

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### Our final week

What a scorcher it has been. I am very grateful to the staff for doing everything they could do keep the children safe, whilst they themselves were struggling to cope with the extreme temperatures. I am very proud of the children and how well they have coped – at least it was a little cooler today for their last day of fun with their friends.

I accompanied Year 6 on their leavers' trip on Monday – bowling, burgers and arcade games – what more could a 10/11 year old want? They had great fun and it has been a pleasure to spend time with them recently.

### PTA Food Hub

We have been so pleased with the uptake of food parcels. 60 had been collected up until this morning and we have another 15 ready in the foyer. Our gratitude goes to the PTA and in particular Mrs Marshall who not only acquired the funding but has also done the majority of the work to purchase the food. In total we have enough to produce 130 parcels so if you would still like to collect one (or if you would like another one), Mrs Green will be in school on the following dates between 10am and 2pm:

Weds 27<sup>th</sup> July

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> August

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September



## Upcoming dates

TERM DATES (INSET DATES BELOW)	Begin	Half term		End
		Begin	End	
Autumn	05.09.22	31.10.22	04.11.22	23.12.22
Spring	09.01.23	20.02.23	24.02.23	31.03.23
Summer	17.04.23	29.05.23	02.06.23	24.07.23

### INSET DAYS for 2022-23

- Mon Sep 5<sup>th</sup> 2022
- Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2022
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2022
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Jul 2023

Please note, Welsh Government are planning to consult on the 6<sup>th</sup> INSET day for the development of the Curriculum. I will confirm this when we know for certain that this is going ahead.

## Goodbyes

This year we have said goodbye to a number of governors - Margaret Hayley, Matt Crouch, Huw Williams and Emma Ackland. Thank you to all of them for volunteering their time to work for the benefit of the school. The governors who have replaced them are Marianne Cowpe (Minor Authority governor), Claire Wilson (Parent governor) and Elinor Weekley/Cordelia Jervis (Foundation governors). We thank them for their commitment and dedication.

Mrs Beth Williams will be leaving us this week and I would like to say a huge thank you for her hard work during the year that she has been with Year 3. We would like to wish Mrs Williams good luck and best wishes for the future.

We also say a huge thank you and goodbye to Mrs Karen Lewis and Mrs Hazel Owen, both of whom have been at the school for more than 2 decades. They have both been dedicated and committed teachers who have given so much to the pupils of the school. We will also miss them as the dear colleagues and friends that they have become. I am sure you would wish to join me in wishing them a happy and healthy retirement. Welcome to Mr Trigg who will be replacing Mrs Owen and Mrs Lewis and teaching Year 5 from September.

We are saying goodbye to Finlay in Year 5 today as he will be moving to a new school from September (and they will be very lucky to have him as a Year 6 pupil). Also Isla from

afternoon nursery will be going to join her sister at Dinas Powys Primary. We will all miss you and wish you both lots of luck for the future!

Very importantly though, we now say a very fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. They finished the year on a real high this morning as they all put on a special worship/show down at the Village Hall. It really was a treat and not only did they share all the fantastic learning that has taken place this year but it also highlighted what a talented bunch they are! They have been a very impressive class over the years. We are very proud of each one of them and wish them good luck for the future in their various high schools. Thank you to members of The Dinas Powys Rotary Club for providing the children with an excellent illustrated dictionary.

Thank you to all the staff, governors and volunteers for all their support, dedication and hard work. It has been a pleasure working with all our families and fantastic children and I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of all the staff for the generous gifts, cards and messages.

Wishing everyone a fantastic break. I hope you get to enjoy some quality time together and I look forward to seeing everyone in September and hearing all about your summer.

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett  
Headteacher

