



# St Mary's & St Patrick's RC Primary School

## NEWSLETTER 7 GREEN school January 2019

Diary Dates  
2018/2019

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  
22<sup>nd</sup>



### Message from Mrs Phillips:

Welcome back and a warm welcome to our new children and rising 3's. Mrs Williams has joined our nursery staff for morning sessions. Application forms for September are available from the office if required. We have lots of exciting times ahead, I look forward to seeing our children develop and grow.

### Virtues Eloquent & Truthful



This term will be teaching the children the virtues of Eloquence and Truthfulness. We will explore how Jesus asks us to follow his way.

**Eloquence** was at the heart of the Jesuit educational mission – to make sure young people had the language to ask questions, express emotions, speak beliefs, talk about matters of faith and hope, debate points of view, and engage in conversation. Promoting the virtue of **truth** in our schools is not simply about teaching children not to lie, important though that is, it is about teaching them to seek the deeper **truth**, the more nuanced expression, the better account of something.

Scripture to Share:

**I am the way, the truth and the life**  
**John 14:1-7**

Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

### Celebrations – All are Welcome

**Assembly** – Year 5 Class Assembly  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2.45pm

**Parish / School Mass** – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 11am

**Year 5 are taking part in a transition Project with Archbishop McGrath – Mary Poppins Jr**

### STMP University Day

This is a new venture we are undertaking to promote the New Curriculum. You will receive a Prospectus this week.

### PTFA

There is a meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2.30pm in the staff room.

All are welcome.

Events we are hoping to organise;

- \*Valentines Disco
- \*Family Quiz Night
- \*Easter Egg Raffle
- \*Easter Egg Hunt

### Dates for your Diary;

\*Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February –

Swansea Music Festival  
Brangwyn Hall Swansea.

The Orchestra will be playing and Year 4, 5 & 6 will play class pieces. Members of the Orchestra from Y3 will join us also.

### 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.

Follow us on Facebook; **St Mary's & St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Maesteg**  
Twitter; **@stmarypatrick**

### INSET

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February school will be closed to pupils.**

Staff will joining our Church School Cluster to look at the new Code of Practice for Children & will receive training from Fr. Bernard.

### Welsh

Phrase of the Week

Beth wyt ti eisau?

Ga i .....  
cinio / brechdanau.

Chosen by  
Criw Cymraeg

