

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

## SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

**Dark evenings** – As the nights draw in, please ensure on the dark evenings, if your child is walking to or from an event, that they are wearing clothes which make them easily seen. Preferably something hi viz or with reflective strips that can be picked up in car headlights. We have been told that some of our older children are out and about on their own in the evenings in Buckfastleigh, please make sure they realise that they need to be extra careful crossing roads, etc. as they can be hard to see for drivers.

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Meldon	97.33%
Venford	99.43%
Fernworthy	100.0%
Burrator	95.42%
<b>Whole school this week</b>	<b>97.82%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>96.42%</b>

**This Year's Target - 96%**

## SCHOOL CHOIR

As our choir begin their series of Christmas engagements, just a reminder that they will be singing at the Buckfastleigh Christmas Fair after school on Wednesday. The Fair starts at 4pm. Please go along and support both the fair and the choir. The choir will also be singing on a live Radio Devon broadcast from Buckfast Abbey on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December between 4 and 4.45pm when they will be singing three carols.

## BOOK CLUB ENTRIES & BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who entered the Book Club competition. The winners were:-

Meldon / Venford – **Lolly**

Fernworthy / Burrator – **Daisy B-D**

They will both receive a £10 voucher to spend at the book fair. All the other entrants will receive a book mark.

The Book Fair continues on Monday and Tuesday after school and all books are half the marked price.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thank you to everyone who has booked to come to lunch at the Conference Centre on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Now we have an idea of numbers, we are able to offer some capacity for parents / carers who have a child in each Key Stage to sit with one child on one sitting and eat with the other on the other sitting. If this applies to you and you would like to change the order you have put in (or you would now be able to put in an order), please could you let Mitzi know as soon as possible.

We realise that the arrangements are not perfect but, this year, so far everyone who wants to come is able to. We will review it before making the arrangements for next year.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December is also National Christmas Jumper Day** and the children are invited to come in to school wearing their Christmas jumpers in return for a £1 donation.

## FOSM'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to the FOSMs Committee for all the hard work they have put in to arranging the Christmas Fair which is taking place today. Also thank you to the staff in each of the classes who have helped the children to make things to sell and also to everyone who has donated cakes, books, bric-a-brac, etc. The children in Meldon and Venford benefitted this week from a trip, subsidised by FOSMs, to Pennywell Farm to see the Nativity played out in a real barn with real animals, which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

## ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be "God calls us to choose things that make a difference to people."

**REMIINDER**  
**\*\*Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December\*\***  
**Meldon Elmer Day**

## ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

Today, we celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly:



### Building Learning Power –Top Scorers!



Meldon – **Dexter, Beatrice, Cally**  
Fernworthy – **Leyton, Stephen, Taylor**

Venford – **Sophia, Leon, Olivia J, Riley**  
Burrator – **George W, Nicole, Charley, Alex**