

St Andrew's Major Church in Wales Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Friday 26th October 2018

Trip back to the Roman era

Years 3 and 4 visited Caerleon on Monday and had a fantastic day learning all about Roman times. Mrs. Lewis and Mr. McNicol reported that the children's behaviour was fantastic and the visit has certainly helped them with their topic work for this term. Thank you to those volunteers who accompanied the children.

NSPCC

We raised well over £1254.51 for the NSPCC which is a staggering amount. Sara came back to school to say a huge thank you to the children for raising so much. As I have said before I would like to say a huge thank you for your generosity at what for many families is a financially challenging time. Both of these good causes backs up our mission as a Christian community to teach the children the importance of showing generosity and compassion to those who may not be as fortunate as us.

Cross Country

A number of KS2 children took part in the county Cross Country trials and I'm pleased to announce that 12 children made it through to the next round. Congratulations to you all but well done to everyone who took part – showing real determination and perseverance.

Year 2 update

Please see email sent earlier in the week.

PTA update

Congratulations and welcome to Bronwen Price, Amanda Swaffeild Brett and Rhian Shugar as the new Chair/Secretary. They will be sharing the roles and we look forward to their first meeting on Weds 14th at 6pm in the school hall. I hope many of you will be able to join them. If childcare is an issue, feel free to bring the children with you. Becky Ford and Sian Powell would like to thank everybody for their help and support over the last 2 years and I would like to say a huge thank you to them and all the PTA for their hard work in raising such necessary extra funds for the school.

Parents' Evenings

A big thank you to all the parents who attended parents' evening – it was good to see so many of you and I hope you found it useful to find out how your child has settled into the new school year. If you were unable to attend, please do phone the office to make an appointment for after half term. Thank you also to everyone for completing the questionnaires. It is so helpful to have the views of parents and carers in order to help form our decisions and improvement planning. Where possible, if you 'disagree' with a statement please give details. For example, a small number of parents ticked disagree for the statement '*I believe the school keeps me well informed about my child's progress*'. Further explanation of this would be useful for us to know. There are copies in the entrance and a copy has been emailed out in case you were unable to complete it on the night – please return to school ASAP. Please email the school office standrewsmajorps@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk if you would like to explain or expand on any of your responses.

New Menu

There will be new menus coming home today which will start the first week back after half term. Special dietary menus will be available after half term. Please note that Vale Catering are running a Bonfire Night promotion on 5th November and the lunch that day will be hotdog, chips and baked beans followed by chocolate cornflake crisp cake. Tuesday will be Chicken Korma and then the menu will run as per the sheet. May I remind parents that dinner money accounts MUST be in credit BEFORE your child has a dinner.

Flu Immunisations

Many of you have already returned the consent forms for the immunisation sprays which will be administered on Tuesday 6th November. The health board would appreciate all forms being sent in, even if you do not give consent as this helps with future planning. Please note, the sprays are ordered the day before the immunisation is administered so all forms must be in by 9am on Monday 5th Nov.

Upcoming Dates

w/c 29th	Half Term
Mon 5th	Return to school
Tues 6th	Flu immunisations
Weds 7th	Y5 and Y6 trip to Big Pit
Thurs 8th	Cross Country Y5 and 6 'Wicked' trip
Fri 9th	Y6 lead Remembrance Worship at 10.45 (Y6 parents only please)

Wishing you all a lovely half term.

Yours faithfully,

Gen Hallett



(Headteacher)