



Information Booklet for Pupils and Parents

Croeso i Blwyddyn 6

## Useful Information



Teacher - Mrs Burgess and Mrs Keddie



### The School Day

Starts - 8:55am

Break - 10:30 - 10:40am

Lunch - 12:10 - 1:00pm

Home time - 3:15pm

### Lunchtime at St Mary's

Pupils can bring a packed lunch from home, or school meals should be preordered using Parent Pay. School meals are free for all primary school children.



### Water and snack

Pupils can bring their own labelled water bottle to school. This can be refilled in school as necessary and returned home for washing. Pupils will also need a healthy snack for morning break time.

### Medical/Illness

If your child is unwell, please contact school on the first morning of absence. If we do not receive this notification, the absence will have to be recorded as unauthorised.

#### Stationery

We will provide every pupil with the stationery that they need for lessons. They can bring one pencil case to school to keep these in if they wish. The pencil case will be kept in their tray overnight.

### PE

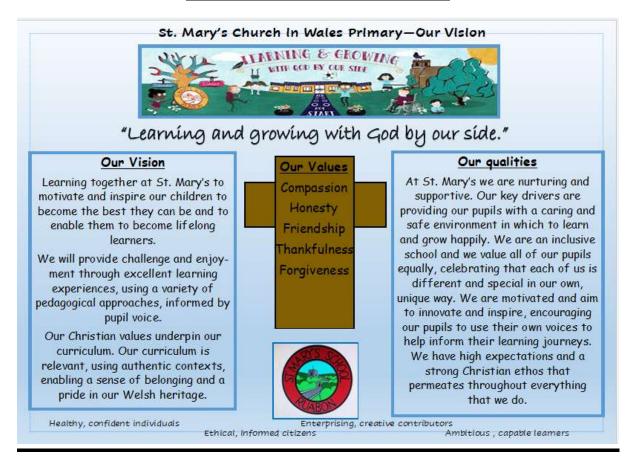
Kit: Blue PE T-shirt, black shorts
(tracksuit bottoms for cold weather)
and school jumper/cardigan. Trainers
for outdoor sessions, black pumps
for indoor sessions (which can be
kept in school). Pupils are to come to
school dressed in their kit on the day
of PE, which will communicated to
you in September.

## Homework

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Reading books will be sent home on Thursdays, to be returned by Wednesday please. Pupils will receive homework on a Friday, which is to be returned by the following Thursday.

## <u>Our Curriculum</u>



Curriculum for Wales gives schools the freedom to design our own curriculum based on:

- Four Core Purposes
- Six Areas of Learning and Experience
- Mandatory Elements and Cross-Curricular Skills development
- Five Cross-Cutting Themes

Please see the following link for further information:

https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/a-new-curriculum-in-wales-a-guide-for-parents/

Here at St Mary's, we have designed a curriculum to enable our learners to develop in a way described in the four core purposes.



Our curriculum is inclusive and suitable for all learners of differing ages and abilities. It is broad and balanced, encompassing a variety of topics and enquiry questions.

Whilst topics have been chosen, our curriculum will be under constant review and flexible enough to respond to things going on in our local area and wider world. We encourage 'pupil-informed planning,' engaging our pupils in activities to help them share their ideas for learning opportunities and share what they would like to learn.

## **Holidays**

Requests for holidays must be sent to school via email to:

mailbox@stmarys-ruabon-pri.wrexham.sch.uk

School will reply to inform you if the holiday request has been authorised and will also confirm the number of holidays your child has had so far during the academic year.

## School's Essentials Grant

Please remember that, even though all pupils are able to access 'Universal Free School Meals', some families may also be eligible for support with trips, uniform, etc. If you think you may be eligible please sign up for 'FREE SCHOOL MEALS' and the 'SCHOOL'S ESSENTIAL GRANT' on the Wrexham Council website.

https://wrexham.gov.uk/service/school-meals/free-school-meals

## Launch Days

All new topics begin with a 'launch day.' This is a day off-timetable where pupils take part in various activities, immersing them in their new topic. Activities such as meeting a character, taking part in workshops or break out challenges, going on scavenger hunts...these are just some of the activities that pupils have enjoyed so far. Engaging pupils in these ways helps to fuel their imagination and excitement for their new topic. 'Pupil Power' also takes place on launch days, allowing pupils across the whole school to make suggestions for learning activities and experience linked to the new topic. Pupils use sticky notes, large pieces of paper, Jamboard and Padlet to collaborate and share ideas. Older pupils also link their ideas to the six areas of learning and experience.













# Our Topics

Topic	Enquiry questions/focus
Ein Byd	What does it mean to be a good global
	citizen? Considering what society needs
	and how decisions can have a long term
	impact, sketching and painting
	landscapes, thinking about rubbish and
	considering why we should recycle,
	investigating plants and animals and their
	interdependence, adaptations and life
	cycles, stories from around the World,
	story writing, animal poetry, persuasive
	and expositional writing,
Symud	How does movement help us in our day-
•	to-day lives? Explanations and
	instructions, discussing emotions,
	discussing changes to our bodies as we
	grow, investigating the benefits of
	exercise to our physical and mental
	health, creating animations using IT,
	investigating forces, creating different
	forms of art work to show movement.  What does it mean to be Welsh/lives in
Cymru	Wales? Why should we be proud to be
	living and learning in Wales? Find out
	about different locations in Wales and
	how they are connected to/compare to
	our local area, finding out about the
	National Parks of Wales and consider the
	impact of tourism, listen to/sing/compose
	music, research popular musicians and
	sports people of Wales.
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	like during World War II? Learn about
	life during World War 2 - what was it
	like here in Ruabon? What were the
	causes and consequences of this conflict?
	Comparing the experience of evacuees to
	the plight of refugees in the world today,
	designing and making e.g. cuddly toys for
	an evacuee, shelters for an air raid.

St Lucia	How are we connected to other places in the World? Looking at how people's lives are different, depending on where in the World they live. Celebrating different
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Please use our school app/website to see posts and pictures, showing what we have been learning and what fun we have been having in Blwyddyn 6!

https://www.stmarysruabon.co.uk/