



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH IN WALES (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available to all pupils from 8.10 – 8.45 a.m. each day. To ensure that staff have sufficient time to clear away we will be serving breakfast until 8.30 each day, starting immediately after half term. We will trial this until Easter in the first instance.

Parent Questionnaire

You should have received by email yesterday, the results of the parent questionnaire from last term. While we are very happy with the outcome, we will act upon some of the comments made and know that there are still improvements that can be made. One of those things, is to involve parents in helping us to make decisions on certain aspects of school life. We have started this process with a simple survey on the individual pupil photographs this year, which you should have now received. Please engage in these opportunities and have your say.

Chester Zoo trip

Many thanks for your support of our Chester Zoo trip. It is the first time that we have organised a whole school visit and we feel that children of all ages gained something valuable from the experience. We will continue to provide opportunities for our pupils to learn in different ways through visits and receiving visitors to the school, which will hopefully enhance their learning.

Building work

The inclement weather has hampered the roofing work in the last few weeks and it is likely that the project will take longer than expected. We thank you for your patience. We are also having some issues with our new boiler installation which has led to some areas of the school being very warm and others very cold. We are working with the Local Authority to iron out these issues as quickly as possible.

New Curriculum for Wales

As you may have recently seen in the news, the Welsh Government has published the new curriculum for Wales. Schools now have the challenge of developing their own curriculum, using the guidance provided. Your children should have already noticed a change in how they are being taught and all pupils, in all classes, have had the opportunity to have greater ownership of their learning.

If you want to find out more please follow the links provided.

<https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/a-new-curriculum-in-wales-a-guide-for-children-young-people-and-families/>

<https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/a-new-curriculum-in-wales-easy-read/>

Communication

In the coming months, we will be using the newsletter for different groups within the school to make contact with parents e.g. FOS, School Council etc.

We start today with a message from the 'Cryw Cymraeg'

Helo.

We are the 'Cryw Cymraeg' a group of children who are working hard to encourage all the children at St. Michael's and we would like to share a few things with you.

Last year the whole school worked hard to achieve the bronze award from the Siarter Iaith Cymraeg. (The Welsh Assembly Government scheme to promote the Welsh language through schools.)

We are now embarking on the challenge of achieving the silver award. We meet once a week and plan a Welsh assembly.

We give out 'tocyn iaith' (tokens) to encourage children in our classes to 'siarad Cymraeg.' The person with the most 'tocyns' has a 'Seren yr Wythnos' award.

We are currently planning a school eisteddfod to celebrate St. David's day. We hope you will help your children to make pictures over half term for the art part of the eisteddfod.

The Cryw Cymraeg will put a notice in the newsletter whenever we have news to share.

Diolch

Kiera, Ceri, Luke, Cerys Georgina, Gethin, Freya, Ceri, Sean, Alex, Jake G, Sioned, Tom, Mali, Alfie and Evan.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr. Phillips

<p>February 12th – Cross Country – Newtown/Llanidloes/Machynlleth areas (Potponed Date TBC) 14th – Half term 24th – Back to school 24th-26th – Llangrannog (Year 5) 28th – Police lessons (Year 3-6)</p> <p>March 4th – St. David's Day celebration 1.30p.m. 10th – Storytellers assembly 9.15a.m. 18th – Police lessons (Year 5 and 6) 23rd – Assessment week 24th – Final swimming session (Class 4) 30th – End of topic celebration (TBC) 31st – Parents Evening 3.30-6p.m.</p> <p>April 1st – Parents Evening 3.30-6p.m. 3rd – End of Spring Term 20th – Staff inset – non pupil day 21st – Start of Summer Term 28th – National Test window opens</p> <p>May 5th – National Test window closes 14th – Tennis competition 15th – Police lessons (Year 2-6) 22nd – Half Term</p>	<p>June 1st – Back to School 1st – Focus Topic Week – Enterprise project 3rd – Cricket and Rounders competition 19th – Multisports (Year 4,5 and 6) 26th – Extra non pupils day</p> <p>July 1st – Diocese leavers service – St. Mary's Church Welshpool (Year 6) 3rd – Multisports (Year 2/3) 7th – Foundation Phase Sports Day (AM) 8th – Key Stage 2 Sports Day (Full day) 8th – Multi Skills –Year 1 10th – Summer Fete 14th – Foundation Phase Sports Day (Reserve date) 15th – Key Stage 2 Sports Day (Reserve date) 17th – End of Summer Term</p>
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