



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

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Friday 30th November 2018

Foundation Phase Christmas Celebrations

The Foundation Phase Christmas Celebrations will take place as follows:

9:45am 11th December
1:45pm 11th December
9:45am 12th December



Tickets are available from Mrs Jones at the cost of £2.50 each. Please send the money in an envelope clearly stating your child's name and which performance. Tickets are limited to 2 per family due to lack of space in the hall. Each performance is exactly the same. NO PUSHCHAIRS or PRAMS in the hall due to fire regulations. Admission is by ticket only.

Key Stage 2 Christmas Liturgy

The Key Stage 2 Christmas Liturgy will take place in St. Helen's Church at 6pm on Thursday 13th December 2018. All family and friends are welcome. There will be a bucket collection for the S.V.P. at the end.

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

Mrs Giernalczyk's Star: Jace Daughton

Mrs Clawson's Star: Dominic Dukes

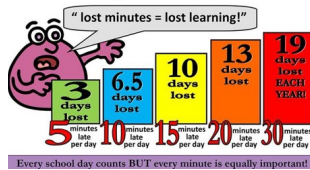
Morning Nursery Star: Lyla- Rose Behardien

Afternoon Nursery Star: Violet Deacon

	Learner of the Week	Friend of the Week	Reader of the Week	Cymraeg of the Week
Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Mrs Humphreys:	Jacob Curran	Jace Daughton		Elliott Hatton
Dosbarth Mr Thomas	Henry Small	Ashna Shaiju	Mollie-Mae White	Rose Giddings
Dosbarth Miss O'Dare	Oscar Morris	Ethan Apologista	Maria Alexander	Esmee- Jay Jones Butler
Dosbarth Mrs McCallum	Olaf Szamocki	Sofia Jones	Seren Rees	Damon Williams
	Seren yr Wythnos		Darllenwr yr Wythnos	Seren Cymraeg
Dosbarth St. David's:	Jacob Prosser		Henessy Cisnero De'Ath	Kamil Kamionka
Dosbarth Tregaron:	Ruby-Mae Desbois		Levi Davis	Eva Green.
Dosbarth Harlech:	Alfie Spry		Hazel-Jane Whitlock	Zofia Wojciechowska
Dosbarth Efail Isaf:	Lacey-Jo Vater		Megan Manford	Sofia Fulgoni
Dosbarth Lampeter:	Leah Davies		Emily Bennett	Freya Harris
Dosbarth Ewenny:	Thomas Benson		Chloe Sumsion	Ella Evans
Dosbarth Narberth:	Megan Dalisay		Joel Ruiz	Sam Curran

Class Attendance week ending 23rd November 2018

Dosbarth Derbyn	90.1%
Dosbarth Melyn	92.9%
Dosbarth Oren	95.4%
Dosbarth Gwyrdd	93.5%
Dosbarth St. David's	98.0%
Dosbarth Tregaron	93.9%
Dosbarth Harlech	96.4%
Dosbarth Efail Isaf	94.4%
Dosbarth Lampeter	97.0%
Dosbarth Ewenny	96.1%
Dosbarth Narberth	96.8%



Congratulations to Dosbarth Oren & Dosbarth St David's!

Ten minutes extra play for all of you!



CHRISTMAS JINGLE BELLS DISCO



Foundation Phase - Monday 10th December

Reception, Years 1 & 2 - 4:30 - 6:30pm

Tickets £4 (includes a hot dog, Christmas choc & drink).

Please pay on the door @ FPh

KS2 Phase - Tuesday 11th December 5 -7pm

Tickets £4.00 (includes a hot dog, Christmas choc & drink).

Tickets available from Mrs Champ in KS2 office.

Tuck Shop will be open @ KS2 site

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.



Key Stage 2 After School Clubs w/c 3rd December 2018

Monday:	Hockey (Years 5 & 6)	School Clubs Timetable
Tuesday:	Rugby (Years 4/5 & 6)	
	Fitness & Wellbeing (Years 3-6)	
Wednesday:	No Clubs	
Thursday:	NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB DUE TO STAFF INSET	
Friday:	Football (Years 5 & 6)	

Unless otherwise stated, after school clubs are held in school and finish at 4.30pm

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.

Pa un wyt ti eisiau? Dw I eisiau'r [noun]

Which one do you want? I want the [noun]



Foundation Phase Showcase

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

Christmas Fayre 3:30pm-5pm Friday 7th December 2018

We are now getting ready for our annual Christmas Fayre which will be held at the Key Stage 2 site (Tynewydd Road) on Friday 7th December 2018. We are asking for donations, as follows:

Nursery:	Selection boxes or boxes of chocolates for tombola
Reception:	Mince pies and cakes
Melyn:	Mixed packets of sweets eg: Haribos, fun size choc
Oren:	Cartons/bottles of soft drink (eg; fruit shoots)
Gwyrdd:	New toys (home bargains etc)
Year 3:	New toys (home bargains etc)
Year 4:	Selection boxes or boxes of chocolates for tombola
Year 5:	Wrapped Jolly Jars (we will send the container home)
Year 6:	Wrapped Jolly Jars (we will send the container home)

Donations of raffle prizes bottles of wine, homemade cakes and gift wrap will be gratefully received.

*All donations to be received in school by **Wednesday 5th December** at the latest please. Thank you for all your support*

If you are available to help on the day, please see a member of FiSH

Family Information Service - Free Christmas Party!

Vale FIS would like to invite you to join the fun at the Christmas Party: 11th December 1-5.30pm @ The Memo Art's Centre, Barry

1-3pm - Preschool/babies & their parent/carer

3.30-5.30pm - School aged children & their parent/carer

There will be a range of activities, crafts & games. For further info, please contact Kelly Hughes 01446 704704

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?

ROAD SAFETY WEEK - BIKESMART

Last week was Road Safety Week and we in the Ministry of Health and Safety got active and delivered four assemblies promoting this year's theme year - BikeSmart and reinforcing the importance of Road Safety. Each class took part in a Road Safety lesson. Reception had lots of fun last Wednesday taking part in Beep Beep Day doing lots of activities. After a busy week full of activities children in Foundation Phase were sent home with a Road Safety Checklist to remind them to cross the road safely and KS2 children took home a BikeSmart door handle and a Cycling Fact sheet.

Everyone in the school took part in the design a Helmet Competition. Congratulations to our winners.

Foundation Stage Site Kayla Sweet, Hannah Amos, Lucy Preece

KS2 Site Kaidon Lawrence, Seiya Mapstone, Zak Gale.

All the winners will now be entered in to a national Competition where the winning entry will see their design be made into a real helmet and they could win a brand new bike - Good luck.

Great Exhibition

Year 4/5 shared their learning with parents, carers and grandparents to celebrate their Revolution topic. Pupils read their Victorian biographies and reports and acted out a Victorian scene. The event was finished off with a Victorian sing song.



Criw Cymraeg



Every week the Criw Cymraeg Ministry will be updating you on our targets & progress towards our Bronze Award.

They would like to invite all pupils to design a poster for the **Croeso Competition**.

The poster must welcome everyone to our school. It is to be on A4 paper and handed in to class teachers by the 5th December.

There will be a prize for 1st place winning poster at both sites and will be displayed around the whole school.

Pob Lwc!

Criw Cymraeg have been busy looking at and working towards our action plan targets for Cymraeg Campus. We spent our Ministry day researching Welsh apps and websites that can be used throughout the school. We have also been busy preparing displays for each classroom and designing posters to promote Welsh Vocabulary! We are looking forward to helping in assembly and will continue to work hard to achieve our targets!

Wictor Slivinsky (Chair Person)

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:

Thursday 20th December 2018

Please make a note in your child's Home School Diary if you would like them to join in the Christmas dinner. **WE NEED FINAL NUMBERS BY FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER!!!**

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!

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

Diary Dates

- 7/12: Whole School: Advent Mass @ St. Helen's, 10-11am
- 7/12: PTA Christmas Fete @ KS2, 3:30-5pm
- 10/12: FPh Christmas Disco, 4:30-6:30pm
- 11/12: KS2 Christmas Disco, 5-7pm
- 11/12: FPh 'Angel Express' Christmas Concert, 9:45am & 1:30pm
- 12/12: FPh 'Angel Express' Christmas Concert, 9:45am
- 12/12: Christmas Liturgy @ St. Helen's Church, 1:30-3pm
- 13/12: Christmas Liturgy @ St. Helen's Church, 6-7pm
- 13/12: Foundation Phase attending Live Nativity @ St. Mary's Church
- 14/12: KS2 attending Live Nativity @ St. Mary's Church
- 14/12: Nursery Christmas Concert 10:45am & 2:30pm
- 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

Year 3 Nativity Costumes

Please would all Year 3 children bring their costumes into school by **Friday 7th December** in a plastic bag with their name on. Thank you.



Year 2 Christmas Liturgical Costumes

Reminder

Please would all Year 2 children bring their undergarments into school on **Monday 5th December** in a plastic bag clearly marked with your child's name on. Thank you.

Foundation Phase Pupil Collection - Friday 7th December

Next Friday afternoon FPh pupils (excluding nursery) need to be collected from the Key Stage 2 site.

All external agencies that are used for collections e.g. Nifty, LearnAbout and Bused pupils will be collected as normal from the FPh site, unless otherwise directed.

Dismissal will be from the entrance from the gate in KS2 to the playground, follow around to sheltered area.

Dosbarth Derbyn & Melyn will be collected from the Library door on the right.

Dosbarth Oren & Gwyrdd will be collected from the First Aid area on the left.

Advent Boxes in KS2

This Advent, each class in KS2 will be collecting an 'Advent Box' for a different organisation. The idea is that each child will bring in at least one item (they can bring more if they wish!) to place in the Advent box on their designated day. Each child will have brought home a letter this week explaining which organisation their class is collecting for, a list of suggested donations and the date of their designated day. Please help us make a small difference this Christmas by brightening someone's day with a little gift.

The organisations we will be supporting are:

- Helping Others Around the Globe (Homeless Charity)
- Llandough Hospital (Dementia Care)
- Bella Vista Nursing Home
- Rondell House Day Care Centre
- Children's Hospital of Wales
- Vale Foodbank
- O'Sheas Chip Shop Christmas Day Appeal



Thank you for supporting us in helping others.

Advent Mass Friday 7th December

The whole school will be celebrating Mass together at St Helen's Church at 10am. If you are able to help with walking the children to and from the KS2 site please let Mrs Champ in the office know. Everyone is welcome to join us.

The Big Wrap 2018

This Advent, children in Foundation Phase will be supporting the Big Wrap, a campaign to provide gifts to disadvantaged children in the local area who are at risk of receiving nothing or very little this Christmas. Each child will have received a letter this week with this year's wish list. If you would like to donate a gift then please send your donations into school by **Friday 7th December**.



Start the Christmas Holiday with a Festive Treat @ Techniquet.

Join us on Friday 21st December from 3pm where you can explore our 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	£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>



FiSH Christmas Raffle

This week, children have brought home an envelope containing 10 raffle tickets. Each raffle ticket is £1. Please complete the raffle tickets and return them to school, along with the money, in the envelope provided by Wednesday 5th December 2018.

Your support is voluntary but we would encourage you to support us as much as you are able to. You could even sell the tickets to your family and friends. More tickets are available from the school office if required.



Red Wednesday

Thank you to everyone for supporting Aid to the Church in Need by wearing Red on Wednesday. Many thanks for your generosity.



Nursery Christmas Celebration

The Nursery Christmas Celebrations on Friday will take place on **Friday 14th December** at following time:

10:45am Morning Nursery

2:30pm Afternoon Nursery

Tickets are available from Mrs Brookes at the cost of £2.00 each which will include a tea or coffee at the end of the performance.

Please send the money in an envelope clearly stating your child's name.

Tickets are limited to 2 per family due to lack of space.

