

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

## SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ...

### in clubs, playing sport and at other activities

“It's great if your child wants to get involved in clubs and sports. It can help them develop skills, make new friends and build self-confidence. But it's important to know that the people running the activity take your child's safety as seriously as you do.

So before your child starts joining in, here are some things to find out:-

- *Is there a child protection policy?*  
Every organisation should know how children will be kept safe. If there isn't a written policy then you may want to think about whether you want your child to join.
- *Who do you speak to if you're worried about anything?*  
It's important you know who to talk to if there's anything that's worrying you.
- *Is there a written code of conduct for coaches and volunteers?*  
You want to know that the people who will be in charge of your child have a set of rules and requirements they have to follow.
- *What happens when your child has to travel to "away" events?*  
Sometimes your child might have to go on trips with the club. They should have a policy that covers things like the recommended ratio of adults to children and how travel will be arranged between locations.
- *Are all staff trained, qualified and police checked to work with young people?*  
The club should be able to confirm all the necessary checks have been completed.
- *How are health and safety issues handled?*  
For example, is there always a trained first aider on hand and are all the fire exits marked and easy to open?
- *What's the policy if a child needs personal care?*  
If anyone from the club ever has to do anything that a parent would normally do, like taking a young child to the toilet, it's important that they have guidelines that have to be followed.

The great majority of clubs and activity centres will have all these safeguards in place. If you aren't sure they do, ask to see the policies for yourself. After all, nothing's more important than having the peace of mind that your child is in safe hands.” NSPCC

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday 4th May – Non Pupil Day**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs Week

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Sports for Champions

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Half term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Pupils return



## ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be “God sends us what we need.”

School is closed tomorrow for a non pupil day.

The children return on Tuesday following the Bank Holiday Monday.

Please have a lovely weekend.

## CAR PARKING

As you are aware, the car park is getting very busy as school numbers increase. Please could you ensure that you park in the agreed areas to ensure as many people as possible can use the area safely. Thank you.

## HEAD LICE

Your child will be bringing home a letter about headlice – please could you act on the advice this weekend. Thank you.



## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

27<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

Meldon	96.23%
Venford	95.19%
Fernworthy	92.17%
Burrator	90.69%
<b>Whole school</b>	
- This week	<b>93.30%</b>
- Year to date	<b>94.93%</b>

This year's target – 96%