

St Mary's Church in Wales VA School, Ruabon

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS 2023

We have a busy couple of weeks ahead so we would just like to share some of the details with you.

Christmas Concerts

Tuesday 12th December - Years 5 and 6 Christmas concerts 1.30pm and 6.30pm

Wednesday 13th December - Years 3 and 4 Christmas concerts 1.30pm and 6.30pm

Thursday 14th December - Years 1 and 2 Christmas concerts 1.30pm and 6pm

Friday 15th December - Nursery and Reception Christmas concert 10am

We are starting the Nursery and Reception concert slightly later now at 10am due to the junior children going on a trip and busses arriving at 9.15am to pick them up. The doors will be open at 9.30am for parents to come in and keep warm.

Entrance to all concerts will be at the bottom of the white stairs by the hall. Please do not arrive at the concerts without your tickets - this is to safeguard everyone. The concerts will start promptly at the above times so please be on time. Remember to please park safely and courteously and avoid blocking in other cars or driveways.

When the day concerts have finished, please wait on the yard to collect your child at the usual time and place.

Please drop off the children for evening concerts at the breakfast club door at 5.45pm for Years 1 and 2 and at 6.15pm for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. When the concerts are finished, one parent/guardian will be able to go and wait in the canteen to collect the children. Please do not arrive before these times as there will be no staff available to let them in.

If there is nobody watching your child during an evening performance, please come to the breakfast club door to be let in to the canteen to wait for your child.

- Year 1 and 2 should be ready to collect at 6.30pm
- Year 3 and 4 will be ready to collect at 7pm
- Year 5 and 6 will be ready to collect at 7.30pm



Tuesday 5th December

We have arranged for Reach Out Arts Touring Theatre to come to school on Tuesday 5th December to perform the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' for the children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The performance will start at 9.30am. This will be a lovely morning for the children and they will be able to enjoy all the fun of the panto and get into the Christmas spirit. Friends of St Mary's have generously agreed to fund this performance so there will be no cost to parents/guardians. Children can come to school in non-school uniform or Christmas clothes if they wish. Drinks, snacks and treats will also be provided so there is no need to send the children to school with snack on the day.

Friday 15th December

The children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to visit the Stiwt in Rhosllannerchrugog on Friday 15th December to watch the Pantomime 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'. The children will be leaving school at 9.15am and will be back for a slightly later lunch. This will be a lovely morning out for the children and they will be able to enjoy all the fun of the panto and get into the Christmas spirit. Friends of St Mary's have generously agreed to fund this outing so there will be no cost to parents/guardians. Children will need to come to school in uniform as usual and they can take their snack and drink to the Pantomime with them. **The Stiwt have asked that the children only bring snacks that will not make a mess as they have a quick turn-around between sittings.**

Monday 18th December

Our Christmas Carol Service for Reception - Year 6 pupils will be held on Monday 18th December at 9.30am in St Mary's Church. All parents and family members are welcome to join us. Please remain seated after the service until the children have left. This is for the safety of the children. If the weather is bad we will have the service in school but, unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate parents. If we need to cancel going over to the Church we will text everyone first thing on Monday morning.

Tuesday 19th December

All children may come to school dressed in party clothes or own clothes. There will be party games during the day. Christmas Dinner will be served in school for children in Reception - Year 6. If you wish for your child to have a Christmas dinner, please ensure you book via Parent Pay. Our 'special visitor' will be calling in to all the classes to see the children.

Wednesday 20th December

Friends of St Mary's are holding a Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day for all children and staff and are asking for a donation of £1 towards their fundraising.

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting Friends of St Mary's fundraising efforts as, without this, we would not be able to provide these lovely treats for the children.

I am sure you will join me in thanking the staff for all their hard work this term.

**SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER at 3.15pm
AND RE-OPEN ON MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024**

On behalf of the Governors, Staff and myself, we would like to wish everyone a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Nicola Booth
Headteacher

