

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

**SAFEGUARDING** – Keeping children safe

**What are “county lines”?** Urban criminal gangs travelling to Devon and Cornwall to sell illegal drugs using a single telephone number, operated from outside the area, for “customers” ordering drugs. The gangs use children and vulnerable people to courier drugs and money.

**What should you look for?**

- Vulnerable people being cuckooed (bullied) from their homes
- Lone children from outside of the area
- Individuals with multiple mobile devices or SIM cards
- Young people with more money, expensive clothing, or accessories than they can account for

**What can you do?** - Keep your eyes open and report suspicious activity

Call: Devon & Cornwall Crimestoppers 0800 555111

Email: [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk)

Report Online: <http://dc.police.uk>

**PUPIL PROGRESS MEETINGS**

The Pupil Progress Meetings are taking place next Tuesday and Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October. Appointment slips are being sent out today.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Next week, the children will be designing Christmas cards in class as part of a fundraising event for FOSMs. More forms are available from the School Office if you would like to do some designs at home. The forms must be returned to school by next Friday morning (19<sup>th</sup> October).

A proof of the children’s designs will be distributed after half term when orders can be placed for any items you require.

**DIARY DATES**

Tuesday 16th October – Pupil Progress Meetings, 4 – 6pm

Wednesday 17th October – Pupil Progress Meetings 4 – 6pm

Thursday 18th October – Space Dome visit

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Waste Education Day

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October – Half Term Break

Monday 29th October – Pupils return

**PARENT GOVERNOR**

Becky Dance is standing down from the Governing Body in November at the end of her term of office. The Governors would like to thank Becky for her hard work as a governor over the past eight years and the support she has given the school in that time. On the reverse of this letter you will find a letter from Becky giving an insight into being a governor. More information about the election will follow on Monday.

**PE Kits**

A number of children still do not have their PE kit in school when it is needed. Please could you ensure that the following is kept in school throughout the week:-

Pale blue t-shirt (with or without school logo), navy or black shorts and plimsolls or trainers.

Children may also bring dark coloured jogging bottoms / leggings to wear over their shorts to keep them warm if they want in cold weather.

**ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

**5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Meldon	98.31%
Venford	97.82%
Fernworthy	97.04%
Burrator	97.50%
<b>Whole school this week</b>	<b>97.60%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>96.82%</b>

**This year’s target – 96%**

**ACTS OF WORSHIP**

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be “We are a special part of God’s creation.”

**ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY**

We celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly on Friday:

**Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!**

Meldon – **Clara, Jenson**      Venford – **Abi, Winnie**  
Fernworthy – **Priya, Esme**      Burrator – **Shane, Nicole**

**Other**

Saints SW Sports Certificates - **Archie, Kyree, Winnie, Lillie, Shane**  
Library – Summer Reading Challenge – **Dylan**      Dance Award – **Libby**

Global Teaching Award – **Teaching staff**

