

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

## SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE!

Ticks and Lyme Disease – Lyme disease is a rising issue in the UK and it is important to be properly informed, particularly when there is a lot of misinformation and misconceptions about the illness. Lyme disease is predominantly caught from the bite of an infected tick. Whilst the UK countryside is some of the safest in the world, tick bites are probably the highest risk we face when outdoors, in terms of likelihood and impact. Ticks can be as small as a poppy seed and have a painless bite, so they are often missed and we live in a high risk area for the presence of ticks. More information about ticks and Lyme Disease is on the reverse of this letter.

## PE BAGS & T's

Where possible, please could PE kits be kept in school in a small bag e.g. a drawstring one, as space to store them is at a premium and one of the storage units broke this week under the weight of bags!

Also, if your child is growing out of their PE shirt, please could you consider sending it in for our 30p uniform recycling stall which is on the platform outside the office.

## REMINDERS:-

*Money in school* – If your child has to bring any money into school, the school preference is that it is sent in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name and what the money is for. This can then be handed into the office where it can be paid in or looked after until required.

*End of day collection* – Please ensure that you inform the school if someone else will be collecting your child. Some families have standing arrangements allowing another parent to collect their child if the need arises. This can also be useful if you are unable to come down the hill for any reason.

*Lunch menus* - Please can these be completed and handed in no later than the Friday before the menu is due to start. This helps the office and Conference kitchen plan the meals – this is particularly important as our numbers are rising – today there were over eighty children having a cooked lunch!

*Keep left!* – When walking up and down the path from the car park, it is very helpful if everyone can keep to the left – it is a narrow path when we are all trying to use it.

Thank you for your support with all these things!

## ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week is “Following Jesus means that we need to treat other people with care.”

## PLYMOUTH CAST

Plymouth CAST, the Multi Academy Trust of which St Mary's is a part, is currently reviewing its organisational structure. The staff and governors will be discussing and responding to the proposed changes over the next four weeks, keeping the best interests of the staff and pupils at St Mary's at the forefront of these discussions. The documents are available on the home page of our school website under “Latest news” – “Plymouth CAST consultation” and from the school office.

## enterprise fete & non uniform day

### tomorrow

on the school field  
(weather permitting -  
in the hall if not)

### starting at 2.30pm

Non-Uniform in return for cake or tombola items. Other items wanted:- additional tombola items, cakes or good quality, second hand items.

Run by the children in Burrator with support from FOSMs

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

Meldon	92.36%
Venford	97.04%
Fernworthy	95.83%
Burrator	97.60%
<b>Whole school – this week</b>	<b>96.07%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>95.35%</b>

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