

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016



Dear Parents / Carers

## SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

### What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes.

Safeguarding children and child protection guidance and legislation applies to all children up to the age of 18. (*NSPCC website*)

### Difference between safeguarding and child protection

Safeguarding, and promoting the welfare of children, is a broader term than child protection. It encompasses protecting children from maltreatment, preventing impairment of children's health or development, and ensures children grow up in safe circumstances.

Child protection is part of this definition and refers to activities undertaken to prevent children suffering, or likely to suffer, significant harm. (*RCPC website*)

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Just a reminder that there will be NO Cookery Club next week (25<sup>th</sup> May) due to staff training.

## CLASS PHOTOS

Please could any orders for the class photos be returned NO LATER than next Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May. This will allow the orders to be sent off before half term.

## DIARY DATES

Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th May – RE Inspection  
Monday 30th May - Half term begins  
Tuesday 7th June - Pupils return  
Thursday 9th June – KS2 Swimming sessions start  
Friday 10th June – Sports Day  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Mission Statement meeting, 3.40pm  
(Tuesday 14th June – Reserve Sports Day)

## ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be “God’s love is shown in many ways – most especially in us.”

## FOSMs

Following the FOSMs meeting last week, the following social and fundraising activities were agreed:-

### Every Friday from 27<sup>th</sup> May

#### Ice cream / lolly sales

These will replace the cakes sales for the rest of term.

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June

#### Queen's Birthday Party

To mark the Queen's birthday, FOSMs will be organising a tea party in Southpark running from 2.45 – 3.30pm. The children can wear red, white and / or blue party clothes and families will be asked to donate food for the occasion.

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

#### Enterprise Fete

The children will once again be running a fete during the afternoon as part of their topic work next half term. FOSMs will organise food for the event and also have stalls and a bouncy castle. Stalls will be available to hire at a cost of £5 per stall.

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July

#### Adults and children sports event

Teams of adults and children are invited to enter a Crof tournament. Crof is a cross between golf and croquet (don't worry the older children know how to play it!). FOSMs will be providing refreshments for sale to keep you all going.

More details will be sent nearer the time for all these events. It would be really great if volunteers could come forward to help in some way at any of them so that the workload is shared. Please let Miss Slack or Mrs Contrasti know if you can spare a little time. Thank you.

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week:- Venford	94.52%
Fernworthy	94.44%
Burrator	100%
<b>Whole school – this week</b>	<b>95.79%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>95.46%</b>