



Diary Dates  
2018/2019

Break up for  
Christmas –  
Friday 21st  
December

INSET Day –  
Monday 7th  
January 2019

Return to school  
– Tuesday 8th  
January 2019

INSET Day -  
Friday February  
22nd

February Half  
term week –  
Monday 25th  
February – 1<sup>st</sup>  
March

Break up for  
Easter - Friday  
12<sup>th</sup> April

Return to school  
– Monday 29<sup>th</sup>  
April

May Half term  
week – Monday  
27th May – 31<sup>st</sup>  
May

Break up for  
Summer – Friday  
19th July

INSET Day –  
Monday July  
22nd

### Message from Mrs Phillips

During the next half term we will continue with our programme of virtues as the children explore what it means to be Faith Filled and Hopeful.

## hope is . . .

believing that tomorrow will be better than today  
the reason you get out of bed in the morning  
putting your faith in God  
knowing that each day is a fresh start  
light in the darkness  
what makes sense of everything  
God's dream for you

Pupils in a Jesuit school are growing to be faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.

Jesuit schools help their pupils grow by passing on the living and faith-filled tradition of Jesus Christ; by having persevering faith in their pupils, and by encouraging them, in turn, to have faith and hope in others.



**Many thanks to the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association for organising the school disco – Fun was had by all and £350 was made for school funds.**

### **Christmas Shopping Trip to Bristol**

Saturday 24th November

Bus leaves Maesteg at 8am, Leaves Bristol 5pm

£15 per person. Please give your names at the office. There are still lots of places available.

### **Christmas Fayre – Friday 7th December 2pm**

Pupils will take part in their annual Enterprise Week, in preparation to sell items they make at the Fayre.

This year we will welcome Santa for the pupils to visit.

### School Website

Miss Card has been working with pupils to design a news school website.

The address is: [stmaryandstpatrick.co.uk](http://stmaryandstpatrick.co.uk)

All school letters will be available on the website and Facebook page. We will send a school text saying when they are uploaded. Those parents requiring a hard copy please inform the office.

### **School Council**

Following meetings of the school council, members have requested the boys' toilets have an upgrade. Subsequently a successful grant application supported by Councillor Ross Thomas, has made funding available so pupils are working with an artist and using their designs to decorate the walls and improve the environment.

Well Done Everyone

### **Parent's Evening**

**7<sup>th</sup> November & 13<sup>th</sup> November.**

Letters have been sent home and spaces are filling up.

If you need a replacement letter please contact the office.

### **Christmas Concerts**

#### **Year 1 and Year 2**

December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2pm

#### **Nursery and Reception**

December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2pm

#### **All Junior classes**

17<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

December 18<sup>th</sup> 2pm and 6pm

Tickets will be on sale soon.

**Congratulations to Jonah Kelly Fisher on his successful performance as Jeremy in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at the Grand theatre Swansea.**

### Welsh Phrase of the Week

**Sut mae'r  
tywydd?**

**Mae hi'n  
heulog/bwrw  
glaw/wyntog/oer.**





### **November**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 4-6 Coding Club workshop Maesteg Library

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Leadership programme for Year 5 and 6 – Playground Peacemakers

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – **Children in Need**

Children are asked to wear odd socks and odd clothes or clothes back to front.  
The Junior children will take part in a ramble to the miner.

19th **Anti Bullying Week**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Unison Stars in School

Saturday 24th Cross Country at Porthcawl Comprehensive 10am start

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> – **Christ the King School Mass 11am**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> – Cycle training for children enrolled on programme in Year 6

### **December**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> – **Enterprise Week**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Year 4 and Year 5 – Swimming lessons

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Advent day of Recollection

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Tree Festival – Choir performing at 1.15pm

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Fayre 2pm

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Swimming Year 4 and Year 6

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Y1 & Y2 Christmas Play

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> & Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Nursery & Reception Christmas Play

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Y4 – Y6 Reconciliation Service

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Christmas Play

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> – **Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – End of term 2pm