

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016



Dear Parents / Carers

## SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

### E-safety Policy

The school governors will shortly be discussing a new e-safety policy which contains the following statement:- “The Education and Inspections Act 2006 empowers Head teachers to such extent as is reasonable, to be aware of the behaviour of pupils when they are off the school site and empowers members of staff to impose disciplinary penalties for inappropriate behaviour. This is pertinent to incidents of cyber-bullying, or other e-safety incidents covered by this policy, which may take place outside of the school, but is linked to membership of the school. The 2011 Education Act increased these powers with regard to the searching for and of electronic devices and the deletion of data. In the case of both acts, action can only be taken over issues covered by the published Behaviour Policy. The school will deal with such incidents within this policy and associated behaviour and anti-bullying policies and will, where known, inform parents / carers of incidents of inappropriate e-safety behaviour that take place out of school.”

### SUN TAN LOTION AND SUN HATS

Please could you ensure that your child puts suntan lotion on before they come to school on sunny mornings – this should help to give them protection during the morning break. If you would like them to put some more on before lunch time play, please send them in with a bottle of lotion marked with their name. This will be kept in their classroom where they can be supervised applying it before they got out to play. They will not be allowed to share with other children. Also, please consider sending your child in with a sun hat, clearly marked with their name. Thank you.

### MISSION STATEMENT MEETING

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June, David Wells will be running a session for parents / carers to review our school Mission Statement. Invitations will be sent out tomorrow to parents / carers, selected at random to get a cross section of our families. We hope that the feedback from this session will help us ensure that we are “living” our mission every day.

### ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class this week is “We need to make our love real by being true to God and to what we know to be right.”

### FS SPORTS FESTIVAL – TOMORROW

The children in the Foundation Stage are going to South Dartmoor tomorrow to take part in a Sports Festival. Please could you make sure that they have sun tan lotion put on in the morning and bring a sunhat to wear.

### SWIMMING

Swimming sessions for Fernworthy and Burrator start this Thursday. If your child has not yet brought back their swimming permission letter, please could they bring it back to school tomorrow to allow the staff to put them into the appropriate ability group.

### SPORTS DAY – FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Can anyone help with refreshments on Friday? If you are able to give a little time, please let Mrs Contrasti or Mrs Weekes know. Thank you. The fun starts at 1.30 on the school field (weather permitting).

### FERNWORTHY WRITERS

Congratulations to the children in Fernworthy who recently entered a competition for Young Writers. A number of them were successful in getting their work accepted and, with their parents' / carers' permission, their stories will be included in a book which can then be bought. However, the school will also get a complimentary copy of the book which will be available from the school library.

### STAFF ABSENCE

I am sorry to have to inform you that Mr de Young and Mrs Manley are both off school at the moment due to sickness. I am sure you will join me in sending them our best wishes and hope that they will be back with us at school before too long.

### ATTENDANCE FIGURES

20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Venford	97.42%
Fernworthy	98.89%
Burrator	96.67%
<b>Whole school – this week</b>	<b>97.76%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>95.54%</b>