



St. Helen's Catholic Primary School

Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Santes Helen

Facebook: St. Helen's Catholic Primary School (Official)
Twitter: @sthcpsbarry
www.sthelenscps.co.uk

Friday 25th January 2019

Together We Believe + Achieve and Succeed

Gyda'n Gilydd Credwn + Chyflawnwn a Llwyddwn

Mrs Giernalczyk's Star: Alessandra N

Mrs Clawson's Star: Holly G



Morning Nursery Star: Reid W

Afternoon Nursery Star: Louie W

	Learner of the Week	Friend of the Week	Reader of the Week	Cymraeg of the Week
Dosbarth Mrs Morgan/Mrs Humphreys:	Isabella AG	Levi D		Shaya B
Dosbarth Mr Thomas	Harrison D	Jerusha T	Sophia S	Scarlet C
Dosbarth Miss O'Dare	Ethan A	Zachary A	Maxwell C	Thomas W
Dosbarth Mrs McCallum	Gracie-Mae C	Sebastien D	Maia B	Sofia J
Seren yr Wythnos		Darllenwr yr Wythnos		Seren Cymraeg
Dosbarth St. David's:	Dexter O	Holly B		Jack T
Dosbarth Tregaron:	Tierra J	Holly E		Matt P
Dosbarth Harlech:	Holly H	Noel B		Sam T
Dosbarth Efail Isaf:	Alfie S	Theo W		Dominic D
Dosbarth Lampeter:	Harriet N	Kirsten J		Bella H
Dosbarth Ewenny:	Symon K	Niya V		Isaac T
Dosbarth Narberth:	Romero R	Harry F		Elle E

Class Attendance week ending 18th January 2019

Dosbarth Derbyn	97.6%
Dosbarth Melyn	97.0%
Dosbarth Oren	90.9%
Dosbarth Gwyrdd	99.2%
Dosbarth St. David's	94.8%
Dosbarth Tregaron	98.7%
Dosbarth Harlech	98.1%
Dosbarth Efail Isaf	92.9%
Dosbarth Lampeter	98.7%
Dosbarth Ewenny	100%
Dosbarth Narberth	97.7%



Key Stage 2 After School Clubs w/c 28th 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.

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.

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 gwisgo? What are you wearing?

Dw i'n gwisgo crys t melyn a sgert du.

I am wearing a yellow t shirt and black skirt.



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.

Parents applying for admission for a Reception place will be notified by the 16th April 2019.

Keeping The Community of St Helen's Ticking.

We launch our **Defibrillator Fundraising Appeal** on 31st January 2019 with Welsh Hearts, in collaboration with St. Helen's Parish and the Tynewydd Inn.

The children are invited to "Wear it **Red**". If you can, please show your support on this day and wear **RED**.

Foundation Phase children are encouraged to bring their teddies to practice CPR on!

KS2 children will also enjoy CPR training delivered by the Welsh Hearts team.

We ask for a £1 donation on the day (Thursday 31st January), which will start our fundraising off. It will be a fun event for all whilst we fundraise and learn crucial lifelong skills for a worthy cause.



Nursery Parents/Carers

Nursery children will be bringing home a school library book of their choice. Nursery staff would be grateful if you could spend time reading and talking about the book. The book will be changed every 2 weeks.

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

Empty 4pt Plastic Milk Carton Donations - Foundation Phase

Nursery Staff have kindly asked if you could send in any empty, **washed** 4pt milk cartons to school for their next project. Diolch



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.

School Uniform Survey

All children have brought home a School Uniform Survey this week. Please ensure that these are completed and returned to school by Monday 28th January 2019.

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.

The School benefits from additional funding in the form of a development grant to run additional interventions for our pupils.

Diary Dates

- 31/1: Wear **Red** (Whole School) £1 Donation
- 11/2: Yr 4/5 Potions Workshop
- 13/2: Yr 4/5 Mad Science Workshop
- 15/2: Year 3: Mass @ St Helen's Church, 9:30am
- 20/2: Narberth Class Assembly: Unity
- 22/2: Narberth: Mass @ St Helen's Church, 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
- 18/3: KS2 Parent Pupil Progress Meeting
- 19/3: FPh Parent Pupil Progress Meeting
- 20/3: KS2 Parent Pupil Progress Meeting
- 21/3: FPh Parent Pupil Progress Meeting
- 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

