

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at St Mary's automatically get free school meals. However, parents and carers are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help the school to attract additional 'pupil premium' funding to support learning.

From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are in receipt of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit.

How to apply

Through the Citizen Portal (google "Devon Citizen Portal") which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019. If you haven't done so already, and you feel you may qualify for the additional support, please could you apply via the Citizen Portal now, or alternatively contact the school office who will be able to provide an application form.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 8th January – Clubs start
Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day
Thursday 8th February – Dance celebration
Monday 12th – Friday 16th February – Half term
Monday 19th February - Pupils return
Thursday 1st March – World Book Day
Thursday 29th March – Easter Bonnet Parade
Thursday 29th March - Last Day of Term
Monday 16th April – Pupils return
Monday 23rd April – Class photos
Friday 4th May – Non Pupil Day
Monday 7th May – Bank Holiday
Monday 14th May – KS2 SATs Week
Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June – Half term
Monday 4th June – Pupils return
Monday 25th June – Burrator Activities Week starts
Monday 9th July – SDCC Yr 6 Transition Week
Tuesday 24th July – Last day of term

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be "God loves us and calls us to love other people."

CHRISTMAS CONCERT VIDEO

Unfortunately there was a problem with one of the cameras used to record the Christmas Concert. The Abbey Media Department are currently trying to sort this out for us. As soon as we can we will put a link on to the school website.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – LOST KEYS?

A set of keys was found in the dining room after the pupil & parent Christmas lunch at the conference centre. There are two small keys on a blue keyring. Please let the office know if they are yours and we will get them sent over to school.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

15th December 2017 – 4th January 2018

Meldon	65.69%
Venford	94.70%
Fernworthy	96.83%
Burrator	94.44%
Whole school this week	95.31%
Year to date	96.41%

This Year's Target - 96%