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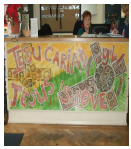
## Weekly News -

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

**EDUCATION SUNDAY** - On the 5<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00 am in our School Church St. David's, we are all looking forward to meeting together to celebrate Education Sunday with a Christingle Service. I am sure you all know what a special occasion this is for us as a 'Church School Family'. Please keep this date free.



**Well done** - to one of our our Senior Teachers, Miss Marian Williams, who will be speaking to students at Trinity College Carmarthen about her role as Senior Student Mentor and particularly about life in a Church School. Shortly you will be able to share in Marian's excellent presentation photos through our website.

**CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY** - Orchard Place Baptist Chapel are presenting this on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00 pm and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 2.30pm. Admission is Free - tickets can be had from Brin Thomas on 01639 765393.

**Powershot - School Fundraiser** - We will be holding a 'Powershot' fundraising event in school on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February. All the money raised will be split between the organisers and our school. At school we will be spending all the money on enhancing our outdoor learning. On the day, each child will have a football shot, the shot will be measured and prizes given for the 'fastest shot'.

The event will be run by an ex-professional footballer and he has promised 'a fun and memorable day for all'. Sponsor forms will be sent home, every child will receive a special certificate and if your child or family (if there is more than 1 child in school) decides to raise £30 or over, they will receive a goodie bag.

Please note any contribution is gratefully received and there is no expectation of raising large amounts of money.

If you need any further information - please contact Mr. Adam Morgan, Senior Teacher responsible for KS2 Learning and Teaching, and extra sponsor forms will be available from the office.



**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EVENING** - Working in partnership with other primary schools and comprehensive schools is a really important part of our whole school life. The theme of this year's Holocaust Memorial Evening is 'Speak out, Sing out'. On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of February, children from our school will perform with children from Crynallt Infants, Crynallt Juniors, Pontrhydyfen Primary, Tonmawr Primary, Tonna Primary, Gnoll Primary and Cefn Saeson Comprehensive. You can enjoy our rehearsal if you visit our website, under the Headteacher's Blog, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012. Many thanks to all the boys and girls and to all Headteachers and staff, particularly Mr Alan Malcolm, Mr James Dummer and Miss Kirsty Smith, our superb dance teacher! Everyone is welcome to attend the Holocaust Memorial Service, at the Princess Royal Theatre at 7.00pm - admission free.

**YEARS 3 & 4 MARGAM RESIDENTIAL TRIP** - there is to be a Parents' meeting on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 2.30pm. If your child is going on the trip and you want to find out information, we would be pleased if you could attend the meeting in the Studio.

**EUCCHARIST** - Please join us in our school Studio on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February** at 10am for our family service. This week our year 4 pupils in Mrs. Powell's class will join the service.

**Worship Together** - We are continuing with our short, child centred, Eucharist Service (straight from school) from 3.25pm to 3.45pm - will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. We will continue to hold them once a month as planned, PLEASE join us. As always the church team is delighted to support us in any way. You can contact Revd. Lynda on 07854667430 or the Benefice Office on 01639 644612.

**NEATH PORT TALBOT CREDIT UNION** - we are hoping to start up a 'School Savings Club' with the help of Neath Port Talbot Credit Union, this would be offered to pupils, staff and parents. Your child can save as much or as little as you wish, the minimum amount to deposit would be 50p, interest is paid and withdrawals would be made annually. We will shortly be sending out notes asking whether parents would be interested in supporting this opportunity to help their child save and would appreciate responses from you. We appreciate that you may already have savings accounts for your children elsewhere, however for a child to learn to save it is important that they physically pay the money into their account, we can then hope to instil the principle of 'saving to spend' and this could then help them throughout their adult lives. Parents are invited to save as well if they so wish - it could help towards this coming year's annual holiday or Christmas.

**Attendance & Lateness** - as you know we keep careful records of attendance and lateness. Of course it is important that when children are really unwell that they should stay at home, however, good attendance at school really is very important if children are to be successful learners. Similarly, being late on a regular basis is a tremendous disadvantage, as any child who misses even 10 minutes each day, is in fact being deprived of 50 minutes of learning and teaching time and is also missing out on the teacher's important explanations. Our School Welfare Officer is here to support any family who is experiencing difficulty in terms of attendance or lateness. We share our records with her on a regular basis and as appropriate she may make a home call. As always if you need any support please call at the school office.

**HEADLICE** - PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE .. check your child's hair regularly and if you find any unwanted visitors!!! Please treat immediately. Regular combing is a must and we can put you in touch with our School Health Visitor if you need any support.

**Toothpaste** - Toothpaste is still available to buy at school £1 per tube, please see Mrs. Jenkins in Nursery

**Library Cards** - We are sending home an application to register your child at our local Neath library. Some classes have already been visiting the Library and soon we all hope to be making the most of this valuable resource right on our doorstep. Please could you fill in the application and return it to your child's class teacher at your earliest convenience or at the latest by the 10<sup>th</sup> February. We will then be happy to send the completed forms for processing. Your child will then have their very own Library Card. Please ignore this message if you are already members but make your child's teacher aware that your child has a card.

**Lost property** - will be put on show next Wednesday afternoon, 1<sup>st</sup> February at 3.00pm at the rear link in school

**INSET Day** - School will be closed for pupils on **24<sup>th</sup> February**. All staff will receive further training on how to make mathematics even more interesting and effective.

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