

St Andrew's Major Church in Wales Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Friday 4th October 2019

This week

Y6 visited All Saints Church in Penarth on Tuesday. They met the author Chris Riddell who spoke to the children about his life and work whilst demonstrating his amazing talents as an illustrator. Y4 attended a cricket tournament with other Church schools at SWALEC stadium on Wednesday. They played amazingly, one team came first and the other came second. Well done to all of Y4. Y5 will be attending a similar event next week. Some of the children's sponsor events took place this week including the Y2 games stand, Y3 obstacle course and Y4/Y5 talentathon. The last events will take place soon. We have been so impressed with how well the children have engaged with these enterprise projects and are extremely grateful for all the monetary contributions so far!

Harvest Festival

This will be taking place this Sunday at St Peter's Church at 10.30. Please note, Y3-Y6 will be sitting in the pews at the front. Younger children should remain with parents please. Nursery children will be decorating the church and children from Year Reception to Y6 will be singing, presenting and leading the prayers. We ask that the children wear school uniform. We hope as many families as possible will join us. Please note, as in recent years we would like to support those in the local community via The Vale Foodbank. We have been asked to collect tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit and UHT fruit juices. Please ensure the items are within the 'Best Before' date. Thank you to those who have already brought in donations. Alternatively, feel free to bring them to church on Sunday and we can also still accept contributions on Monday and Tuesday next week. Thank you for your support.

Scholastic Book Fair next Tuesday and Thursday

Your child will come home with a leaflet about the fair but the best way to see the books on offer is to come along. Don't forget the school receives commission and is able to buy books for the school and we always appreciate the support from parents/carers. In the past we have been able to kit all classes out with dictionaries and fiction books. This year we would like to purchase some new atlases. The fair will be open on:

Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th - 8.30 to 9am and 3.40 to 4.15

If any parents could help run the fair before /after school even for just one session, that would be very helpful. Please let myself or Mrs. Green know.

Messy Church message

On Saturday 12th October we are hosting a harvest themed messy church at St Peter's Hall 3-5pm - enjoy arts and crafts activities and party food with us. It would be great if any older children would like to help out too.

Cerebral Palsy Awareness day

We will be holding a non-uniform day in support of Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day 2019. This will take place on Thursday 10th October. We are asking everyone to wear blue or green which are the official colours of Bobath and to donate £1 towards the good work of this charity which supports one of our own pupils. Let's turn the school blue and green!

Parking

A number of people have been parking on the Arbor Vale drive next door to the school. This is private land and we have been receiving complaints from residents. Please do not take offence if Mrs Green or I approach you and I also ask you to be aware that registration numbers will be given to the police. I know there are issues due to the restricted space on the area opposite the school at present but I ask you to respect our neighbours, both next door and along the Westra.

Local Authority Consultation

The Vale of Glamorgan council have asked us to share the following consultation which seeks the views of Vale residents with regards to budgets and council taxes etc. Please do take the time to have our say as in these difficult financial times, your opinions count! Follow the link below:
https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/consultation/The-future-of-Council-services.aspx

Nursery places for January and April

Our current nursery is under-subscribed meaning we may be able to offer early places for children who are not due to start until next September.

If your child is 3 this term (i.e. before Christmas), you are eligible to apply for a place to start in January. If your child reaches 3 before Easter, you are eligible to apply for a place for the Summer Term. Please ask Mrs Green if you need any further information. Also, please pass on this information to any other parents who are not presently linked to our school.

PTA Local Giving

All classes have been so busy with their enterprise projects and we would like to say a huge thank you for all your support so far. A member of the PTA (thank you Mrs Marshall!) has set up a Local Giving page in order for the parents in Y1, 2 and 3 to donate their sponsorship money. The benefit of donating this way are that local giving match fund anything raised and gift aid can also be claimed. There are currently £75 of donations which with match funding and Gift Aid gives us a current total of £168.75 which I am sure you will agree is amazing! The link to donate this way is:
<https://localgiving.org/appeal/samsfablab/>

We hope to investigate further use of this platform in the future.

Mad Science

Following a presentation to junior pupils last week, the children will shortly come home with a leaflet about a club which will be running after half term on a Monday after school. At the moment this is open to juniors only but we will review this after half term with a view to possibly running a similar group for the infants in the future.

Dates for next week

Sun 6 th	-Harvest Festival
Tues 8 th	-Playground Pals training
Weds 9 th	-Flu Immunisations
	-PC Emma to work with Y6
Thurs 10 th	-Cerebral Palsy Blue/Green day (see above)
Friday 11 th	-Y5 Cricket Tournament trip

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing lots of you on Sunday!

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett
Headteacher