

St Andrew's Major Church in Wales Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Friday 9th November 2018

A busy week!

Year 5 and Year 6 had 2 trips this week. The first Topic based trip was to Big Pit where the children learned about the realities, dangers and life of miners in the coalfields of South Wales. The children had a great day and behaved well throughout. This was followed by a real treat of a trip to see 'Wicked' at The Wales Millennium Centre yesterday. I was lucky enough to attend with the children and the show was a real spectacle! Even more impressive though were the comments I received from members of the public and Millennium Centre staff stating how well behaved the children were. One staff member said they were the best behaved school she had ever encountered. I am sure you will agree it is so lovely to hear this – they are a credit to themselves, their school and of course you their families.

Remembrance

A huge thank you to Year 6 children and staff for leading the special worship this morning. It really did give us an opportunity in our busy lives to stop, reflect and remember those who have sacrificed so much for us. I am really proud of the mature way in which the children presented the information, memories, poems and prayers. As I said during the worship, they are proving to be an excellent Year 6 class – well done!

Cross Country

12 children represented the school in the Cross Country finals. Mr Walters informed me that it was a very tough competition and they all did their very best showing determination and resilience. Well done all.

Admissions for Reception 2019

Applications for Reception 2019 are now being received via the Vale of Glamorgan Admissions portal. All current Nursery children will have received information regarding this but if you know anyone who wishes to apply for a place for September please tell them to register via the Vale of Glamorgan website. The closing date for receipt of application is Friday 11th January 2019.

PTA update (Repeated message)

Congratulations and welcome to Bronwen Price, Amanda Swaffeild Brett and Rhian Shugar as the new Chair/Secretary. They will be sharing the roles and we look forward to their first meeting on Weds 14th at 6pm in the school hall. I hope many of you will be able to join them. If childcare is an issue, feel free to bring the children with you. Becky Ford and Sian Powell would like to thank everybody for their help and support over the last 2 years and I would like to say a huge thank you to them and all the PTA for their hard work in raising such necessary extra funds for the school.

Parents' Evening for Year 2

This has now been arranged for next Wednesday via our texting system and appointments booked. Just to confirm, the booking may have said Miss Halse due to the set-up of the system. The meetings will be with Miss Nation.

Message from Super Ambassadors Emma and Fin

Dear parents, today we went to Hebron hall for a meeting about our role as ambassadors. Please can you complete this survey? It is from Sally Holland the Children's Commissioner for Wales. This will help her to inform her next 3 year plan. This means that the voices of children and young people will be heard and their cries for help will be answered. Thank you, Emma and Fin.

<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=153814424814>

Children in Need / Autumn Fayre

A flier came home from the School Council explaining this year's theme. On Friday next week, the children are invited to come to school with their usual uniform but pay a £1 to come with 'mad hair'. There is also a Pudsey Bear colouring competition with a prize for each class. As in previous years, the money raised this day will be split between the Children in Need fund and the charities chosen by the parish for this year's autumn fayre. Carly Murray and Becky Ford are also asking for donations of toys for the Autumn Fayre. Please do not bring these into school as we do not have the storage for them. Please hand them directly to Carly or Becky.

Mobile Phones

In the interests of pupil safety, we have a strict rule about children not bringing mobile phones to school. Recently a number of children in Year 6 have brought phones in and not informed a member of staff. If there is any reason your child needs to bring a phone (e.g. if going somewhere after school) I must insist that the class teacher is informed and the phone handed in until the end of the day.

Upcoming Dates

Mon 12th Atal y Fro Workshops in KS2
Weds 14th Year 2 Parent Consultations
PTA Meeting at 6pm in school hall
Fri 16th Children in Need

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Gen Hallett



(Headteacher)