

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 10TH MARCH 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE!

School Site

There are various rules in place during the school day which are imposed to help keep the children free from harm when using the school field and playgrounds. For example, they are not allowed to go up and down the steep bank which runs alongside the path above the PE shed or go into the wooded areas if the gates are locked. It is very helpful to school and less confusing for the children, if parents / carers reinforce these messages. If you are unsure whether something is acceptable – ask the children if they are allowed to do that during school, they (or another child nearby!) will know the rules.

Also, if you think something is unsafe, please let us know so that we can take action to rectify it – for example, where the freshly cut trees posed a hazard earlier this term, the Abbey Garden Department have made a nice little seating area for the summer.

Thank you for your support.

MOTHER'S DAY MESSAGES

The Herald Express are offering all schools the opportunity to be part of their "Mother's Day" supplement by placing a FREE Mother's Day Message. Every child can have the opportunity to place a message for their Mum, Grandma or Carer in the Herald Express FREE OF CHARGE. The messages will appear in the Herald Express special Mother's Day supplement on Wednesday, March 22nd and can comprise a simple greeting or poem of approximately 20 words. If you would like to send a Mother's Day message, please send it in to school as soon as possible.

RED NOSE DAY

A limited number of red noses will be on sale from Monday for Red Nose Day. They will be available after school each day (until they run out!). They cost £1 each.



ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week is "God asks us to think about what we do and say to other people."

TOYS IN SCHOOL

A number of children, throughout the school, have been bringing toys in and this can be a cause for upset if they get mislaid, given away or damaged during the course of the day. Children can bring items in by prior arrangement with their teacher, for example, for show and tell. If your child is reluctant to come in to school and bringing a toy will help them, they will have the choice of leaving it in the office for safekeeping until the end of the day or sending it home again with their parent / carer.

If there is a special interest, as with Pokémon cards at the moment, we will always try to find a way to provide an opportunity for the children to share, play, discuss the interest involved.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The governors have recently discussed school uniform and have agreed that all hair accessories must be discreet and royal blue. Hair should be a natural colour and tidy. To try to reduce the transmission of head lice, hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back.

NO SMOKING SITE

Smoking is not allowed on the school site. Please note that this includes e-cigarettes.



ATTENDANCE FIGURES

3rd – 9th March 2017

Meldon	96.26%
Venford	98.26%
Fernworthy	94.78%
Burrator	94.17%
Whole school – this week	95.79%
Year to date	95.23%

This Year's Target is 96%

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

Today we celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly:

Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – Isabel, Neo, Grace Venford – Cherry, Aiden T, Sophia, Esme, Renais
Fernworthy – Nicole, Adèle, George R, Hannah W, Alex Burrator – Daniel, Tobias, Darcie, Ellis

