

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

## SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

**Digital Footprint** – overleaf there is some advice from a website called Gooseberry planet about your “digital footprint” which is the information about yourself that you leave on the internet.

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION – VENFORD PARENTS / CARERS

Unfortunately we have had to change the date for the outdoor education session to which the Venford families have been invited. This will now be **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May** in the afternoon starting at 1.30pm. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused by this date change.

## GARDENING CLUB

Due to the popularity of Gardening Club on a Thursday after school, we urgently need additional adult volunteers to help Miss Slack and Mr Norman. If you have any time you could spare and if you happen to enjoy the great outdoors, this could be for you! Please let Miss Slack know if you are available. Thank you.

## FERNWORTHY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Fernworthy need the following for next week:-

- Any kind of tins/flower pots – small,
- Small plastic drinks bottles,
- Small or large pringle tubes ,
- Kitchen roll tubes,
- Cling film tubes,
- Pringle tubes,
- Small cardboard boxes.

## DIARY DATES

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs week begins  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – FOSM's meeting after school  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Cake Sale  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Burrator Residential / Activities week

## MISSION STATEMENT CONSULTATION

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June, at 3.40pm in school, parents / carers are invited to a session with David Wells to discuss the school's Mission Statement. David Wells works for Plymouth CAST and is a very entertaining speaker in his own right and will make the session interesting and enjoyable whilst making you work!

This is your opportunity to help the school by letting us know how well we meet our aspirations as embodied in the school Mission Statement. Please come along if you can.

## FOSM'S MEETING

Don't forget there is a FOSM's meeting on Tuesday next week at 3.40pm in school.



## ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be “God is always with us and wants us to care for each other.”

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week:- Venford	92.74%
Fernworthy	84.26%
Burrator	92.36%
<b>Whole school – this week</b>	<b>89.64%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>95.53%</b>

## ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

In our Achievement assembly today, we celebrated the following successes:

**Building Learning Power –Top Scorers!**  
Venford – **Natalie, Oscar B-W, Ashley-Rose**  
Fernworthy –**Hannah W, Emily R, Rory, Daisy B-D**  
Burrator –**Hannah M, Ellena, Toby R**



## Other

Grade 2 Drum Certificate – **Hannah M**  
Second Prize in Talent Show - **Mahlia**



## **How to protect your digital footprint in 8 easy steps:**

In a day and age where the internet is used for everything, your online reputation is more important than ever - your digital footprint is the impression you make on the internet. This can be important for all ages, especially when applying for schools, colleges and jobs as your digital footprint will almost always be taken into a count. So here are some helpful guidelines for you and your children to help you clear up your digital footprints:

1. Google yourself – It may seem obvious but this will give you an idea of what information is out there about you and also what information you are sharing from your social networking sites. Do this regularly to make sure that there isn't anything new popping up or even set a google alert for your name. Make sure you aren't signed into your google account when searching as it will alter your search to your location and habits.
2. Do you tweet? – Do you have twitter? If so how long for ? Review your tweets to ensure that they reflect you positively, think about your older tweets, do you still have the same views and opinions as back then, if not you may want to review them and delete some tweets. Also think about making your twitter private if you feel that you wouldn't want a potential employer to read your tweets.
3. Keep your personal information private – Use privacy controls on your social networking sites to limit personal information that you don't want shared publicly.
4. Review your Facebook – Check your Facebook and other social networking content regularly. possibly once a year have a "spring-clean" and untag, unlike, unfollow posts and photos that you feel don't reflect you positively online.
5. Use good "netiquette" – Treat others as you want to be treated. Being polite, friendly and positive online reflect well of you, act how you would in the virtual world as you would in the real world. Ask yourself "I won't regret this later will I?" before you post as you don't want something to reflect negatively on your online reputation.
6. Be careful of what you "Like" – It may seem fun to like that hilarious video now but really think about what you like and how that portrays you as a person, especially as everyone can see what you like, favourite or +1 online.
7. Be Active online – By participating in meaningful activity online you are helping make your online reputation positive. For example participating in online communities, posting positive messages, possibly charity work etc will all contribute to improving your digital footprint.
8. Have a sensible email address – ilovecrazycats468@hotmail.co.uk may have been a great idea when you were 8 but you need to think about what your email says about you. As you get older you will be using your email for more important and grown up things such as applying to college and jobs, so think about who will be seeing your email address and what you would like for them to think of you.

So that is how you can help clean up your digital footprint, obviously there are some things online that can never be cleared up but these simple steps will sure help you on your way.