

St Andrew's Major Church in Wales Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Friday 16th September 2022

It has been so lovely to be back in school and I am very grateful to everyone who has asked after my health. We have seen such beautiful sunshine this week and the children have been busy both inside and out as they begin their new topics for the term. There has been a lot of discussion and reflection on the life of the queen, including in worship and I have been so impressed with some of the work that has taken place in classes.

Meet the Teacher

Over the next 2 weeks, we will be running meet the teacher sessions for parents and carers of pupils in Reception to Year 6. This will be an opportunity for you to meet the teacher (in your child's classroom) who will explain how we are approaching the new curriculum and will share relevant information for the year ahead. If you are unable to come all information will be on the website under each class page. Due to limited space in the classrooms it would be preferable if only parents could attend please.

	4.45 – 5.15	5.20 – 5.50
WEDNESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER	Year 3	Year 6
THURSDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER	Year 1	Year 4
MONDAY 26th SEPTEMBER	Reception	Year 2
TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER	Year 5	

Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)

As you may be aware, RSE is a mandatory part of The Curriculum for Wales and from this term with the roll out of the curriculum, parents and carers no longer have the right to withdraw their child/ren from these lessons. Unfortunately, there is a good deal of misinformation being shared on social media about RSE. I would like to reassure you that all lessons are developmentally appropriate for pupils. I attach a useful guide about RSE which also includes links to more detailed information about this very important part of our curriculum.

Intervention and Booster Groups

Emails will be coming home to some parents next week with regards to literacy and numeracy interventions and booster groups. As a school, we feel strongly that short programmes of intervention can have a very positive impact on a learner's attainment and this has been proven by results over previous years. Whilst some of these sessions are aimed at supporting those with additional learning needs, many of the groups we run are booster groups which target a variety of pupils of all abilities in order to raise attainment and in effect give their learning a 'boost'. We are trying to ensure every child gets the best possible chance to reach their full potential and currently have over 40 places in these groups. I thank Mrs Bayliss, Mrs Bounds and the support staff for their hard work in setting up and running the groups.

Contacting school

If you do have questions or concerns about your child's learning then teachers can be emailed on the addresses below. Please note the following:

- I do not expect teachers to reply to emails outside of normal 'office hours' or weekends/holidays. In a job-share class, it could be either teacher who responds, depending on their contracted days of work.
- Teachers are teaching all day and may not pick up an email until after school. Anything urgent should therefore be directed to the school email address.
- Anything to do with admin **must** be directed to the school email account. This includes illness, absence, anything covid related, medication, allergies, changes of contact details, uniform, parentpay etc.

School Office Mrs Hallett / Mrs Bayliss	standrewsmajorps@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
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Reception Mrs Frangoulis	frangoulisS1@hwbcymru.net
Year 1 Mrs Day	dayL20@hwbcymru.net
Year 2 Miss Bush	bushJ21@hwbcymru.net
Year 3 Mr Mason/Mr Walters	masonP2@hwbcymru.net waltersG@hwbcymru.net
Year 4 Mrs Bounds	halseR2@hwbcymru.net
Year 5 Mr Trigg	triggr20@hwbcymru.net
Year 6 Mr McNicol	mcnicola@hwbcymru.net

Message from the PTA

Planting Project

Join us at School on Saturday 1st October between 2pm and 4pm to help us plant up our new planters on the junior playground and see the results of all our fundraising efforts last year on our Great Outdoors Project. As well as the planting, there will be a range of other nature based activities taking place to keep you and your little ones entertained. This free event is for the whole school community. We will be joined by Dinas Powys Wild about Nature and their fantastic volunteers. We look forward to seeing you!

SAMS Food Hub Project

The PTA had an opportunity recently to bid for some funding from Western Power Distribution to help tackle the cost of living increases. Specifically it was around the rising cost of food. We've never done anything like this before but we know that things are starting to bite for all families, so we decided to bid for the funding anyway.

We were successful, and so during the summer holidays, we were able to offer every family at school the opportunity to have a food parcel, which the PTA put together with help from pupils at the school.

We would now like to extend this offer to all new families at the school with children in nursery and reception from September 2022. A voucher will be sent home which you can redeem against a food parcel, containing basic non-perishable items such as pasta, rice, cereal, biscuits and juice. You can collect your parcel in the school office before or after school until the end of September.

We appreciate some families may not want to take part, and that is fine. Families can donate their vouchers back to school to be used by others (hand them back in). Overall we have enough funding for 130 parcels, so if we have some left over, families may be able to have more than one parcel to ensure all the food is distributed.

We hope you find this helps your family and welcomes you into the school community. We'd love your feedback on this kind of scheme too as it is something new for us.

Visit our page on the school website for more information on what we are up to:

<http://www.standrewsweb.com/pta.html>

Information on 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.

Well-Being change for Y4/5

We have had to make some changes to our timetables. From next week, Y4 will have well-being day on a Thursday and Y5 will be on a Friday.

School Choir

We have asked Glamorgan Music Service to run a choir after school for Y3 to Y6 pupils which will begin next Wednesday 21st September at a cost of £10 per term (free if your child is in receipt of free school meals). If you wish your child/ren to take part, please complete the following form. A £10 payment will then be put on ParentPay.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k4IL-2WB4ShPoHnoGSOsd7hUMlpaRklMSTdOME83VFpRQjNFRUFISTIZUS4u

Jubilee Books

We were delighted that the Jubilee books arrived yesterday and it seems very fitting that we were able to send them home with the children today. I hope you enjoy reading them over the Bank Holiday weekend. We ordered one book per pupil but if there are any families with duplicate copies who are happy to donate a copy back to school, we would appreciate this as we can then put a few copies in the library.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend. Remember, we are not in school on Monday so we will see you all on Tuesday.

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett
Headteacher