

# St Andrew's Major Church in Wales Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### **This week**

Work on our new demountable is now complete and we are very pleased with the results. We will be setting it up for use over the next few weeks. Our plan is for this space to be developed into an Expressive Arts studio to be used by all classes for art, drama and music projects. We hope that Breakfast/After School Club will move over soon but we will keep you posted on this. A reminder that this project was funded by The Vale of Glamorgan Council including the use of Section 106 money. It has not used up any of our school budget with the exception of any new furniture and IT equipment that will be needed. We are very grateful to the Council for managing the project so effectively and for consulting with us throughout the installation to ensure the room is suited to our school's needs. Whilst the main building can in no way compete with the modern, bright, air conditioned demountable, work continues to improve the learning environment throughout the school including the enterprise project areas, a new research and reading room and a refurbished intervention 'Cwtch'. We hope almost all work will be completed by the end of term. The final large scale project will be to install new artwork in the hall and work will begin on this in January.

Rehearsals are underway for our Nativities and Carol Concert. We will be sending out information on how to purchase tickets next week. Numbers are restricted due to health and safety in the hall and the church and there will be no extra tickets given out once everyone has had their allocation. A reminder that grandparents are able to join us on the last day of term at 9.30 for Carols Around the Tree.

### **Message from Messy Church**

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December we are hosting a Christmas themed messy church at St Peter's Hall at 3-5pm - enjoy arts and crafts activities and party food with us. It would be amazing if any of our older children would like to help out too - happy to take names of anyone who would like to help out. We have a closed Facebook page too - St Peters Mini Church, Dinas Powys.

### **Parish Autumn Fayre**

This will take place this Saturday 30 November at 2pm in the Parish and Lee halls.

All proceeds from the fayre will go to the parish's charities for this year. They are:

- 1 (Local) -Cardiff and Creative Hands - a charity supporting deaf children and their parents
- 2 (National) - Pancreatic Cancer
- 3 (Global) Children in the Yemen (via Save the Children)

It would be great if we as a school could support these good causes as follows:

- Donations of cakes – please take to the hall from 10am on the day.
- Donations of toys – please give to Carly Murray/Becky Ford or drop into hall from 10am.
- Bottles and jars – we will collect these in the school entrance.

I hope many of you will be able to help and also attend the fayre on Saturday.

### **PTA Discos**

The disco which will feature DJ Stirling, will cost £3 to include treats. This year we are asking all pupils attending to bring in the money on or before the day of the disco (in previous years, juniors have paid on the night) Please place money in a named envelope. Please note, there will be no extras such as tattoos so there is no need to bring any additional money.

- All pupils may come dressed in non-uniform (If your child is not attending the disco, they can wear non-uniform and donate £1 to the PTA) Please remember the children will be going outside during the day so warm clothes and sensible footwear is essential.
- Infants will stay in school and be taken by their teachers to the disco at 3.45. This includes Nursery. Infants will be collected from the classroom fire doors at the side of the school at 4.45.
- Juniors will enter the disco from the main front entrance at 5pm. (Staff and PTA need time to clear up from the infant disco). Juniors will be collected from the same door at 6pm.
- Please note, pupils **are not** permitted to bring mobile phones to the disco. It is expected that all juniors are brought/collected by an adult given the dark evenings and therefore, phones are not needed.

### **Clubs**

Apologies for the confusion my message caused last week. French and Rugby will continue next week. Mr McNicol is looking to arrange games in the future but we need more players (girls too!) from Y5 and Y6 to give us a big enough squad. The children should let Mr McNicol know if they are interested.

### **Dates for next week**

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup>** – Parish Autumn Fayre

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>** Dec – Nursery to Year 2 – Barry Memo trip

**Weds 4<sup>th</sup>** – PTA Discos

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett  
Headteacher