



Newsletter



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Spring Term - February 16th, 2018

Every drop counts

If giving is in your blood, please help.

PORT TALBOT

Wednesday 21 February
13.30 - 18.00

ST MARYS CENTRE

PLEASE CONTACT US TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT
Walk-in slots will be available on a first come, first served basis



Visit welshblood.org.uk
or call us on 0900 25 22 66

Parents/carers, please try and attend. Somebody somewhere needs your blood. Help save lives.

PTA disco

The valentines disco was very successful and the children thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you PTA and staff for all your help. £168.27 was raised. In the next meeting the PTA will be discussing how they would like to spend the money on the children. Please come along and have your say.

Year 5&6

Peer Support Training

The children were excellent last week and some of them have already put their skills into play in helping other children. They have named themselves "super squad" which is very apt! I am certain that they will do a grand job! We are ordering badges for the children who are prepared to take on the role as peer mentor now that they have received the training. Some are also keen to become mediators and they will learn additional skills that help them in every day life.

Space for a joke!

But nobody is helping! Come on! Send them in!

Reminder - Director of education visit

Mr Aled Evans has arranged a meeting for parents - please see calendar entry. This meeting was promised after his first meeting with parents. He will be discussing the progress of the school and also taking parent views. This is your opportunity to raise questions, and pass comments that he will act upon accordingly. He will talk to you about the recent Estyn visit, categorisation and LEA support. He will also want to hear your views. Members of staff will not be in attendance unless they are a parent of a child in the school. Please make every effort to attend. On this occasion the school is prepared to offer child care for the duration of the meeting.

Whole School School Council Day

Children from years 1 to 6 met together to have their say for the school development. The focus was on reviewing their plan on improving reading, writing, Welsh and maths and we also had the time to discuss how we can make a difference to our community. They had some fantastic ideas so watch this space!

St. David's Day

The children can wear their Welsh costumes to school on this day. We are preparing for a whole school event where children take part in a range of activities related to the Welsh culture, visiting each class with different teachers. We shall be posting pictures onto Twitter so make sure you are following so you don't miss anything!

World Book Day **Book Vouchers**

We are celebrating world book day on March 2nd because we are celebrating St David's Day on March 1st which is the official day. Your child is coming home with a book voucher today to buy a book. Please take full advantage of the voucher. It is valid from February 26th. You will all agree, learning to read is essential. You have the biggest part to play in helping your child learn to read. Please take advantage of the voucher and choose the book with your child, share it, and most importantly ENJOY IT! Books are fun and you can share a book! If your child uses the iPad or tablet then share a book on that. Your child will thoroughly enjoy. World book day theme is "share a book". Have fun sharing!

Parent drop in sessions

These are now in place for parents of pupils who are worried about their child's learning. This was recognised as good practice by the inspectors this week as it provides parents with further information if they have any concerns or need further information about the levels and outcomes their child should be working at. Please come along.



Diary Dates

Feb 19th	Half term week
March 26th	Director of education meeting with all parents 3.30pm at school.
March 1st	St David's day
March 2nd	World Book Day - children dress up as characters and bring book along with them. (Optional)
March 7th - 9th	Mother's Day gifts on sale for children to buy. PTA organising.
March 11th	Mother's Day
March 15th	Foundation Phase - wheels day Rugby and netball fixtures
March 16th	KS2 wheels day
March 19th	Parent meetings 3.30 - 5.30. Appointments only.
March 26th	Year 5 visit to Dyffryn - dress rehearsal for show Parent meetings 3.30 - 5.30. Appointments only
March 28th	Easter bonnet parade
March 29th	Last day before Easter holidays

