

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

On the reverse of this letter is a copy of one which we were delighted to receive from Rebecca Clark, the Regional Schools Commissioner for the South West. I am sure when you have read it you will see why!

Also, our Ofsted report is now at the proof reading stage by Ofsted. We are hopeful that we will receive the final report in the next few days and we will be pleased to share it with you as soon as we can.

## SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

There are lots of websites which give advice on keeping children safe in all sorts of situations. These sites are usually easy to use and have links to lots of other information. The following are a few examples:-

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk>, <https://www.childline.org.uk>,  
<http://www.devonsafeguardingchildren.org/parents-carers>

## SHOEBOX APPEAL

Wow! The children brought in thirty-seven shoeboxes to send to children abroad and Mrs Freeborn and Miss Keir helped the School Council who worked hard for an hour and a half filling twenty more with donated items, mostly from the Erme WI. Mrs Freeborn said “The quality of the boxes was the best I have seen from school so the children must have listened well in assembly and taken the message home.” So thank you to everyone for your support.

## DIARY DATES

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> November - Scholastic Book Fair  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Flu clinic in school for pupils  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Crib Blessing (Fernworthy Class)  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Crib Blessing (Venford Class)  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Crib Blessing (Burrator Class)  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Crib Blessing and activities for toddler group and Meldon Class in school  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service, Abbey 3.45pm  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

## ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be “We praise God for our beautiful world and God’s energy in our lives.”

## FOSMs – CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

FOSMs are collecting items to put together to make hampers for the Christmas raffle. The draw will be made after the Christmas Service on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Also, thank you to everyone who donated cakes for today’s cake sale – not surprisingly, there were lots of spots in evidence!

A separate letter is being sent out with more information about the Christmas Extravaganza which is being held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

## PE Kit

All the children (apart from the Nursery children in Meldon) will be bringing home a PE t-shirt today. Please could you try it on your child and put their name in it if you are happy with the size. If it is not the right size, please return it in the bag it came in with a note saying whether you would like a larger or smaller t-shirt. We will then do our best to mix and match and send your child home with the right size.

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Meldon	98.15%
Venford	90.43%
Fernworthy	98.33%
Burrator	95.65%
<b>Whole school – this week</b>	<b>95.30%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>95.27%</b>

**This Year’s Target is 96%**

## ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

In our Achievement Assembly this week, we celebrated the following successes:

### Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – Poppy, Grace, Theo

Venford – Ryan, Renais, Lille H

Fernworthy – Daisy M, Maximus, Nicole

Burrator – Charley, Rory, Jessica, Ben, George W

**Blue Peter Badges – Oakley, Rowan, Daisy M, Ty, George R, Imogen**

