

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

## OFSTED

As you know, we were visited by Ofsted this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Inspector will now be writing up his report before submitting it for various levels of moderation within Ofsted. His report will be published within nineteen working days.

Until we receive the final report, we are unable to inform anyone of the outcome, in case it changes through the moderation process. However, I can say that the governors and I are pleased with the result but more than that I am very, very proud of the children who impressed the Ofsted inspectors in ways too numerous to mention! Also, thank you to everyone who was able to submit their views via parent view or in person – which were all very positive. You can access the results via Parent View (there is a link on the parents' page of our website).

And last, and, obviously, by no means least – thank you to the staff who work extremely hard all the time but who worked super-extra-hard this past week to ensure we secured a pleasing result.

## CLASS BLOGS

We now have class “blogs” on our website. These are areas where you can find out what the children have been doing in class and comment on it. We started with Venford who are “blogging” with three other schools - sharing what they have been doing in class and commenting on what they see in the other schools. Meldon, Fernworthy and Burrator are following closely behind and we hope that the children will be “blogging” regularly to let you know what they are up to. The idea is that, although the staff have started the blogs, the children will be able to regularly contribute in the future as writing mastery comes with constant practice and blogging is about just that.

## DIARY DATES

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival, 2.30 pm  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Individual photos, 1.30pm  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Half term holiday starts  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Pupils return  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Pupil progress meetings  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Pupil progress meetings

## ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be “We must be alive to God’s love in our lives.”

## FOSM's MEETING

TOMORROW

AT 3.30PM IN THE LIBRARY

Please come to this meeting if at all possible to discuss future ideas for fund-raising, social events and other ways to support the school. Mitzi has kindly offered to look after any children who may have to stay behind to allow parents / carers the chance to attend. It will not be a long meeting and should be over by 4 o'clock.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Tuesday afternoon at 2.30pm we will be celebrating Harvest Festival in the school hall to which you are all invited. After the service there will be a chance to have refreshments and to purchase some of the delicious goodies that the children will be baking beforehand.

Any proceeds will be donated to CAFOD. We would also like to support the Buckfastleigh Foodbank who would welcome any dried or tinned food (although preferably not baked beans!). Any donations can be left in the office between now and the service.

## COATS!

Please could you ensure that your child has a coat in school every day as they are constantly accessing the outside areas for their learning – including, and especially, the children in Meldon. They go for a welly walk every Monday and need to be prepared for all weathers.

We do have some spare coats in the office but they are not always to the children’s liking so please save them the embarrassment and persuade them to bring their own coat!

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Meldon	99.05%
Venford	92.24%
Fernworthy	92.50%
Burrator	95.65%
<b>Whole school – this week</b>	<b>94.18%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>95.06%</b>

**This Year’s Target is 96%**