

St Andrew's Major Church in Wales Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Friday 25th October 2019

This week

Rachel from Bobath came into school on Monday to explain to the children some of the challenges facing those who suffer with Cerebral Palsy – including one of our own pupils. She also gratefully received a cheque for £185 which we raised on our blue and green day. Thank you everyone!

Y4 went on their first residential this week with a visit to the Urdd Centre at the Millenium Centre. For many, this was their first night away from home and they were extremely brave! There were so many activities crammed into the two days and they came back tired but with some amazing memories. The behaviour of the children was exemplary and you should be very proud of them. A huge thank you to the staff for taking such good care of them too.

Our two super ambassadors, Archie and Seren attended training at Hebron Hall yesterday with the Children's Commissioner for Wales Sally Holland. They will be given a mission by her every term and I am sure you will hear all about it in the future.

Year 3 Outdoor Learning

Year 3 started outdoor learning this week and I thank you to those who sent in wellies. We would be grateful if the rest came in after half term please.

Nursery places for January and April (repeated message)

Our current nursery is under-subscribed meaning we may be able to offer early places for children who are not due to start until next September.

If your child is 3 this term (i.e. before Christmas), you are eligible to apply for a place to start in January. If your child reaches 3 before Easter, you are eligible to apply for a place for the Summer Term. Please ask Mrs Green if you need any further information. Also, please pass on this information to any other parents who are not presently linked to our school.

PTA Local Giving

Here is the revised (shorter) link for donations to the Nursery Reception pupils' enterprise projects:

<https://localgiving.org/charity/st-andrews-major-cw-primary-school-pta/project/littlewellies/>

Message for Year 3 parents

Miss Frangoulis has been called to jury service in November. She was initially requested to attend in September but we asked for a deferment as it would have coincided with the first weeks of term – an essential time for the children to be settled in. They agreed to this but there is now nothing we can do to avoid this taking place. However, I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Squires who has covered many other long term absences is available to cover for Miss Frangoulis. Mrs Squires has an excellent track record with us and always works extremely hard – above and beyond what most supply teachers do. Due to the nature of jury service, I am unable to tell you how long this is likely to last but it is likely to be for at least 2 weeks. Mrs Squires will take over the class on Thursday 7th November, having met with Miss Frangoulis to discuss planning etc.

School lunch on 5th Nov

Please note that Vale Catering will be offering a special bonfire night menu on 5th Nov. The hot meal will be replaced with hotdogs, beans and chips with a cornflake cake. Baguettes will be available as usual for the juniors.

Dates for after half term

Teacher led clubs resume for 3 weeks

Mad Science Club starts

Tues 5th Nov – Brass quintet concert for KS2

Weds 6th Nov – **INSET day** – **School closed to pupils**

Fri 8th Nov – Reception applications for 2020 opens on Vale website

I hope everyone has a fantastic half term – rest up for what always proves to be the busiest time of the year – especially in our lovely Church school 😊

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett
Headteacher

