

St Andrew's Major Church in Wales Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Friday 15th November 2019

This week

Year 6 led an informative and emotional worship on Monday to mark Remembrance Day. Well done Year 6 and thank you to Mr McNicol for leading the way.

There have been a number of activities to mark anti-bullying week. This included workshops for Y5 and Y6 around inclusivity of disabled people in sport and games.

Nursery and Reception completed their Welly Challenge in very windy and cold conditions and they were all superstars! Thank you for the sponsor money which has already been given - please keep the donations coming. The money will be used to purchase climbing and adventurous apparatus which will be chosen by the children.

Our Wednesday Warriors started this week and I would like to say a huge thank you to the 5 mums (one helped on Monday too) who came along to assist Mrs Weber in developing and enhancing the outdoor learning areas. We are extremely grateful and if anyone else would like to join either regularly or occasionally, please see Mrs Weber or ask in the office.

The fire service visited Y2 and Y5 yesterday and the children learnt about fire safety and how to stay safe if a fire does break out.

A huge thank you for your donations for Children in Need today. It was great to see the children dressed as their super heroes. We decided to use today as a springboard to start talking about Children's Rights and there was lots of very good discussion in classes on this important topic.

Parish Autumn Fayre

This will take place on Saturday 30 November at 2pm in the Parish and Lee halls.

All proceeds from the fayre will go to the parish's charities for this year. They are:

- 1 (Local) -Cardiff and Creative Hands - a charity supporting deaf children and their parents
- 2 (National) - Pancreatic Cancer
- 3 (Global) Children in the Yemen (via Save the Children)

It would be great if we as a school could support these good causes as follows:

- Donations of cakes – please take to the hall from 10am on the day.
- Donations of toys – please give to Carly Murray/Becky Ford or drop into hall from 10am.
- Bottles and jars – we will collect these in the school entrance.

I hope many of you will be able to help and also attend the fayre on the 30th.

Parking and morning drop off.

There was an issue yesterday when a parent parked in the layby at 8.45 and left the car for at least 5 mins. This caused a huge back up on St Andrews Rd as other cars were unable to turn into the layby. Just a few months ago, one of our Y6 pupils had a very near miss on the zebra crossing due to cars backing up. It is only acceptable to drop off in the layby (Junior pupils only). Another parent has also informed me that on the same morning, parents were parking up on the pavement near the zebra crossing and that this is quite common. This was forcing people, especially those with pushchairs to walk out into the road. I was also shocked to hear that some owners park their cars over the dropped kerbs. I ask you to consider the danger you are posing to children and others. I know it can be frustrating but it may be you need to park further away and walk. Walking or rain will not injure or kill a child, irresponsible parking could. The Vale Council

has recently launched their 'Park Tidy campaign' in order to raise awareness.

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/Parking/Parking.aspx>

Reception Places for September 2019 (Repeated message)

The application process for Reception 2020 has now opened. Please remember that this is now carried out through the Vale of Glamorgan online system. If you have any difficulties accessing or completing the form please do speak to the office who will be happy to help. There is further information on the website under 'admissions'.

iPad chargers (Repeated message)

We are on the lookout for the old style iPad chargers with the wide connector. If you have one which is not being used, we would be very grateful to take it off your hands in order to use with some of our older iPads which are coming out of a charging box and need to be charged in classrooms.

Dates for next week

Sunday 17th – Y4 Contribution to Family service at St Peter's at 10.30. (Children to arrive at 10.15 in uniform please)

LAST WEEK OF CLUBS

Mon 18th – Y5 and Y6 Cyber Bullying Workshops

Weds 20th – Y5 Class Worship at 9am

Fri 22nd – Cross Country Finals

Please note, I have updated the list of dates for the term and the year. This will be on the website and has been emailed out.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett
Headteacher

