

## St Andrew's Major Church in Wales Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

We have had another great week and I believe we have one of the best attendance records of schools in the Vale. It really is so pleasing to see the children happy to be in school. The children (and staff) continue to enjoy the well-being days and I thank you for dressing them appropriately for this.

### Wet weather

The week has been a challenging one with the very wet weather we have experienced on both Wednesday and today. There are obviously restrictions on pupils moving around, particularly in the Junior classes where there are also no outdoor shelters. The children have been amazing and I am very proud of them and the way they listen to and follow instructions. I am also very grateful to the staff for their continued positivity and hard work in these very challenging times. You may notice on these days that the children come home like little bottles of pop! This week the weather has been particularly bad and at times we had no option other than to keep them in. However, please ensure your child has a **waterproof coat with a hood every day**. Rest assured, for everyone's benefit, if we can get them outside we will!

### Lunches

Our trial of hot lunches in take away containers has gone well in Years 5 and 6. However it is proving tricky in terms of manpower. Therefore, we will be continuing to trial to ensure we can do so safely. Next week we will add Y4 into the trial. So from Monday, **Years 4, 5 and 6 can opt for the hot meal**. Please note, we will not be offering the cooked dinner on Thursdays as the vast majority want the sausage baguette (available to all). Please remember all children can still opt for the sandwich/baguette option every day.

### Harvest

Linked to our focus value of thankfulness, we will now be thinking about harvest. We are unable to have our usual Harvest service in St Peter's this year. However, we would still like to mark this important festival in our school's calendar. The children will be taking part in activities next week and pictures will be posted on Twitter. There is more need than ever for Foodbanks at present and as in previous years we would like to support the Vale Foodbank by collecting items for those who are most in need within our community. If you would like to contribute, please place items in the boxes on the playground every **morning** next week (not after school please). Please ensure the items are in date. The things the Foodbank are looking for are:

- Instant mash potato
- Microwave Rice
- Biscuits
- Tinned Potatoes
- Long Life Juice
- Tinned Meat
- Tea bags
- Squash
- Tinned rice pudding

### Emailing school (Repeated message)

The teaching staff do have emails via the hwb system. These can be used to query an issue with Seesaw and would also come in to use in the event of a class self-isolation. However, as teachers are busy teaching all day, they will **not** monitor these during the school day so please continue to email the office about anything about your child for that day e.g. bus, appointments etc.

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Year 1 (Mrs Day – Mon-Weds / Mr Walters Weds-Fri)	<a href="mailto:dayL20@hwbcymru.net">dayL20@hwbcymru.net</a> <a href="mailto:waltersG@hwbcymru.net">waltersG@hwbcymru.net</a>
Year 2 (Mrs Bounds)	<a href="mailto:halseR2@hwbcymru.net">halseR2@hwbcymru.net</a>
Year 3 (Miss Frangoulis)	<a href="mailto:frangoulisS1@hwbcymru.net">frangoulisS1@hwbcymru.net</a>
Year 4 (Miss Bush)	<a href="mailto:bushJ21@hwbcymru.net">bushJ21@hwbcymru.net</a>
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Year 6 (Mr McNicol)	<a href="mailto:mcnicola@hwbcymru.net">mcnicola@hwbcymru.net</a>

### INSET Days (Repeated message)

These are currently planned as follows:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

If ever you lose sight of any information/newsletters amongst your busy inbox, please remember that I tend to put the most important communications on the website in the 'News' section.

Wishing you a lovely weekend – despite the weather!

Yours faithfully,



Headteacher

Our value this half term is Thankfulness:

***Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. (Psalms 100:4)***