

Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig St Anthony  
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School  
[samail@hwbcymru.net](mailto:samail@hwbcymru.net)

Newyddlen Tymor y Hydref - 3 Rhagfyr 2021  
Autumn Term Newsletter - December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021  
Website: - [www.stanthonyscatholic.co.uk](http://www.stanthonyscatholic.co.uk)

★ **MASSIVE THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SENT IN DONATIONS RECENTLY -**  
**WHETHER IT IS RAFFLE PRIZES, CHOCOLATES/SWEETS OR REVERSE ADVENT.**  
**RYDYCH CHI'N FFANTASTIG! YOU ARE ALL FANTASTIC!** ★

Dear Parents,

We are now approaching the very busy Christmas season and have just entered the first week of Advent. In Years 5 and 6 this week we lit the first candle on the Advent wreath, which signifies hope. Throughout the dark days of history there has always been hope. Ranging from the dark days of the prophet Isaiah, throughout the suffering of the Great war and world war 2 to the present pandemic. This feeling of hope is so important as the wave of coronavirus seems to have increased around the area in the last fortnight.



Thanks again to Mrs Mary Durcan who has very kindly made us an advent wreath for our school. Mrs Durcan has been making the school an advent wreath for 52 years, WOW!!



#### CORONA VIRUS AND MASKS

On Tuesday we received new guidance from Welsh Government on the use of facemasks in schools.

Facemasks should be worn by staff and visitors in all indoor areas of educational settings, including classrooms where physical distance cannot be maintained.

Therefore, any visitor entering school must wear a face mask unless exempt to help stop the spread of the virus, which seems to be entering a new phase.

Please can I respectfully ask that parents and carers wear masks when collecting their children from the playground unless exempt.

### WRAP AROUND CARE

Yesterday through school Spider we sent out a survey looking for children who would like to attend our nursery in September 2022. We would like to open wrap-around care for nursery children from 11.30 to 3.15. They could then join Clwb Hapus after school club from 3.15 to 5.30.

This would mean any child in St Anthony's from September 2022 could be looked after from 7.50 to 5.30. Please let families with young children know and ask them to either contact the school registering interest or fill in a survey form which was sent out yesterday via school spider and today a paper copy will be sent out with pupils. Attached to the news letter this week are also flyers sent out today regarding afterschool club and donations for Christmas Raffle.



**Christmas Shopping**

Wondering how you are going to get your Christmas shopping done?  
Dreading the thought of taking your child shopping after school?

Clwb Hapus to the rescue and here to help!!

We will look after you child from 3.15 till 5pm for only £6.50 per session. Siblings £6.00

To book your place and for more information see Jo Penlington—Senior Playworker  
Smail@hwbcymru.net



**Christmas Raffle**

Clear out your cupboards ready for Christmas and donate to our raffle!

We are looking for donation for our raffle to raise money for the club. We are looking for the following:

- Bottles of Wine or Beer
- Unopened Gift Boxes
- Smellies
- Chocolates and Biscuits

For more information see Jo Penlington — Senior Playworker.  
Smail@hwbcymru.net

### CARE INSPECTORATE WALES

As previously mentioned we are now registered with the CIW. This will enable parents to apply for benefits, which will significantly help reduce the cost of childcare. From the start of next term afterschool club will be open to 5:30pm. More information on benefits and how to apply for them will be communicated to everyone in the near future.

SCHOOL GATEWAY We are now in the transition Phase for going cashless. Many schools operate a cashless system and we intend to follow. It is highly likely that we will be cashless January 2022. School understands that for some people this is a big step into the unknown. However once initial teething problems are overcome I think it is relatively straight forward.

The school gateway for **dinner payments** has now been set up. (Please do not pay anything other than dinner money to this account.) The next step over the coming month will be for the after-school club to be set up for cashless payments also. Please start using the new school gateway app for dinners to help familiarise yourself with it.

Apple iPhone users, download the app here [schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload](https://schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload)  
Android phone users, download the app here: [schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload](https://schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload)  
Your login details will be automatically generated using the prime parents contact information St. Anthony's already has, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date. You can check and change these details by sending an email to [smail@hwbcymru.net](mailto:smail@hwbcymru.net)

WHOLE SCHOOL RAFFLE - RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SENT OUT NEXT WEEK.



THANK YOU to Sion and Bonnie Williams parents of one of our pupils for organising a lovely donation of Christmas boxes and selection boxes from Asda.

The Saltney Christmas Fayre is on the evening of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at Saltney Tavern - We hope to see you there.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER day is next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. We won't be taking donations in school. If you wish to donate please click the link below;

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate-here>



Thank you to Lyndon Farm on Sandy Lane for very kindly donating a beautiful Christmas tree to our school. Also, to Alice Jones for Organising and Karan Durcan for collecting the tree and thanks to Mr and Mrs Durcan Smith for providing lights and reindeer for it - You will all be on Santa's nice list.

The front of the school looks lovely with the tree, reindeer and tidy garden cared for by Mrs Maddocks.


REVERSE ADVENT - LAST WEEK FOR DONATIONS

Please send your donations into school by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December

We are requesting anything long-life tinned or packet such as tins of fruit, vegetables, meat and fish, long life milk, teabags, coffee, sugar, hot chocolate and cooking sauces. Other useful items like pasta, rice, noodles, gravy granules, biscuits, crackers, soup, jam and cereal. Also, household items that are needed are toilet rolls, soap and toothpaste and other feminine items, baby supplies and cleaning products. Any Christmas items such as selection packs, mince pies, panettone, chocolate coins and yule logs and custard would also be gracefully received. You can pop any donations into the box at the gate in the morning.

CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU.

Roast Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings  
(Pigs in blankets, stuffing and cranberry sauce)  
Vegetarian Roast Dinner Roast and Creamed Potatoes  
Seasonal Vegetables

| Week 3 Menu  |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  |
| Chicken Burger in a bun with Wedges + coleslaw or Mac 'n' Cheese                               | Meatballs in tomato sauce + pasta with garlic bread or Ocean stick wrap with $\frac{1}{2}$ Jacket potato and beans. | <br>CHRISTMAS DINNER | Pasta, peas + ham with garlic bread + veg sticks Or Breakfast wrap (Vegetarian Sausage, hash brown, omelette + beans) | Cheese and tomato pizza Or chicken pizza with chips + veg sticks. |
| Blueberry Muffin   | Lemon Sponge pudding  | Festive Chocolate brownie   | Fresh fruit and yoghurt   | Chocolate brownie   |
| **Fruit and water made available daily. **   |   |   |   |   |
| A choice of sandwiches and Jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings are also available daily. |   |   |   |   |

There will be sandwiches available on Wednesday but no jacket potatoes or pasta pots.

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please follow the link for more information. <https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Council-Tax-and-Benefits-and-Grants/Free-School-Meals-and-Uniform-Grants.aspx>