



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

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Friday 28th September 2018

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

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.



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

Welcome Mass & Coffee Morning - Big Thanks.

Today 28th September, the whole school gathered together at St Helen's Church for the first time this academic year to celebrate Mass and welcome Reception into our school family with a coffee morning held straight after in memory of Tom Channon. It was lovely to see so many Parents, Grandparents, family and friends supporting the pupils and teachers, FISH and Tom's family, Thank you. Da iawn pawb!



SPOOKS and SPARKLES DISCO

Foundation Phase - Monday 15th October 16:30-18:00pm

KS2 Phase - Wednesday 24th October 17:00-19:00pm

Ticket Price - TBC



Mrs Clawson's Star: Jordan Deguara



Morning Nursery Star:

Jaxon Rees

Afternoon Nursery Star:

Alexa Avaient-Phillips

Learner of the Week

Friend of the Week

Reader of the Week

Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Mrs Humphrey	Macsen Jones
Dosbarth Mr Thomas	Scarlett Crowther
Dosbarth Miss O'Dare	Lucy Preece
Dosbarth Mrs McCallum	Sebastien Dukes
Seren yr Wythnos	
Dosbarth St. David's:	Leo Sillett
Dosbarth Tregaron:	Sophie Benson
Dosbarth Harlech:	Tanith Fuller
Dosbarth Efail Isaf:	Sofia Fulgoni
Dosbarth Lampeter:	Sheika Hatherill
Dosbarth Ewenny:	Seren Crowther
Dosbarth Narberth:	Elle Eyao

Lois Watkin Jones	
Sophia Sharpe	
Madeline Vaquerizo	
Eloise Vincent	
Darllenwr yr Wythnos	
Logan Morgan	
Caleb Prangley	
Luca Hemmens	
Zoe Sevillano	
Wyatt Fuller	
Mika Turner	
Isaac Clawson	

Joey Spry	
Thomas Whelan	
Acacia Thomas	
Seren Cymraeg	
Charlie Stone	
Lianna Pinnell-Farrugia	
Bayley Crockford	
Dimitri Szamocki	
Talaie Davies	
Katja Hewitson	
Harry Frayling	

Class Attendance week ending 21st September 2018

Derbyn	92.0%
Dosbarth Melyn	83.6%
Dosbarth Oren	85.8%
Dosbarth Gwyrdd	93.2%
Dosbarth St. David's	98.7%
Dosbarth Tregaron	94.4%
Dosbarth Harlech	99.4%
Dosbarth Efail Isaf	87.4%
Dosbarth Lampeter	93.9%
Dosbarth Ewenny	88.0%
Dosbarth Narberth	91.8%



Key Stage 2 After School Clubs

w/c 1st 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 Gwyrdd & Dosbarth Harlech!

Ten minutes extra play for all of you!

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.



INSET DAYS:

- 5th November 2018
- 7th January 2019
- 5th July 2019
- 22nd July 2019



Parent Focus Groups - Can you help?

The Vale Catering Service are looking to set focus groups up and involve parents to get feedback and new ideas for the service and menu's that they provide or can provide.



Any parents that express an interest please contact Symon Dovey via e-mail for more information : sdovey@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

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.**

St Richard Gwyn Open Day/Evening - Wednesday 3rd October

Families of Y4 and 5 as well as Y6 are very welcome.

If families wish to come in the morning then SRG are taking bookings for a 9.30am tour which starts with Steve Grech speaking with families followed by a tour. The normal open evening (which does not need booking) starts at 6.00pm, with Steve Grech speaking at 6.00pm and 7.00pm.

Reminder : Year 4/5 Big Pit



Year 4/5 will be going to the Big Pit NATIONAL museum Friday 5th October. All consent forms must be in school by Monday 1st October. we will leave 9am prompt and return approximately 4pm. Updates will be given via the Facebook page or schoop on the return journey.

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.

Pwy wyt ti? **Mrs Giernalczyk** ydw i.

Who are you? I am Mrs Giernalczyk.

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.

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 are available and can be purchased from the Foundation Phase Office at a cost of £1.50.

Year 4/5 please gather Victorian evidence



How old are the buildings and houses in your street? Year 4/5 found houses dating back to 1809. Our historical trip proved that Barry was a bustling, coal exporting seaside town which was popular with day trippers who used the railways to visit the beaches. The children have been challenged to find out more about the Victorian history of the Pumphouse.

A huge thanks to our superb parent helpers who made the trip happen. Diolch yn fawr.

Healthy Snack



Please try to make sure that pupils have a healthy snack for their break times particularly in KS2.

Fruit or vegetable pieces are a great healthy snack.

Mrs Hill and the rest of the staff will be on the look out for the healthiest eaters!!

Did you enjoy the breakfast tasters during Healthy and Wellbeing week? Write in your diary which was your favourite taster? You never know they may make a return! If you like the sound of this speak to Mrs Hill.

Reminder - Lampeter Games / PE:



No PE next week. Games will be on Thursday.

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



- 2/10 Nursery Parent Consultation Meetings
- 4/10 Nursery Parent Consultation Meetings
- 5/10: Yr 4/5 Visit to Big Pit
- 15/10 Spooks & Sparkles Disco (Foundation Site) 4:30-6pm
- 17/10: Ewenny Class Assembly
- 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 & Tuck Shop @ end of school.**
- 29/10 - 2/11 Half Term**
- 5/11 INSET DAY**
- 12 & 14/11 KS2 Parent Pupil Progress Meetings
- 14/11 Efail Isaf Class Assembly
- 13 & 15/11 Foundation Parent Pupil Progress Meetings
- 13/12 Foundation Visit to Live Nativity @ St. Mary's Church
- 14/12 KS2 Visit to Live Nativity @ St. Mary's Church