

St Andrew's Major Church in Wales Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Friday 13th September 2019

This week

We held elections for our committees this week and will hold a special worship next week to announce the results. Keep an eye on Twitter!

I hope the children have been telling you about their enterprise projects which we are carrying out as part of the New Curriculum *Area of Learning and Experience (AoLE)* for *Mathematics and Numeracy*. The children are directly involved in planning, designing and creating a learning space and are also raising money towards the payment for the development. You will be receiving letters and information from the children and I hope you will support and engage with the project. The projects in Nursery and Reception will start after the rest of the school as the staff in these classes are responsible for carrying out the Foundation Phase profile (baseline assessment).

Staffing and interventions

A number of parents have been asking about interventions for their children. We always spend the first 3-4 weeks settling everyone in and assessing children where necessary before finalising interventions. If your child did receive an intervention last year, this does not automatically mean this will continue now. The children receive support on a needs basis and following analysis of assessment data. We do have a number of staff absent at the moment and my priority is to ensure there are enough appropriate staff in classes. Often, the staff who may deliver interventions are called on to cover for absent members of staff and this is unavoidable.

Safeguarding of Children

If you have serious concerns about the safety or well-being of a child in our school, you are encouraged to report your concerns. The Designated Safeguarding Officer for the school is myself whilst Mrs. Bayliss is the Deputy Safeguarding Officer. If you feel unable to talk to us, the Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding is Mrs. Amy Hurst. Every member of staff has had relevant training and will deal with issues sensitively and appropriately. There is information on the board next to the office about Safeguarding contacts which also includes the contact number for Children's Services. If ever you were unsure, you can always phone the police too. This information/policy is also available on our website.

Complaints Procedures

A complaint is defined in our school policy as '*serious concern, grievance or dissatisfaction*'. If you do have a complaint, the first point of contact where possible should always be the class teacher. If you feel your complaint has not been dealt with then obviously you can speak to me or a governor. If you are still not satisfied, then a written complaint can be submitted to the governing body. This information/policy is also available on our website.

Meet the teacher (repeated message)

These meetings were very well received last year and we intend to repeat the exercise this year. These are short meetings for parents to find out important information from your child's teacher/s as well as to ask any questions. As parents' evenings are now held in the hall, these meetings will be held in the classrooms and will therefore be an opportunity for you to see your child's learning environment. Due to space and health and safety, we can only accommodate **one adult per child**

and I politely request that you stick to this. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send a grandparent. These will run as follows:

Monday 16 th Sep at 3pm	Year 2 with Mrs Bounds
Monday 16 th at 3.45pm	Year 4 with Miss Bush
Tuesday 17 th at 3pm	Reception with Mrs Lewis
Tuesday 17 th at 3.45pm	Year 3 with Miss Frangoulis
Wednesday 18 th at 3pm	Year 1 with Mrs. Day and Mr Walters
Wednesday 18 th at 3.45pm	Year 5 with Mrs. Owen and Mr Mason
Monday 23 rd at 3.45pm	Year 6 with Mr McNicol

Please note, we will look after the children in a different room whilst the meetings take place. If you are unable to attend, we will also put the presentations on the website by the end of next week.

Aldi Stickers

We intend to take part in the Aldi promotion which gives schools the chance to get free sports kits with a new sticker chart. Shoppers are given stickers for spending £30 or more, so if you or anyone you know shops at Aldi, please send in the stickers.

Every school that completes the chart will get a free sports kit for kids, consisting of bibs, cones and relay batons. Twenty schools will also be chosen to receive £20,000 each!

Flu Immunisation

This will take place for all pupils from reception to Year 6 on **Wednesday 9th October**. If your letter has not made it home, we do have spare copies in the office. This year, the immunisation team will not be carrying any spare vaccines and it is therefore essential that your child's **form is returned by Monday 7th October** in order for their vaccine to be ordered. Please return forms even if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine.

Manor Adventure

A separate letter was sent out yesterday with final arrangements for the Year 6 residential next week. Mr McNicol and Mrs Miller will be with the children all week and Mrs Bayliss/Mrs Bounds will do half the week each. Please remember, strictly no phones or smart watches please. The staff will put lots of photos on Twitter to keep you posted!

Dates and Clubs

Please see separate information emailed/sent out.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend. Have a good rest Year 6 – you're going to need all your energy for next week!

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett
Headteacher