



# St David's Catholic Primary School

'Living and learning through Jesus in all that we do'  
'Yn byw a dysgu trwy'r Iesu yn bob peth rydym yn gwneud'

Providing Catholic education for the Parishes of St David's, Mold and Our Lady of the Rosary, Buckley and surrounding areas.

7th September 2018

## Reflection

*In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives we need to find some space for ourselves.*

*"Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here."*

*As we begin our new school year together, why not as a family find sometime to just "be still" with each other and God.*



## Contact Numbers

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## Website

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## Office Hours

Monday: 8.45 am - 12.15 pm

Tuesday: 8.45 am - 12.15 pm

Wednesday: 8.45 am - 12.15 pm

Thursday: 8.45 am - 12.15 pm

Friday: 8.45 am - 12.45 pm

Dear Parents/Guardians

## Back to school

Happy New School Year! I hope you have all had a very relaxing holiday. All the children came back on Wednesday looking refreshed and re-charged for the new term.

We already have an very exciting diary of events planned throughout the year, and am sure, in typical St David's style, we will embrace a whole range of other opportunities as they come along. The calendar of events for the year is attached.

## A gentle reminder

Here in St David's we are committed to the smooth running of the school day. To further assist us, please be advised that messages will be taken at the School Office and passed on to staff members. If you need to see a member of staff, please make an appointment.

For Child Protection reasons, no parents are allowed onto the playground. Nursery children can enter via the Class 1 door - by the Main Gate - until the bell at 8.55 am, after which they must enter through the main door in Reception (see below).

## Punctuality

Children thrive on routines. Please ensure that your children arrive in time to line up on the playground at 8.55 am for a prompt start to the day. Children arriving after 8.55 am, including Nursery children, must come to the main entrance. A register of lateness has to be kept. Persistent lateness will be reported to the Education Welfare Officer at Flintshire Local Authority.

## ***It's only 5 minutes ...***

5 minutes a day equals 25 minutes a week.

25 minutes a week equals 175 minutes in a 7 week half term...

175 minutes in a 14 week term equals 350 minutes in a term...

350 minutes equates to 5 hours and 50 minutes....

**A DAY A TERM IS BEING LOST BY BEING JUST 5 MINUTES LATE – THINK ABOUT IT!**

## "Meet the Teachers"

We will be holding our 'Meet the teachers' session on Monday, 17th September. Appointments can be made via ParentMail.

## School/Parish Mass

Our first School/Parish Mass will be on Sunday, 16th September at 11.00 am. All are welcome.

## Holiday requests

May I remind you that it is at my discretion to grant permission for "Approved" Holiday Absence. In line with Local Authority and Welsh Government guidelines, could I respectfully ask parents to avoid, where possible, taking children on holiday during term time, as this can impact on their education.

### Staff Appointments

We welcome two new teachers— Miss Killoran who is in Class 4: Mr Leverett, who is in Nursery and Reception. In addition, we welcome Mrs Russell as a Midday Assistant and Mrs Whitby as our Playgroup and Nursery Plus Leader.

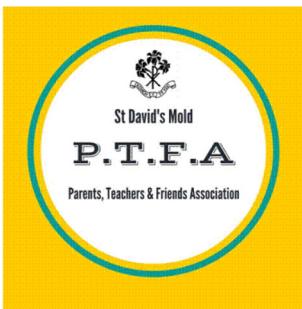
### School Dinners

Please note that this year the cost of school dinners has remained at £2.20 per day for both Infant and Junior lunches. Dinner money should be sent in on the first day of each week (usually Monday) in an envelope marked with the child's name and class. *Please try to send in the correct amount, as change is not always available.* All cheques should be payable to Flintshire County Council and have "St David's Mold" written on the back. Dinners can also be paid via ParentMail. If desired, dinner money can be paid in advance (eg monthly or termly) - any missed lunches are always credited; any dinner money paid in arrears should be paid weekly. Any arrears over a week old will be notified to the County Council **immediately**, in line with County Council regulations.

### Foundation Phase Snack Money

As part of the Welsh Government's promotion of healthy eating, children in the Foundation Phase are provided with a healthy snack, to which parents are asked to contribute £1.00 (£0.50 for Nursery) per week. If you would like to pay on either a half-termly or termly basis, please feel free. This would be £8.00 (£4.00 for Nursery) to October half term and £7.00 (£3.50) from after half term to Christmas. Please send payments in cash in an envelope marked with your child's name and class, and apart from any dinner monies, as this is administered separately.

### St David's PTFA



We would like to thank everyone who has given their time to support the PTFA and come to events in the last academic year. It is because of your support we are able to treat the children to two completely FREE school trips:

- ◆ Chester Zoo on Tuesday, 4th December;
- ◆ Dick Whittington Pantomime at Theatr Clwyd on Thursday, 10th January.

We look forward to your continued support this year. We have a meeting next Wednesday, 12th September at 6.00 pm in school to discuss playground improvements and look at possible funding options. Please come if you can, all ideas and help gratefully received.

### Extra-curricular Activities

Clubs will commence week beginning 17th September. Further details to follow.

### Collective Acts of Worship

Collective Acts of Worship are celebrated each day. On Mondays and Fridays the whole school gathers together. Parents are welcome on Tuesdays for Collective Acts of Worship which are led by the children on a rota basis. On Thursdays, classes take it in turn to plan and lead the Parish Mass in St David's. Again, all are welcome - tea and coffee are available afterwards in the Church Hall.

### First Whole School Mass of the Year

Many thanks to Class 4 for leading us in our first Mass of the new school year. Fr Pius reminded us all that each day we build on what we have learned the previous day. Thank you Fr Pius for your love, care and support.

### Mad Science Assembly

Mad Science will be coming in on Friday, 21st September to showcase their new science after-school club; you have already been sent details of how to sign up for this online via ParentMail.

### Flintshire Music Service

If you would like your child to have instrument tuition, please contact the School Office for further details.

### Clothing

We would be grateful if all items of clothing are marked with your child's name or initials or some other distinguishing mark to enable us to reunite lost items with their owners; we cannot easily do it without names. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### Out of School Provision

As many of you are aware, St David's provides wonderful "wraparound" care for the children. Please find below the names of our members of staff and the timings of each setting. Our Morning Club and After School Club can support your child-care needs and potentially reduce stress levels, both in the morning and afternoon, by offering you flexibility.

	<b>MORNING CLUB</b>	<b>NURSERY PLUS</b>	<b>AFTER SCHOOL CLUB</b>
	Mrs J Tarran Mrs C Broadbent	Mrs L Whitby Mrs S Edwards	Ms G Wood Ms S Clements
Monday	7.30 to 8.45 am	11.30 am to 3.00 pm	3.10 to 5.45pm
Tuesday	7.30 to 8.45 am	11.30 am to 3.00 pm	3.10 to 5.45pm
Wednesday	7.30 to 8.45 am	11.30 am to 3.00 pm	3.10 to 5.45pm
Thursday	7.30 to 8.45 am	11.30 am to 3.00 pm	3.10 to 5.45pm
Friday	7.30 to 8.45 am	11.30 am to 3.00 pm	3.10 to 5.45pm

Many thanks for your continued help and support.

Mr S P Hughes  
Headteacher

<b>TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2018-19</b>		
<b>AUTUMN TERM 2018</b>		
<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> September</i>
<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> September</i>
School Opens	Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> September
School Closes	Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> October
School Opens	Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> November
School Closes	Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> December
<b>SPRING TERM 2019</b>		
School Opens	Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> January
School Closes	Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> February
School Opens	Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> March
School Closes	Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>SUMMER TERM 2019</b>		
<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>29<sup>th</sup> April</i>
School Opens	Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> May
School Closes	Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> May
School Opens	Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> June
<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>21<sup>st</sup> June</i>
School Closes	Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> July
<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>22<sup>nd</sup> July</i>

Please note that the dates for Training Days are all subject to confirmation. Advance notice will be given of any changes to dates via the regular school newsletters.



### **Welsh Phrases**

*To help promote bilingualism we are working on the following phrase this week. Why not try it out at home?*

*Croeso!*

*Welcome!*

### **Class Masses & Assemblies**

*Thursday, 13th September -  
Mass led by Class 3*

*Sunday, 16th September -  
School/Parish Mass at 11.00 pm*

*Thursday, 20th September -  
Mass led by Foundation Phase*

### **Extra Curricular Activities**

Tuesday: Choir  
(3.15 - 4.00 pm)

Wednesday: Football  
(Years 2-6 only)  
(3.15 - 4.00 pm)  
**From 19.09.18**

Thursday:

Friday: Cookery (Lunch)  
Art Club (Lunch)  
Guitar  
(3.00 -3.30 pm)

### **Diary Dates**

*Friday, 26th October - School  
closes for Half Term*

*Monday, 5th November - School  
re-opens*

*Friday, 21st December - School  
closes for Christmas Holidays*