

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and are now refreshed and ready for the term to come. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for our Epiphany Mass this morning. It was the first time we have held a mass in the Hall and it was very successful. I am pleased to say that Fr Christopher commented on how reverential and respectful the children were throughout the service. Next week we will be welcoming the Bishop of Plymouth, Bishop Mark, who is visiting the school for the first time since he took office in the Plymouth Diocese

## HEALTHY EATING

As you will probably have noticed, there has been a lot of discussion in the newspapers about healthy eating. We too are looking at our policies and, this term, we will be reviewing our Healthy Eating policy. As part of this focus, the School Council met with the Chef from Buckfast Abbey who prepares our lovely school meals. Following on from this meeting, our four week dinner menu cycle has been reviewed and changes are being made with effect from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January. A copy of the new menu will be sent out next week.

We will also be looking at healthy snacks and packed lunches. Please remember that we do not allow the children to have chocolate or sweets as their break time snack but encourage them to have healthier options, such as fruit or cereal bars.

Copies of the current policy are available from the office and parental comments are welcomed.

## AFTERSCHOOL AND LUNCHTIME CLUBS

This week, your child will have brought home a letter outlining the clubs for this term. If your child would like to take part in any of these, they will need to bring the appropriate signed paperwork in to school before they can start.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

The breakfast club run by Go Active starts its three week trial next week. The club will run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is not too late for your child to take part, registration form are available from the Office.

## BURRATOR MATHS

This term, we will be taking a team teach approach to the maths sessions in Burrator.

The year 6 children will have lessons with Miss Blackhall and Miss Slack and the Year 5 children will have lessons with Miss Blackhall and Mrs Neville. This is to ensure each group can have additional support in the areas most relevant and important to their current maths knowledge.

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Meldon	87.50%
Venford	95.83%
Fernworthy	97.83%
Burrator	94.57%
<b>Whole school – this week</b>	<b>94.82%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>95.14%</b>

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

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Non Pupil Day – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

**KS2 SATs Week – w/c Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

## ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week is "We are special people called to do special things."

## ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

This week, we celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly:

### Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – Olivia J, Poppy, Mariska

Venford – Piotr, Priya, Katie, Madeleine, Sophia, Jack Y

Fernworthy – Daisy B-D, Hannah W, Imogen, Alex

Burrator – Emily R, Henry M, Jessica, George W, Tianna



C H R I S T M A S W I N N E R S

Art Competition – Neo, Abi, Lolly, Oscar B-W, Nicole, Hannah W, Darcie, Venitia

100% attendance – Dylan

Golden Ticket - Winnie