



St. Helen's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 18th January 2019

Together We Believe + Achieve and Succeed

Gyda'n Gilydd Credwn + Chyflawnwn a Llwyddwn

Mrs Giernalczyk's Star: Rhianne L

Mrs Clawson's Star: Wiktor S



Morning Nursery Star: Rosie W

Afternoon Nursery Star: Anna H

Learner of the Week Friend of the Week Reader of the Week Cymraeg of the Week

Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Mrs Humphreys: Maisie T

Jenson H

Jay L

Dosbarth Mr Thomas

Mollie-Mae W

Rose G

Daisy D

Sophia S

Dosbarth Miss O'Dare

Hollie M

Leah D

Billy U

Jude M

Dosbarth Mrs McCallum

Lellie J

Jake P

Gabriella A

Sofia D

Seren yr Wythnos

Darllenwr yr Wythnos

Seren Cymraeg

Dosbarth St. David's:

Keira P

Eva T

Giacomo F

Dosbarth Tregaron:

Archie B

Lianna P

Caleb P

Dosbarth Harlech:

Idris S

Madison C

Jayden D

Dosbarth Efail Isaf:

Alfie L

Imogen F

Megan M

Dosbarth Lampeter:

Chloe B

Marta S

Ffion W

Dosbarth Ewenny:

Jamie V

Seren C

Karolina S

Dosbarth Narberth:

Beatrice V

Alexander DC

Megan D

Class Attendance week ending 11th January 2019

Dosbarth Derbyn 97.4%

Dosbarth Melyn 92.4%

Dosbarth Oren 98.4%

Dosbarth Gwyrdd 95.5%

Dosbarth St. David's 94.6%

Dosbarth Tregaron 95.7%

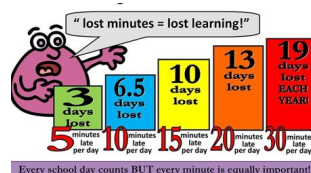
Dosbarth Harlech 99.6%

Dosbarth Efail Isaf 95.6%

Dosbarth Lampeter 100%

Dosbarth Ewenny 96.3%

Dosbarth Narberth 100%



Congratulations to Dosbarth Oren, Dosbarth Lampeter & Dosbarth Narberth.

Ten minutes extra play for all of you!

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.



KS2 Breakfast Club Reminder

A reminder that the gates are not opened for entry to Breakfast Club until 8.10am. Pupils will not be able to access the school before this time.

We have noticed a small number of children being dropped off outside school before the gates have been opened and therefore are being left unsupervised.

Key Stage 2 After School Clubs w/c 21st January 2019

Monday: Lego Club (Years 3 to 6)

Basketball Training (Years 5 & 6)

Tuesday: Gymnastics (Years 3 & 4)

Rugby (Years 4, 5 & 6)

Chess (Years 3 to 6)

Thursday: Volleyball (Years 5 & 6)

Mathletics (Years 3 to 6)

Friday: Football Training (Years 4, 5 & 6)

All of the above clubs run from 3.30pm-4.30pm and we ask that your child is collected from the school office promptly.

Persistent lateness will unfortunately result in your child being unable to continue to attend. We will enforce this decision. Thank you for your support.

As it is dark by 4.30pm, all children must be collected from clubs and will not be allowed to walk home unaccompanied.

School Clubs Timetable



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.

Beth wyt ti'n hoffi? What do you like?

Dw'i'n hoffi het coch. I like my red hat.



Applications for Nursery

Nursery applications for Admission in September 2019 are now open. If your child is 3 years old between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, please call into the office at either site for an application form and return to the school by 22nd March at the very latest.

Parents will be notified of application to Nursery on 25th May 2019.

Learning Changes @ Foundation Phase

We are continually reflecting on our practises and ways to improve our Teaching and Learning. As a result we are making amendments to our handwriting scheme. We will be using a cursive style with entry and exit strokes. Evidence shows that this aids spelling, encourages an easier transition to a joined handwriting and is obviously a lifelong skill. Please look out over the coming week for information regarding this on ways to help your child.

In Foundation Phase, Meithrin, Blwyddyn Un and Dau (Nursery, Years 1 and 2) will be bringing home their Home Reader but instead it will be a library book of their choice, replacing the Oxford Reading Tree currently used. We are encouraging a love of reading and it would be both rewarding and invaluable if you could spend time with your child sharing this book. We still encourage you to aid your child with their reading progress and can do this via the keywords in the back of their diary in Blwyddyn Un and Dau. Regular daily practise of reading is proven to have a huge impact on pupil's attainment, knowledge and their love of literature.

Derbyn will continue where appropriate to use our levelled books to aid their emergent reading.

Key Stage Two will continue with current practises.

Diolch for your continued support. If you have any queries, please see your child's teacher in the first instance.

St Richard Gwyn Aspirations Café @ Key Stage 2

Today (Friday 18th January 2019) St Richard Gwyn Staff will be holding a Question and Answer session @ the KS2 site in the main hall 3:30-4:30pm. All parents/carers are welcome.

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 bags and 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 the Facebook feed for ease of reference and on our school website which is now up and running, www.sthelenscps.co.uk.

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.



VALE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE (FIS)

The School works in partnership with the Vale Information Service to provide FREE up to date information for families/carers in the Vale on:

- Help Finding Childcare and with Childcare Costs including Universal Credit and 30 hour Childcare Offer
- Family Support – parenting support, bereavement, socialisation, health, employment etc.
- Services for children with additional needs

Contact them on

Call 01446 704704 Email fis@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk Website valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/fis Twitter @ValeFIS Facebook VOGFIS

Dosbarth Gwyrdd - Class Assembly

Dosbarth Gwyrdd would like to invite their families to their class assembly about Books on Thursday 24th January @ 2:30pm on the Foundation site. We look forward to seeing you.



Mathletics

Please remember to encourage your children to complete their Mathletics activities and score 1000 points per week. Mathletics is a great way for all children to practise their skills and to hone the speed of their mental recall.

Lampeter - Class Assembly

Lampeter would like to invite their families to their class assembly about Mission on Wednesday 23rd January @ 3pm on the KS2 site. We look forward to seeing you.



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.



Diary Dates

- 23/1: Lampeter Class Assembly : Mission
- 24/1: Dosbarth Gwyrdd Class Assembly : Books
- 25/1: Dosbarth Derbyn (Reception) - New Theatre
- 25/1: Ewenny: Mass @ St Helen's, 9:30am
- 1/2: Foundation Phase: Candlemass @ St Helen's 10-11am
- 11/2: Yr 4/5 Potions Workshop
- 13/2: Yr 4/5 Mad Science Workshop
- 15/2: Year 3: Mass @ St Helen's, 9:30am
- 20/2: Narberth Class Assembly: Unity
- 22/2: Narberth: Mass @ St Helen's, 9:30am
- 25/2-1/3: Half Term**
- 6/3: Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Helen's Church - 10am
- 13/3: Harlech Class Assembly : Islam
- 15/3: Eisteddfod
- 28/3: Dosbarth Oren Class Assembly
- 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

