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### **All Saints Newsletter: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

#### **13 - 17 or 20 - 24 February 2023**

Liturgical Year and Cycle: Ash Wednesday | Cycle A

Key Scripture: Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18 **This term's prayer:** Dear God, Please help us this term to become Learned and Wise, help us with our fears and worries and fill all of our lives with happiness Amen.

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy half term but the children are happy and working hard. Also, thank you to those of you who have attended our coffee mornings. It really is lovely to see you all. Dates for coffee mornings next term will be given out soon.

- **First Holy Communion reminder**

First Holy Communion classes have started in All Saints Church Ebbw Vale at 11:15am every Sunday for 10 weeks. The only requirement is that your child must be at least 6 years old. This means any children from Year 2 upwards who are 6 or older can attend the classes and receive their First Holy Communion. If you have any questions please contact either myself or Fr. Richard.

- **Industrial Action**

As you are probably aware, there is planned strike action for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. This means that school will be closed to children on this day. If anything changes over half term I will put a message on class dojo. Thank you for your understanding.

#### **Other Important Dates:**

- 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023: (half term ends) (children return to school 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023: February: Ash Wednesday
- 27<sup>th</sup> February: Welsh athlete Natalie Powel coming into school to speak to the children
- 1<sup>st</sup> March: St. David's Day Eisteddfod (Children to wear Welsh costumes). The half term homework for all children is to create a piece of Welsh work to display at our Eisteddfod. E.g. a Model, poem, painting or story.
- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2pm: A taste of Wales (All parents welcome)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March: World book day (Children to wear costumes)
- 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023: Teacher's training day (School closed to children)
- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023: Term ends for Easter Holidays
- 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023: Good Friday
- 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023: Easter Sunday
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April Teachers training day. Children return to school on Tues 18<sup>th</sup> April)

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## After school clubs

Monday	Netball	Years 3,4,5,6
Monday	Performing Arts Football	Years 3,4,5,6
Tuesday	Art	Years 5,6
Tuesday	From March 1 <sup>st</sup> : Chrome book club	Year 2 only
Thursday	Minecraft coding	Years 3,4,5,6
Thursday	Mini Vinnies	Years 1,2,3,4,5,6
Thursday	Lego coding	Year 6 only
Thursday	Rugby and football	Years 3, 4,5,6

- **CSL Foodbank**

The *CSL foodbank* is in the hall every Friday from 3:00pm. Please come and see what we have on offer and fill a carrier bag for a £1.

- **Dinner Money**

There is still a lot of dinner money outstanding for some children. Please can you pay this by the end of next week.

- **Attendance**

I cannot stress enough how important it is for your children to be in school on time and in school every day. I understand that if your child is ill they cannot attend school. However, if your children miss school for 5 days or more in a term then the Education Welfare Officer may call to your house and you may have a fixed Penalty Notice served. I know this sounds harsh but ensuring that your children receive the best education they can is the most important part of my job. If they miss school they miss out.

Have a lovely half term and see you on the 27<sup>th</sup> February

As always, if you need to speak to me, please contact the school on 01495-303631.

Mr. J Price (Headteacher)