

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

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Shwmae Parents and Carers,

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Thank you so much for supporting our #Shwmae day today. It really has added a lovely buzz to the school and I have heard lots of children and adults saying 'shwmae' throughout the day. Da iawn pawb. Another thank you for the food bank donations for our harvest appeal. They will be collecting on Monday so if you would still like to donate, Monday morning will be the last opportunity. We would love to return to our harvest festival in St Peter's, however we are unable to at present. As part of the harvest time and our current value of generosity, the children will be taking part in harvest activities and we will produce a short film to share with you all next week.

### Update from the PTA

The PTA are launching the new campaign '*The Great Outdoors*'. We are so lucky to have a school with such wonderful outdoor space. The school would love to develop the outdoor "Emerald Forest" area to further enhance the education and well-being opportunities for all pupils. They would also like to purchase more much needed outdoor equipment.

We are planning to hold some face to face events again which is fantastic:

- Sponsored Litter Pick running over October half term
- Christmas Wreath Making Workshop (tickets will be on sale next week)
- Virtual Christmas Market (If you would like a stall, please contact a member of the PTA through Facebook or Twitter)

We would love you all to join in and get outdoors enjoying our local area and cleaning up our community while raising funds over half term. Wild About Nature, Dinas Powys are providing the necessary equipment which you can book and collect from the PTA by contacting us through Facebook or St Andrews Major PTA Twitter so please join in.

Donate your sponsor funds here: <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/SAMSLitterPick/>

### Year 6

St Cyres have created a Virtual Open Day on the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRzr7w7orpo>

### Parking

As I mentioned last week, I have concerns about some of the parking that takes place before and after school. I would however like to point out that where a blue badge is held, the rules are different and holders of these badges are legally permitted to park in certain areas which are otherwise restricted. This includes some areas with double yellow lines. Please can I ask everyone to be respectful of those who do display a blue badge in order for them/their child to have safe access to school.

## Holiday and INSET dates

All school holiday dates are listed on the Vale of Glamorgan Website:

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/School-Term-Dates.aspx>

Remaining INSET days are as follows:

- 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

(There may be a 6<sup>th</sup> INSET day for Curriculum development but this has not been confirmed by Welsh Government yet)

## Upcoming dates

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>** (morning) – last chance to bring in donations for the foodbank.

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October** – HALF TERM WEEK

**w/c 8<sup>th</sup> November** – Teacher/Parent phone consultations (Nursery to Year 2)

**w/c 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Teacher/Parent phone consultations (Year 3 to Year 6)

## Coronavirus update (repeated message)

There have been updates to the guidance for schools including that children under 5 are no longer to be tested. The following link may be useful to answer any questions about the new guidance.

<https://gov.wales/schools-coronavirus-guidance>

## Trips

I spent the day with Year 3 on a trip to Cardiff Bay on Wednesday. They had a fantastic day, learning about using a compass, reading a map, land use, hunting for buildings/artwork as well as having a fun boat ride around the bay. We are planning further trips for other classes after half term, which after the restrictions of the last 18 months, will be welcomed by all.

I have been awarding regular Head teacher awards for those pupils who demonstrate our current value of generosity. This week the awards go to Ethan in Year 3 and Jasper in Year 1. Da iawn bechgin. We also say goodbye to Jasper and wish him good luck in his new school.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett  
Headteacher



*Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

(2 Corinthians 9:6-8)