



# 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.

30th November 2018

## Reflection

Advent begins on Sunday. We have four weeks to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. As well as the shopping, decorating and feasting, let us prepare our hearts and minds for the joyous celebration of the birth of Christ.



## Contact Numbers

School office: 01352 752651

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After School Club:

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## Website/Social Media

[www.stdavidsprimary.co.uk](http://www.stdavidsprimary.co.uk)



**Facebook:** St David's Catholic Primary School, Mold



**Twitter:** @StDavidsMold

## 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

## Attendance Data

(05.09.2018-26.11.18)

<u>Class 1</u>	<u>Class 2</u>	<u>Class 3</u>	<u>Class 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
93.8%	94.5%	94.8%	96.7%	95.1%

Well done, again, to Class 4 for exceeding our attendance target by nearly 2%. Overall our whole school attendance has exceeded our target. Keep it up!

## Absences/Holidays

School is open to children for 190 days each year. Regular attendance ensures that the children are familiar with routines and do not miss out on vital elements of their education. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that I am only able to authorise up to 10 days leave for holidays during the school year.

## Welsh National Tests 2019

The testing period for 2019 is from 7th to 14th May. Please be advised that I am unable to authorise holiday requests during these dates.

## Nursery Preference Forms 2019

Nursery Preference Forms for September 2019 have been sent out, but only to those parents who have expressed an interest in Nursery and registered their details with us. These forms are due for return by Friday, 22nd February 2019. If you know anyone with a child who will be 3 or 4 by 31st August 2018 who may be interested in either Nursery or Reception (applications via Flintshire County Council have now closed; any applications received now will be treated as late and dealt with after all others), please ask them to contact us.

## Adverse Weather Conditions

In the event of adverse weather, please go to [www.flintshire.gov.uk](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk) and go onto Emergency School Closure Alerts, where details of all school closures will be available. If you do not have internet access, listen to Radio Wales or Heart FM for the latest updates. It is now also possible to register to receive an email via a smart phone or PC for details of emergency closures. To do this, please go to [www.flintshire.gov.uk/schoolclousureregistration](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/schoolclousureregistration).

## Suitable Clothing

As the weather has now deteriorated to wintery, please make sure your child has suitable outdoor clothing for break time and lunch time, as the children are only kept inside if the weather is extremely inclement.

## Chester Zoo

We're all going to the zoo on Tuesday, 4th December!! Please complete the online forms as soon as possible, if you haven't already. If you require a packed lunch from school, this must be ordered by Friday, 30th November, as they will be prepared and brought over on Monday, 3rd December. Please remember warm clothes and a back pack to carry lunch in. There will be no visit to the gift shop as time is limited.

## Celebrating Christmas in St David's

Tuesday/Wednesday, 11th/12th December

Wednesday, 12th December

Friday, 14th December

Wednesday, 19th December

Friday, 21st December

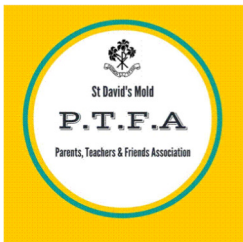
Monday, 24th December

Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh  
Foundation Phase  
Christmas Lunch  
PTFA Christmas Disco  
Christmas Sweater Day  
Carols by Candlelight  
Non-uniform Day  
School/Parish Mass  
(KS2 Pupils will be leading)

## Mini Vinnies Bring and Buy Sale

Our Mini Vinnies will be holding a Bring and Buy Sale on Friday, 14th December. Donations of unwanted toys and games, etc are urgently required. All money raised will go to support local families for Christmas.

## PTFA News



The raffle draw will take place at our Carols by Candlelight service, supported by Buckley Town Band, on Wednesday, 19th December at 6.00 pm. Refreshments will be available. If you can spare an hour to help sell tickets in Tesco on Friday, 14th December (from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm) or Saturday, 15th December (from 12 noon to 4.00 pm), please let us know: [stdavidsptfa@gmail.com](mailto:stdavidsptfa@gmail.com). **Please**

**send all money, ticket stubs and unsold tickets back into school as soon as possible.**

The PTFA will be holding a free Christmas Disco during the afternoon of Friday, 14th December. Friday, 21st December will be non-uniform day; we would be grateful for a donation of £1.00 towards PTFA funds.

## After School Club

After many years working in our After School Club, Miss Wood will be retiring at Christmas. We are very grateful for her time with us and wish her well in her retirement.

## Red Wednesday

Class 4 led the readings and prayers in Mass on "Red Wednesday". Red Wednesday highlights the plight of persecuted Christians and minority faiths around the world and allows us to stand in solidarity with them.

## School/Parish Mass

Many thanks to Michael and Izzy for proclaiming the readings. It was good to see so many children in church on Sunday for the Feast of Christ the King.

Our next School/Parish Mass will be on Christmas Eve at 5.30 pm. If you could like your child to be involved in any way - Readings, Offertory Procession, Bidding Prayers or Reflection, please contact school on [demail@hwmail.net](mailto:demail@hwmail.net).

## Switch on of Mold Lights

We had an absolutely fantastic turnout for the Switch on of Mold Lights on Tuesday evening, despite the challenging weather. The singing was wonderful and heartfelt. Many thanks for your support.

Many thanks for your continued help and support.

Mr S P Hughes  
Headteacher



## **Welsh Phrases**

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

*Mae hi'n mis Rhagfyr.*

*It's December.*

## **Class Masses & Assemblies**

*Thursday, 22nd November -  
Mass led by Class 3*

*Sunday, 25th November -  
School/Parish Mass at 11.00 am*

*Thursday, 29th November - Mass  
led by Foundation Phase*

## **Extra Curricular Activities**

Tuesday: Choir  
(Lunch 12.45 pm)  
Hwb Club  
(3.20 - 4.00 pm)

Wednesday: Gymnastics  
(Years 2-6 only)  
(3.15 - 4.00 pm)

Thursday: Guitar  
(3.00-3.30 pm)

Friday: Cookery (Lunch)  
(Year 3)  
Art Club (Lunch)  
(Year 5)  
Guitar  
(3.00-3.30 pm)

## **Diary Dates**

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

*Monday, 7th January 2019 -  
School re-opens for Spring Term*

*Friday, 22nd February - School  
closes for half term.*

*Monday, 4th March - School re-  
opens.*

*Friday, 12th April - School closes  
for Easter Holidays*