

St Andrew's Major Church in Wales Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Friday 11th October 2019

This week

A huge thank you to those families who attended the Harvest festival last Sunday. The children who took part with singing, poetry, prayers and presentations. We are also very grateful for all the donations for the Vale foodbank which I am sure you agree is a very worthwhile cause.

Y5 attended a cricket tournament with other Church schools at SWALEC stadium on Wednesday. They followed in Y4s footsteps and had great success as the overall winners. Well done to all of Y5. Thank you so much for taking part in our fundraiser for Cerebral Palsy. In total we raised £175. A Bobath representative will be visiting school soon to thank the children and provide an overview of how the money they raised can help those affected by the condition. Thank you for supporting the Book Fair. I will let you know what we use the commission for when the children have decided.

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.

Parents' Evenings

Apologies if you have had trouble booking these this week. There were issues with the central system which are now resolved. If for any reason you still do not have an appointment, let the office know and they will book it for you. Please note, with 30 children in all classes, it is not possible in any circumstances for teachers to hold separate meetings for 2 parents on these 2 nights. There is strictly one appointment per child. If there is a need to meet with the teacher separately, this will need to be arranged for after half term. Please remember to supervise your children at all times during the time you are at the school for the meetings.

Parking (repeated message)

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.

Nursery places for January and April (repeated message)

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

As I said in last week's newsletter, 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. We have now also set up a page for Nursery and reception The benefit of donating this way are that local giving match fund some of the money raised and gift aid can also be claimed. The links to donate this way is:

Y1, 2 and 3 <https://localgiving.org/appeal/samsfablab/>

Nur and Rec <https://localgiving.org/charity/st-andrews-major-cw-primary-school-pta/project/littlewellies/>

Dates for next week

NO CLUBS due to Parents' evenings

Tues 15th and Weds 16th - Parents' Evenings in the school hall

Tues 15th - World Maths Day

Weds 16th – PC Emma visit to Y6

Thurs 17th – Writers' Squad

Friday 18th – PTA Quiz Night

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett
Headteacher