

St Andrew's Major Church in Wales Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Friday 21st September 2018

What an Adventure!

I had the absolute pleasure of joining Year 6 in Manor Adventure last week. I was genuinely impressed with how well the children behaved, especially during the nights which in previous years has been an issue. During the days, the children demonstrated resilience, determination and sometimes real courage when overcoming challenges. More importantly though they supported and encouraged one another and showed real cooperation and team work skills. I am proud of each and every one of them! A huge thank you to Mr. Walters, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Miller for looking after the children so well and thank you so much parents for your kind gifts which were unexpected but really appreciated.

Cardiff Castle trip

Year 1 and 2 visited Cardiff Castle on Tuesday as part of this term's topic 'Enchanted Lives'. They had a fantastic day learning all about 'Knights, Damsels and Dragons'! Thank you to those of you who volunteered to help supervise the children whilst on the trip.

Meet the teacher

Thank you to those of you who visited us this week to find out extra information about your child's class for the coming year. We hope you found the sessions useful. We will be emailing the PowerPoints and Curriculum News to all parents in case you were unable to attend. Working together is the key to a child's success in school so don't forget, we operate an open door policy and welcome all forms of communication. If we are unable to see you immediately, we will make an appointment to meet as soon as possible. Leave a message on the clipboard or contact the office and they will arrange it for you.

Clubs

A list came home with Y2- Y6 on Wednesday about clubs which start next week. It was also emailed. Please return slips on Monday. Thanks again to the teachers and support staff for giving up their time to run clubs.

Additional Needs

As well as being the school's Deputy Head and Nursery leader, Mrs Bayliss is also our Additional Needs Coordinator (ALNCo). If you have discussed concerns with your child's class teacher and they have suggested you speak to Mrs Bayliss, please make an appointment in the office. Obviously as Deputy Head, Mrs Bayliss has other strategic roles in the school and therefore, I ask that any meetings are kept to a Thursday morning (designated ALNCo time) wherever possible.

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. Sarah Dowling. We have all had 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. 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.

Dates

CLUBS START THIS WEEK

- Mon 24th** NSPCC Presentations in Worship
- Tues 25th** Aaron Phipps – Paralympian to visit school
- Weds 26th** Individual and sibling photos
- Thurs 27th** Macmillan Coffee morning at 9am with Mrs Hallett and Mrs Bayliss (Any cakes gratefully received)

Value this half term

This half term, our focus value is 'Thankfulness'. Christians believe that God loves and cares for them in many different ways in all aspects of their life. They know that their response to this provision should be one of thankfulness and praise. You might like to discuss as a family what we are thankful for and how we can show our appreciation in practical ways. Encourage the children to write a prayer or poem about thankfulness which we can share in school worship.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend. Fingers crossed the weather improves!

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett
Headteacher