

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN – ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

As you know, the children have been thinking about bullying and the effects it can have on others. In particular, they have been thinking about “respect” – what it means and how they can show respect to others. The KS2 children drew posters as part of their learning and a winning poster was selected from each class. The winners were Hannah and Renais. Copies of their posters are on the reverse of this letter.

PARENTAL SURVEY 2018 – ACTION PLAN

Thank you to all the parents / carers who filled in and returned the questionnaires to school. From an analysis of the results which were, overall, very positive and comments made, we will try to improve St Mary's further by:

- Working with parents / carers and pupils to raise awareness of our Anti-bullying Policy and work with the children on developing their understanding of bullying. As you know, this week is National Anti-Bullying Week, 12th-16th November, and the theme is ‘Choose Respect’ and you will see above that we have already made a start on this action.
- To look at different ways of sharing pupil progress and discussing concerns with parents / carers, e.g. through the Achievement for All Project.

A summary of the responses to the survey is available on the website (or from the School Office upon request).

OUTSTANDING FORMS

Over recent weeks, a number of forms have been sent out which need completing by parents / carers and returning to school. There are still a number of the Pupil Record Sheets (Contact details) and Pupil at Home forms outstanding. If you haven't done so already, please could the forms be

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be “Jesus cares for us and helps us to choose what is right.”

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CALENDAR FOR SALE

The Catholic Children's Society have produced a calendar “Windows Across the Diocese” which they are selling to raise funds. They cost £5 each plus £1 p & p. Call Lydia in the CCSP office (01364 645420) to order one.

VICTORIAN DAY – TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER

Just a reminder, that the children need to come into school dressed as Victorians on Tuesday 4th December when we celebrate our 125th Anniversary of the school opening.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES



Thank you to everyone who brought in a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child.

At the last count, more than thirty will be winging their way to other parts of the world in time for Christmas.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who supported our Bring and Buy sale and Non Uniform Day today.



90% attendance = half a day missed every week.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES 9TH – 15TH NOVEMBER 2018

Meldon	99.41%
Venford	95.83%
Fernworthy	97.04%
Burrator	97.92%
Whole school this week	97.39%
Year to date	96.27%

This year's target – 96%

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

We celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly today:



Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – **Rosanna, Kaiyah** Venford – **Neo, Sebastian**
Fernworthy – **Herbert, Renais** Burrator – **Ty, Nicole**



Other

Saints SW Sports Certificates – **Theo S-G, Cally, Rumer, Mariska, Suzie, Sophia, Ty, Aidan C-W**
Football – **George**
Shetland Pony Group Rosettes and medals – **Honey-Rose, Poppy M**
Dancer Award – **Ned**