

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

## SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

“#DITTO” is a free half-termly (approximately every six weeks) magazine for schools and parents. The magazine is about keeping you up to date with risks, issues, advice and guidance related to keeping children safe online, commonly called e-safety or online safety, but also with a view to enjoying and learning about technology. <http://www.esafety-adviser.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/DITTO-Nov-2016.pdf>

## CPRE –DEVON – OUR OUTDOORS COMPETITION

In the summer we entered our outdoor area into CPRE – Devon’s “Our Outdoors” Competition. Two judges visited the school earlier this term and we are pleased to announce that the school has been awarded a “Highly Commended Certificate” for our entry in the “Most improved and innovative outdoor location” category. The school will receive the award later this term.

## SHOEBOX APPEAL

The initial deadline for bringing in your shoeboxes was today but Mrs Freeborn has kindly offered to take in any boxes which arrive by Monday afternoon.

## APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSIONS

The application process for primary places opens on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017. If your child’s date of birth is between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013, you will need to apply for a primary school place either online [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) or by requesting the “First Step” Booklet from Devon County Council. If you know of anyone who may be interested in sending their children to St Mary’s, please ask them to contact the school to arrange a visit.

## CHILDREN IN NEED / FOSMs CAKES

Next Friday, the children can wear non-uniform in return for a £1 donation to Children in Need. The theme is “The Big Spotacular!”

FOSMs will also be holding a cake sale after school and donations of cakes will be gratefully received.

## PE KIT

The order for the new blue PE t-shirts has been sent off and we are eagerly awaiting their arrival. However, please could you ensure that your child has a full kit (that fits them and has their name clearly marked in it) in school all week.

Thank you.



## DINNER MENUS

Each week, usually on a Monday, the dinner menus for the following week are circulated to the children. Please could these be completed and returned to the office before the end of the week so that a guide to numbers for the following week can be drawn up for the Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre.

These numbers are a guide only and your child can change their mind on the day but it is helpful to have some advance notice of their preferences.

The menus for each week are also available on the website.

## ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be “Jesus cares for us and helps us to choose what is right.”

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Meldon	98.13%
Venford	91.30%
Fernworthy	96.67%
Burrator	93.48%
<b>Whole school – this week</b>	<b>94.42%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>95.26%</b>

**This Year’s Target is 96%**

## ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

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

### Building Learning Power –Top Scorers!

Meldon – Mariska, Olivia J

Venford – Ryan, Piotr, Lolly, Jack Y

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

Burrator – Scarlett, Charley, Tianna, Ellis

