

**Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig St Anthony
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School**

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Mae hi'n oer heddiw - It is cold today!

Dear parents

As promised this week is a bumper newsletter!

We are now two weeks in to a very busy term. The children have adapted well to the new safety measures brought in to combat corona. Let us hope and pray that as spring and the lighter nights appear we will be able to return to normality.

PE/SWIMMING

These lessons are taking place as normal. Please make sure your child has footwear suitable for PE. Children cannot safely run and enjoy themselves in slip on school shoes. They need either trainers or PE pumps.

Last week Mr Davies and Mrs Drews classes have had a very enjoyable morning when S4C actor Lion Williams came into school and performed a Welsh show about the history on importance of the Welsh Language.



THANK YOU again to all the families who donated lots of items for the reverse advent for the Flintshire food bank. They were really impressed how well we did for a small school.

INDIA

As a school we have been studying India.

Mrs Mac's class have enjoyed learning about India, and creating their own Rangoli patterns, using water colour, oil pastels and tissue paper.



Mr Davies Class researching and designing our own Indian 'Mehndi' patterns.



CLWB HAPUS - AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

The afterschool club is slowly growing. We are now open from 3.15 to 5.30. We have a trustee meeting tonight to review prices. Feedback suggests parents are struggling to fund the cost of child care.

If we do not, on average, have ten children a day then there is a real danger that Clwb Hapus will have to close due to finances, which would be great shame.

Please do use the club, the children love it!!!

Next week we will provide very clear information from the Clwb Hapus on Financial support available. This will make a big saving for parents.

- Tax free child care; for example; For every £8 a parent pays into a special account; the government will pay £2 towards child care costs.
- Parents on universal credit can claim up to 85% of child care costs.

We will provide a very clear leaflet detailing these changes next week.

ADVERTISING

Many members of the community have said to me that they didn't realise that children could go to St. Anthony's if they are not Catholic. Please could you tell your friends and families that we cater for children from every community to educate them to be a good and successful pupils ready for high school.

RECEPTION 2022 - If you know of anyone who wants to join our new Reception for September 2022 please ask them to contact the school office for an application form.



NURSERY 2022 - If you know of any children that will be 3 years of age by the end of August 2021 and are interested in coming to our school nursery then please direct them to the office here at St Anthony's for an application form.

Don't Forget your child can now be looked after in school from 7.50am to 5.30pm - starting from Reception.



Please remember in your Prayers, Mrs Mac who is poorly. We have been lucky to have Mrs Sally Davies who has been doing a god job in Mrs Mac's absence.

We welcome back Mrs Mulgrew who returned from maternity leave on Wednesday. Mrs Mulgrew will for the time being be working in key stage 2.



ROAD SAFETY

Concerns have been raised this week regarding speeding cars on Salisbury avenue during the school pick up and drop off. Please can I ask that everyone takes great care when approaching school, there are lots of children and adults on foot and bicycles and we do not want any accidents.

Can I politely request parents that if you see anything that causes you concern please report it to the police via 101.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

Year 6 have had their leavers photo today - We will send out the proof photos as soon as we receive them.

GENTLE REMINDERS

- Swimming Mondays - please swimming kits and that payments need to be made via school gateway.
- For the time being - **snack** (£1 per week); **building fund** (Voluntary contributions); **breakfast club** (£1 per breakfast, per pupil (before 8.30) and juniors **fruit club** (20p per day) are still **cash payments**.
- Dinners are to be paid via school gateway

Please get in touch if you are having any problems with school gateway and we will be happy to help. You can download the app and familiarise yourself with it even if your child has free school meals. As at some point you may need to use it for swimming payments or school trips.

Public Health Wales has asked us to share the information included below. (We will add this information to our school webpage community information tab)

The advertisement features a central blue circle with the text 'NEW TERM NEW START NEW LEARNING FOR PARENTS TOO!'. Surrounding this are three speech bubbles with testimonials: 'Transformed the way I respond to the kids', 'Every parent could benefit from this course!', and 'Reassured me I'm already taking the right approach!'. The background shows a woman interacting with two children. At the top left, it says 'UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD SOLIHULL APPROACH' with icons. At the top right is the NHS logo. At the bottom, it states 'online courses available 24/7 prepaid access for residents in eligible areas' and provides the website 'WWW.INOURPLACE.CO.UK'. Below the website, it explains the access code: 'Wales families enter the access code SWSOL to gain free access, except in North Wales* where the code is NWSOL'. A footnote at the bottom reads '*Anglesey, Gwynedd, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Wrexham'.

It's been an anxious year for many adults, children and young people alike. We know many of you are worried about the impact of the pandemic on your children.

BRAND NEW!! Online course 'Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing' from the Solihull Approach (NHS).

Access for free:

Did you know Public Health Wales have **PRE-PAID** for every parent and carer in Wales to access a course for parents/carers (access now for life-long access)? **FREE** (with access code: SWSOL or NWSOL at: www.inourplace.co.uk) for residents in our area. There are courses

for parents, carers and grandparents about children from bump to 19+ years.

How do I access for free? Go to www.inourplace.co.uk and register, and then please use SWSOL if you live in South and Mid Wales and NWSOL if you live in North Wales to get free access to all the online courses (funded for residents): or

If, like many parents, you have already used this code, log into your account here and this course will be ready in your dashboard to start whenever you are ready.

Can I tell my family and friends?

Absolutely! Share the news with family members and other families in the area so that they too can take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

How long is it?

'Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing' itself is in 2 parts (2 modules long in total):

1. Take Part 1....
2. ...then take 'Understanding your child' OR 'Understanding your child with additional needs' (11 modules each taking 10-15 minutes to complete, benefitting from time to digest in between)....
3. ...then take Part 2.

If you like this... ..you might like the other courses 'Understanding your teenager's brain' (short course) or 'Understanding your child's feelings' (taster course), or other courses in the series. www.inourplace.co.uk

May I also draw your attention to this online Dino Event that you might find of interest. - the information will also appear in the school notice board and school website under the community information tab.



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 ½ Jacket potato and beans.	Roast Dinner or veggie roast 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	Shortbread biscuit	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.				
£2.30 Per dinner - £11.50 per week				

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>