

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018



## Non Pupil Day tomorrow

Dear Parents / Carers

### SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN – ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week is Anti-bullying Week and the theme this year is “Respect”. Staff will be working with the children to help them understand:

- ❖ The definition of respect
- ❖ That bullying is a behaviour choice
- ❖ That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other
- ❖ That we all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online

### SCHOOL MEALS / PACKED LUNCHES

*School meals* - As you are aware, our school meals are supplied by the Buckfast Conference Centre, who go to considerable lengths to ensure the our meals are of the very highest quality and meet very stringent nutritional standards. In order to maintain these standards, the Manager of the Conference Centre, John Hughes, constantly monitors the provision and will update the menus as and when necessary. As a result there will be a new, slightly amended menu available with effect from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November and a new three week cycle document will be circulated next week.

*Packed lunches* - If a child has a packed lunch, it is up to parents / carers to ensure that what is provided is part of a healthy, balanced diet. Whilst the school has no control over this, it would be very helpful if sweets and chocolate are kept to a minimum and such treats are provided outside the school day. Examples of healthy packed lunches are available on the Change for Life website:-

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Also, if your child has anything in their packed lunch which requires a spoon, if possible, please could you send one in their lunchbox. Thank you.

### ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be “We make good choices because our lives are alive with God's love.”



### SHOEBOXES

Next Friday is the deadline for bringing in shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse Appeal. If you are unable to bring in a complete box, but have items to donate, we can combine any donations into some boxes in school.

### FOSMS UPDATE

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December - School Christmas Fair  
2.30 - 5pm in Southpark Community Centre

- \* There will be a raffle with cash prizes and hampers
- \* Friday 14<sup>th</sup> will be a non uniform day in return for a donation of a “jingle jar” (jars filled with sweets / toys, etc.)
- \* If you would like to have a stall, tables are available for to hire at £5 each, if you are interested please let Mrs Chew or Mrs Cann know.
- \* Donations / unwanted gifts, etc. are being collected for the fair

### Pantomime Tickets

FOSMs have a limited number of heavily reduced pantomime tickets for Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 2 pm to see Sleeping Beauty at the Princess Theatre. Tickets are £7.65 each and are being sold on a first come first served basis. Please let Mrs Topham know if you are interested in buying some tickets.

### CHILDREN IN NEED

Next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November -  
Non Uniform Day for £1  
plus Pudsey ears, keyrings  
and bands available to buy  
all week.



### ATTENDANCE FIGURES 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Meldon	98.30%
Venford	95.42%
Fernworthy	94.81%
Burrator	95.00%
<b>Whole school this week</b>	<b>95.68%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>96.19%</b>

**This year's target – 96%**