



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

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Dear Parents,

## **St. David's day**

Many thanks for your support of our St. David's Day Eisteddfod, it was fantastic to see the hall full. Well done to all pupils who took part on the day through reciting, singing and dancing and to the pupils who competed in the art and handwriting competitions. Thank you to Mrs. Holloway and the 'Cryw Cymraeg' for organising such a fantastic event.

## **Welsh Sabbatical**

The Welsh Sabbatical scheme is run by Welsh Government for teachers to enhance their knowledge of the Welsh language, as schools in Wales move to becoming more bilingual. Many staff members have accessed the training in previous years, which has improved the teaching of Welsh in the school and has led to staff being more confident in delivering lessons to our children.

The opportunity has arisen for staff to attend the scheme locally for the duration of the summer term, which is the first time it has been available in Newtown in recent years.

We are delighted that Mrs. Holloway and Mrs. Mumford have been accepted onto the training which starts immediately after Easter.

Class 2 will continue to be taught by Miss. Hughes while we have appointed Mrs. Emma Grosvenor to continue the excellent work started by Mrs. Holloway in Class 1. Mrs. Grosvenor brings years of experience to the post as well as bundles of enthusiasm and we look forward to welcoming her to the school.

Both Mrs. Holloway and Mrs. Mumford will return to school for the last week of the summer term. Please get in touch with me if you have any further queries.

## **Coronavirus**

We are continuing to receive regular updates on the current situation through NHS Wales and are doing all that we can to ensure hygiene advice is followed in school, by encouraging pupils to regularly wash their hands etc. We have not been able to source any hand sanitiser for classrooms.

Please follow the advice provided on the NHS Wales website using the link below.

<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>

## **Threadworm**

We have been advised that there are cases of threadworm currently in school. The advice from the NHS is that it is not necessary for children to be kept at home, but there are very clear guidelines to follow.

Again, please follow the advice on the link below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

## **Parent's evening**

Your child will be bringing home a letter to make an appointment for parent's evenings which are taking place on March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please return these as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your continued support,  
Mr. Phillips

<p><b>March</b>  10<sup>th</sup> – Storytellers assembly  9.15a.m.  11<sup>th</sup> – Hockey competition (Year 5/6)  13<sup>th</sup> – Cake sale after school  16<sup>th</sup> – Baptist chapel visit (Year 3 and 4)  17<sup>th</sup> – Football v St. Mary’s (Year 2)  18<sup>th</sup> – Police lessons (Year 5 and 6)  23<sup>rd</sup> – Assessment week  24<sup>th</sup> – Final swimming session (Class 4)  24<sup>th</sup> – Fflic a Fflac show (Class 1 and 2)  25<sup>th</sup> – Cross Country second round (Rearranged date)  27<sup>th</sup> – Non uniform day  31<sup>st</sup> – Parents Evening 3.30-6p.m.</p> <p><b>April</b>  1<sup>st</sup> – Parents Evening 3.30-6p.m.  1<sup>st</sup> – Swimming gala  1<sup>st</sup> – Easter Service 9.20a.m. at Church (Whole School)  3<sup>rd</sup> – End of topic celebration 2p.m.  3<sup>rd</sup> – End of Spring Term  20<sup>th</sup> – Staff inset – non pupil day  21<sup>st</sup> – Start of Summer Term  22<sup>nd</sup> – Discover Dance – Theatre Hafren (Class 3 and 4)  28<sup>th</sup> – National Test window opens</p> <p><b>May</b>  5<sup>th</sup> – National Test window closes  14<sup>th</sup> – Tennis competition  15<sup>th</sup> – Police lessons (Year 2-6)  22<sup>nd</sup> – Half Term</p>	<p><b>June</b>  1<sup>st</sup> – Back to School  1<sup>st</sup> –3<sup>rd</sup> Brenin Adventures residential (Year 6)  1<sup>st</sup> – Focus Topic Week – Enterprise project  3<sup>rd</sup> – Cricket and Rounders competition  19<sup>th</sup> – Multisports (Year 4,5 and 6)  26<sup>th</sup> – Extra non pupils day</p> <p><b>July</b>  1<sup>st</sup> – Diocese leavers service – St. Mary’s Church Welshpool (Year 6)  3<sup>rd</sup> – Multisports (Year 2/3)  7<sup>th</sup> – Foundation Phase Sports Day (AM)  8<sup>th</sup> – Key Stage 2 Sports Day (Full day)  8<sup>th</sup> – Multi Skills –Year 1  10<sup>th</sup> – Summer Fete  14<sup>th</sup> – Foundation Phase Sports Day (Reserve date)  15<sup>th</sup> – Key Stage 2 Sports Day (Reserve date)  17<sup>th</sup> – End of Summer Term</p>
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