

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> 2017



### Reminders

- Milford Haven Lantern Parade will take place this Saturday evening at 4pm. If your child would like to take part with their decorated lantern please meet staff in Robert St at the Memorial Gardens (beside the police station).
- Next Thursday is the annual Christmas Enterprise Fair. This takes place in the classrooms as usual and you are all invited to attend. There will be lots for you and the children to spend their money on. The doors open at 2pm.
- The tickets for Dolphin Class Christmas concert will go on sale on Monday. They will cost £3 each and are available from the school office. The dates are 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### Visits and Visitors

- Yesterday our netball team took part in the regional Urdd competition which was held in Tenby. Well done to all those who took part; you showed great team spirit. Thank you to Miss Cooper for her supervision.
- This morning the Cyngor Cymraeg and Miss Mansfield visited Grange School in Swansea to share their amazing work in Welsh. This will be the last week of visits to other schools, further support will be offered through digital communication.
- Last week we were visited by members of the attendance team from County Hall to conduct a review of pupil attendance. Our strengths were recognised – pupil involvement as attendance ambassadors, sharing of weekly attendance data and our school targets. We were, of course, left with recommendations and these included the issuing of fixed penalty notices. We have been advised that from now on we should be issuing these for any child who has ten or more unauthorised sessions and whose attendance is under 90%. These incur a charge of £60 per pupil.
- Selected pupils from Ramsey Class will attend a Writing Squad at Milford Haven School on Thursday morning. They will be visiting during their class literacy session and will take part in literacy challenges alongside Y7 pupils.

***Congratulations to Mrs Howell who is expecting her first baby in March of next year. She will be with us up until February half-term when she will start her maternity leave.***

**Happy birthday this week to Layla-Marie Morrissey (8) and Lewis Reynolds (7)**

### Parish Links

The next parish Family Mass will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm. This will be followed by a children's Christmas party in the church hall. Please could you give the name of any child who wishes to come to the party to Mrs Howell by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

### Friends' News

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Christmas Fair. We raised the grand total of £500 which will be used to help pay for the Torch Theatre trips. Bags for Schools raised another £100, so thank you all so much.

## Attendance

Our attendance last week was 94.64%. Caldey Class were the best with 98.43%. Well done to you all.

### MERIT CERTIFICATES

**Starfish – Freya Hughes**

**Dolphins – Layton Morrissey**

**Caldey – Ivy Klass**

**Skomer – Ally Thornton**

**Ramsey – Ioan Watts**

### TWITTER

@st\_francispembs

@DosbarthSerenYM

@DosbarthDolffin

@DosbarthCaldey

@DosbarthSkomer

@Dosbarth\_ramsey

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*You should be aware that such postings are considered in law to be accessible to the general public and that by posting comments you are therefore subject to the laws of defamation, malicious communication and improper use of the communications network. Negative statements or comments about individual members of staff, pupils or the school made on Facebook and/or other social networking sites, forums or message boards can be offensive, distressing, potentially libellous and may give rise to legal action being taken. Any concerns you may have regarding members of staff or the school should be dealt with by following the school's complaint procedure. Alternatively, If you have concerns with any aspect of your child's education and learning you should contact your child's class teacher as first port of call. It is with regret that I write a letter of this nature to you. If you have any concerns or worries at any time about any issues to do with the school then please do not hesitate to contact me immediately. Many thanks for your co-operation in this very sensitive matter. Yours sincerely,*

*Mrs S. Roberts(Head Teacher)*