

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

## FAREWELL!

As we come to the end of term, we wish all our leavers good luck in all they do as they leave St Mary's for new schools or pastures new. Mrs Cherrett will also be starting her maternity leave in September and her two days teaching (Mondays and Tuesdays) will be covered by Mrs Manley who will share the teaching with Mrs Hutchinson (Wednesday to Friday).

## NEW TERM

The rest of the children will be returning to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

The classes will be arranged as follows:-

Meldon – Foundation Stage – Miss Haworth

Venford – Years 1 & 2 – Mrs Hutchinson and Mrs Manley

Fernworthy – Years 3 & 4 – Mrs Kerswell

Burrator – Years 5 & 6 – Ms Blackhall

Meldon will be based in what is currently Venford classroom and over the holidays Meldon classroom will be opened out into the existing staffroom and will be used by the Year 1 and 2 children. Fernworthy and Burrator will remain in their current rooms.

## ST MARY'S FILM

Thank you to everyone who came to our film premiere yesterday – we hope you enjoyed the film. We are as always very grateful for the huge amount of support we receive from the Abbey and, in particular, Alison Gagg, head of the Education Department, and Mike-Luke Davies, head of the Media Department. Their generosity of time and expertise plays an important part in enhancing the activities we can offer the children.

If you were unable to come along, you can see it on the school website:-

[www.st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk](http://www.st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk) or via the following link:-

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/175362424>

It is well worth watching!

## ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

In our End of Term Assembly today, we celebrated the following successes:

### Pupils of the Term

Meldon – **Sophia**

Venford – **Olivia Y**

Fernworthy – **Hannah W**

Burrator – **Lillian**



## ATTENDANCE

The final figure for attendance this year is 95.6%. This is, unfortunately, a little below our target of 96% which is the bad news - the good news is that we can all try again next year to improve.

Although there is some confusion over term time holidays at present, it is still a fact that children who are absent from school miss some of their learning which they can sometimes find hard to catch up. I would urge you to avoid booking holidays or medical appointments during school time wherever possible.

Key Stage 2 SATs will be taken during week commencing Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and it is imperative that the Year 6 children are in school that week.

In the new term, we will also be focussing on punctuality. The children need to be in class at least five minutes before 9am so that they can be ready for the register to be taken on the dot. Anyone arriving between nine and nine twenty will be marked as late before registration has closed i.e. present. After that time, children will be marked as absent.

## ST MARY'S NEWS

Unfortunately, we have run out of time for producing the newspaper for this half term. It will be completed and sent out in September and we will ensure that our current year sixes get a copy.

Thank you to Polly and Hannah M for their hard work this year – young Scarlett, who is our new editor, will have a tough act to follow.

## SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Just a reminder that, each week, the children are given an order sheet for lunches for the following week. The intention is that the parents / carers keep one copy of the menu so that they know what has been ordered each day and that the other copy is returned to school by the end of the week so that an idea of numbers can be gathered for the following week.

These numbers are only a guide and can be changed on the day but it is helpful to have the menus returned. Thank you.

## Other Achievements:-

Swimming awards – Rory Foss

