

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 24TH MARCH 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE!

Car booster seats - Existing booster seats and cushions are not affected by new rules which came into force February 9th 2017. These rules mean that manufacturers aren't allowed to introduce new models of backless booster seats for children shorter than 125cm or weighing less than 22kg. This means that the range of products available on the market is better suited for younger children. The change doesn't affect existing models of seats or cushions and doesn't mean that they are unsafe or illegal - though parents are still being encouraged to make sure they know the rules for using child car seats:-

- Children must normally use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.
- Children over 12 or more than 135cm tall must wear a seat belt.
- You can choose a child car seat based on your child's height or weight.
- Height-based seats are known as 'i-Size' seats. They must be rear-facing until your child is over 15 months old. Your child can use a forward-facing child car seat after that. You must check the seat to make sure it's suitable for the height of your child.
- Only EU-approved height-based child car seats can be used in the UK. These have a label showing a capital 'E' in a circle and 'R129'.
- Weight-based seats - The seat your child can use (and the way they must be restrained in it) depends on their weight.
- Only EU-approved weight-based child car seats can be used in the UK. These have a label showing a capital 'E' in a circle and 'ECE R44'.
- You may be able to choose from more than one type of seat in the group for your child's weight.

EASTER BONNET PARADE

Next Friday, 31st March, we will be holding an Easter Bonnet Parade at 9.15 am in the School Hall. Later on, the children will be taking part in an Easter Egg Hunt and we will conclude the day with a FOSM's Cake Sale.

TODDLER GROUP

This Monday, St Mary's Little Lambs will be making Easter Bonnets which they can wear in the Easter Bonnet Parade on Friday if they would like to come along then.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

It has been decided that we will start an Outdoor Adventures after school club which will run on a **Tuesday** afternoon. If you would like to help with this club, please could you let Miss Slack know.

FOOTBALL TEAM

Please return your football kit if you haven't done so already.

SOCCER SCHOOLS

Saints Southwest are running Easter Holiday Soccer Schools from JUST £7.50 for a full course (10am-3pm) in Paignton, Plymouth, Exeter, Taunton & Newton Abbot. Ages 7-12 can attend 10am-3pm. Ages 4-6 can attend 1.30pm-3pm.

To BOOK please visit www.saintssouthwest.co.uk or call 01803 206350.



ATTENDANCE FIGURES

17th – 23rd March 2017

Meldon	98.21%
Venford	99.19%
Fernworthy	95.83%
Burrator	95.83%
Whole school – this week	97.14%
Year to date	95.31%

This Year's Target is 96%

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week is "God loves us and wants us to be sure that he will always be there for us."

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

Today we celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly:



Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – Theo, Poppy W, Abigail

Venford – Piotr, Cherry, Olivia Y, Sophia, Madeleine, Chloe

Fernworthy – Imogen, Adèle, Poppy M, Evelyn Burrator – Rory, Henry M, Louis

Other Certificates – Football Tournament – Aidan C-W (omitted from list last week)

