and a
wonderful New Year!



May the blessings of the Lord be with you all

Our Half Term Virtues: Faith filled and Hopeful

As part of the St. Helen's Pupil Profile, we have been looking at the virtues of being Faith filled and Hopeful and have tried to demonstrate these values both at home and at school. The following children have been chosen who have stood out as really trying to be Faith filled and hopeful towards others throughout this half term:

Nursery:	Morgan G and Riley D
Derbyn:	Jay L and Katie H
Melyn:	Ashna S and Harrison D
Oren:	Rhianne L and Macy T
Gwyrdd:	Eloise V and Sofia J
St. David's:	Holly B and Emilia S
Tregaron:	Noel V and Olivia W
Harlech:	Annemaria M and Ann S
Efail Isaf:	Emily H and Dimitri S
Lampeter:	Jude T and Emilija P
Ewenny:	Wiktor S & Joshua E-D
Narberth:	Bethan B and Beatrice V



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

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.

Sut wyt ti heddiw? How are you today?

Dw i'n dda iawn diolch/ffendigedig/ofnadwy.

I am very well thank you/wonderful/terrible.



Class Attendance week ending 14th December 2018

Dosbarth Derbyn	89.6%
Dosbarth Melyn	91.8%
Dosbarth Oren	94.8%
Dosbarth Gwyrdd	94.1%
Dosbarth St. David's	97.6%
Dosbarth Tregaron	93.9%
Dosbarth Harlech	95.4%
Dosbarth Efail Isaf	94.3%
Dosbarth Lampeter	96.8%
Dosbarth Ewenny	96.2%
Dosbarth Narberth	96.4%



**Congratulations to Dosbarth Oren & Dosbarth St David's
Ten minutes extra play for all of you!**

We are delighted to announce :

**70 pupils (21.7%) have achieved 100% attendance
for the entire term**

**155 pupils (47.99%) have achieved 97% or more, 'Green' attendance
for the entire term**

Congratulations to all our families who have worked hard to ensure their children have had good attendance this term. We have been blighted with some nasty viruses recently but are hopeful that the Spring Term will be a 'healthy' one which enables all children to attend school every day. As we all know, good attendance is a necessity for pupils to make good progress in their learning.

Thank you for your support & commitment in ensuring your child has the best possible attendance in school.

First Day of the Spring Term!

Monday 7th January is an Inset Day.

We look forward to welcoming the pupils back on

Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Advent Appeal

Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting our Advent Appeal. In Key Stage 2, wonderful hampers were delivered to the following organisations and were gratefully received:

- Helping Others Around the Globe (Homeless Charity) **Tregaron**
- Llandough Hospital (Dementia Care) **Lampeter**
- Bella Vista Nursing Home **Narberth**
- Rondell House Day Care Centre **Ewenny**
- Children's Hospital of Wales **Harlech**
- Vale Foodbank **Efail Isaf**
- O'Sheas Chip Shop Christmas Day Appeal **St. Davids**



In Foundation Phase, Big Wrap was a huge success. Big Wrap this year has supported 350 children in the Vale who otherwise would have received 'no gifts'. Your generosity and thoughtfulness will help to make these children's Christmas a happy one.

Diolch!

Many thanks for your gifts, cards and good wishes. We really appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Thank you for your support throughout the term.

Notice for KS2 Parents:

Parking in the Tynewydd Inn Car Park

The Landlord has requested that parents do not park in the Tynewydd Inn Car Park. It is for the use of patrons only.

He has asked us to advise parents that he is looking into instructing a vehicle clamping company to deal with the continued parking problem, which has had a detrimental impact on his business.

Please can parents refrain from parking to maintain good relationships within the local community.



Dosbarth Derbyn - New Theatre Trip

Dosbarth Derbyn will be going to the New Theatre on Friday 25th January 2019 to watch 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The cost of the trip is TBC, please keep a look out for the letter and consent form that will come home with your child after the Christmas break.

One Page Profile Home Learning Year 1-6

We are always looking at ways in which we can get to know our pupils and support their learning and wellbeing. We see all of our children as individuals, and in order to further develop our relationships with our learners, we would like each child to complete with their family a 'One Page Profile' – All About Me.

Years 1 and 2 will have brought home a hard copy for you to complete with your child, Years 3 -6 will be completing on Google Classroom. In case the hard copies go astray, we have also emailed you a copy.

Many thanks for taking the time over the busy Christmas period, to complete this very important home school task.



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Foundation Phase & Year 6 Showcase.

Huge thanks to our families who joined Reception, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 6 this week. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning with you.

Look out for our Spring Term Showcase in April !

Celebrate the Birth of Christ @ St. Helen's Church

Please join Canon Pat and the Parish in the celebration of the birth of Christ at St. Helen's Church. Mass times as follows:



- Christmas Eve:** *Christmas Carols: 8.30pm*
First Mass of Christmas: 9.00pm
- Christmas Day:** *Morning Masses: 8.30am; and*
10.30am (Family Mass)

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



Key Stage 2 After School Clubs w/c 7th January 2019

Monday: INSET DAY

Tuesday: No Clubs

Wednesday: No Clubs

Thursday: No Clubs

Friday: No Clubs

School Clubs Timetable



After School Clubs will resume W/C 14th Jan.
Please bring your requests back to school on the
8th Jan 2019.

Diary Dates

7/1: INSET DAY

8/1: **First day of Spring Term**

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

25/1: Dosbarth Derbyn (Reception) - New Theatre Trip

25/2-1/3: **Half Term**

15/4: Holy Week

15/4-26/4: **Easter Holidays**

29/4: **First Day of Summer Term**

6/5: **Bank Holiday**

7-14/5: National Testing Period

27/5-31/5: **Half Term**

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

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

19/7: **Last Day of Summer Term**

