

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

## SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October the children will be taking part in e-Safety training led by a consultant from the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL). There will be an important meeting for parents / carers to attend at 3 o'clock that afternoon. A reply slip is attached to this letter, please could you return this slip so that we can cater for the numbers of people who would like to attend.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE "MORNING"

Next Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, at 2.30pm we will be serving refreshments to raise funds for Macmillan Nurses. Just a reminder that cakes and helpers will be gratefully received! If you can do either or both, please let Miss Slack know. During the event there will be an opportunity to purchase second hand uniform – all items are 30p. This is currently on the raised platform by the office so please feel free to purchase anything beforehand. After the Macmillan event, anything unsold will be sent to the clothes bank.

## RAINBOWS TRAINING

Staff are currently taking part in training provided by Rainbows Bereavement Support GB to support children who have suffered significant loss or bereavement in their lives. Two members of staff will be trained to deliver twelve – fourteen weekly sessions of thirty minutes to an hour to children whom the school has identified as benefitting from the programme of support. Permission will be sought in advance from parents / carers before the children start the sessions.

## DIARY DATES

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – E-safety day – Parents' Meeting, 3pm  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – KS2 Farmwise trip  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Fernworthy Stone Age Experience  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Pupil Progress Meetings, 3.45 – 5.45pm  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Individual photos, 1.30pm  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Pupil Progress Meetings, 3.45 – 5.45pm

## ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be "God is special to us and we are special to God."

## BEHAVIOUR POLICY

The governors will shortly be reviewing the school's Behaviour Policy and would like to hear parents' and carers' views on how we manage behaviour, both good and not so good, in school.

Hard copies of the draft policy are available from the office but you can also access it online by visiting the school website, clicking on the "Parents" pencil on the left-hand side, scrolling down a little and on the right-hand side there is a list of documents, one of which is the draft Behaviour policy.

If you have any comments to make, please contact Miss Slack or email them to the school email address.

## EARLY YEARS PUPIL PREMIUM (EYPP)

EYPP provides extra money to Early Years Providers for three and four-year-old children whose parents are in receipt of certain qualifying benefits, or who have been adopted or are in care. However, parents / carers need to register their child which allow up to £300 extra to be allocated to the school. More information about this can be accessed online at:- [devon.cc/the-early-years-pupil-premium](http://devon.cc/the-early-years-pupil-premium).

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

Meldon	100.00%
Venford	90.42%
Fernworthy	94.58%
Burrator	97.39%
<b>Whole school – this week</b>	<b>94.83%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>94.73%</b>

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

## ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

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

**Building Learning Power –Top Scorers!**

Meldon – **Olivia J, Neo**

Venford – **Esme, Madeleine, Renais, Ryan**

Fernworthy – **Imala, Harvey, Imogen**

Burrator – **Henry B-D, Hannah T, Scarlett**

