

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

#### SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

[www.parentzone.org.uk](http://www.parentzone.org.uk) – This is the website that links with the Digital Parenting magazine which was circulated to parents in the Spring term. It provides up-to-date advice and information about e-safety and the internet. It also provides reviews on games from a parental point of view.

#### ANOTHER FAREWELL

I am sorry to have to inform you that Shirley Kellow will be leaving next Thursday. Shirley, as you may know, has been serving the delicious school meals provided by the Abbey for a number of years and has seen many children go through the school. Now she is moving on and, amongst other things, will be looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing her well for the future. We are very lucky that Mrs Hughes, who recently joined us as a Meal Time Assistant, will be taking over her role.

#### DIARY DATES

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Class photos  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Librarian training  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs week begins  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Burrator Residential / Activities week  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – RE Inspection  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Half term begins  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Pupils return**  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June – KS2 Swimming sessions start  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day  
(Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Reserve Sports Day)  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Fernworthy Trip  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Burrator Bikeability starts  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Music Day in the Abbey  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 trip – Exeter Cathedral  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Swimming Gala  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July – SDCC Year 6 Induction week  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers' Mass, 9.45am  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Musical Performance  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Pupils return

#### PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to everyone who has already returned the RE questionnaire. If you haven't done so as yet, we would be very grateful if you could spare the time to fill it in and return it to school before next Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you.

On the reverse of this letter is a summary of the responses to the Ofsted style questionnaire sent out in the Spring term. There are also the actions which the school will be taking to make improvements to areas where parents / carers have identified that the school is not as strong in as it is in others.

#### PARENT / CARER LIBRARIANS

Thank you to Mrs Walker and Mrs Contrasti who have both offered to be trained in the use of the Junior Librarian System. Carolyn Kennett, from the Schools' Library Service, is coming in to school this Wednesday at 2pm to carry out the training. If there are any more parents who would like to join the session, please feel free to come along.



#### ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be "God has chosen us to be special and wants us to dream our dreams."

#### ATTENDANCE FIGURES

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| This week:- Venford             | 95.81%        |
| Fernworthy                      | 91.11%        |
| Burrator                        | 97.78%        |
| <b>Whole school – this week</b> | <b>94.61%</b> |
| <b>Year to date</b>             | <b>95.75%</b> |

#### ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

In our Achievement assembly today, we celebrated the following successes:



**Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!**  
Venford – Esme, Oscar B-W, Natalie, Olivia Y  
Fernworthy – Venitia, Harvey, Emily W  
Burrator – Mahlia, Polly

