

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

## SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

**Computer games** – If your child is one of the many who enjoy playing computer / online games, please can you check that they are not accessing games which are inappropriate for their age. A number of children have been talking in the playground about upsetting and frightening things they have seen and some of the younger children are re-enacting these games at playtime. There is some very good advice on the following website:-

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/online-gaming/>

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Meldon	95.21%
Venford	92.11%
Fernworthy	100.0%
Burrator	93.87%
<b>Whole school – this week</b>	<b>95.19%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>96.20%</b>

**This Year's Target - 96%**

## ATTENDANCE

Our new Education Welfare Officer, Morwenna Griffin, was kind enough to come to one of the Pupil Progress Meeting sessions and was available to talk to parents / carers and to supply the school with some leaflets and information.

On the reverse of this letter is some information about the effect of lateness on a child's learning and the impact it can have on the learning of other children.

Ms Griffin will be visiting again soon to carry out some morning spot checks on our attendance and will be available to talk to families and to offer support where needed.

## FOSMs

Thank you to everyone who supported the Cake Sale last Friday. A very creditable sum of £49.31 was raised.

Also thank you to those of you who helped at the Harvest Festival and / or came to the service – more than £200 was raised for CAFOD and lots of food collected for the Buckfastleigh Food bank.

## ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class when we return will be "We spread God's love because we are children of light."

## PHOTO ORDERS

Please could any orders be returned to school NO LATER than Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Thank you.

## \*\*\*\*\*FREE PARKOUR EVERY FRIDAY FROM 6 - 7PM\*\*\*\*\*

Victoria Park will be running FREE parkour sessions on Fridays between 6 and 7pm from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Sessions are for 8+'s only and parents will need to sign a consent form prior to the first session. Participants will also need to sign in for each session and provide contact details.

Sessions will take place every Friday for 5 weeks initially, ending on Friday 10 November.

## TOYS

Please do not allow your child to bring toys into school, unless it is for "show and tell", or something similar, in class. If the toys are lost or broken in school, it can be very upsetting for all concerned.

## ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

Today, we celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly:



### Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – Peter, Nia, Maximilian  
Fernworthy – Poppy M, Olivia Y

Venford – Poppy W, Winnie  
Burrator – Niamh, Olivia K



### Other

Trampoline Gymnastics Certificate – Katie

### Top House Points

**Teign (Green Team)** – Non uniform on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November!

