

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN – Keeping children safe

An ongoing challenge for many families is managing to keep pace with games that children can play online and being aware about the content of new games. A very useful website is [www.commonsemmedia.org](http://www.commonsemmedia.org) which reviews films, games and even books and has a section on each called “What parents need to know” as well as ratings for language, violence, positive messages and so on.

## VICTORIAN DAY – TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

We would like to create a display of photos and memorabilia for St Mary's School over the years for our Victorian Day. If you have any photos from years gone by, please would you consider lending them to school. We will be able to scan them and return them to you so that we can put the copies on display, not your original photograph.

Also, just a reminder, that the children need to come into school dressed as Victorians on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

## COUGHS AND COLDS, ETC.

If your child is a bit under the weather but would be able to attend school with medication, school staff are willing to administer this for you. This can be for both prescribed and non-prescribed medicines. You will need to complete a form with the details of the medicine and when your child needs to take it. These are available from the office or in the “twizzler” by the lift.

If your child has a cold and you feel they could come to school but need to stay in at breaktime, please speak to staff so that this can be arranged and breaktime supervision adjusted accordingly.

## ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be “We praise God for our beautiful world and God's energy in our lives.”

## CO-OP CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 10.30AM

ASHBURTON CO-OP

Please join us to celebrate the £1,800 donation that the Co-op have made to the school through their Good Causes Appeal.

## OUTSTANDING FORMS

Following last week's reminder, only a couple more forms have been sent in, please, please could any outstanding forms be returned to the school office. It is very important that the Pupil Record Sheet (Contact details) we hold for your child is up to date, particularly as we approach the poorer, winter weather and may have to contact parents / carers about school closures. We are also trying to collect “Pupil at Home” information for all the children to help us support them in school. If you haven't done so already, please could you return these forms as soon as possible. Thank you.

## CHILDREN IN NEED – GUESS THE WEIGHT

We are very grateful to Dylan's mum, Mrs Blackmore, who has donated a lovely, iced cake to raise funds for Children in Need. On Monday there will be a “Guess the weight of the cake” competition for 50p a go with the closest guess winning the cake.



*One school year at 90% attendance = four whole weeks' of missed lessons.*

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

Meldon	95.51%
Venford	98.75%
Fernworthy	94.07%
Burrator	96.67%
<b>Whole school this week</b>	<b>96.23%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>96.27%</b>

**This year's target – 96%**

## ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

We celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly today:



### Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – Alex, Nia      Venford – Riley W, Sebastian  
Fernworthy – Dani, Suzie      Burrator – Archie, Freya



### Other

Saints SW Sports Certificates – Alex, Dexter, Leon, Macie-Leigh  
Diamond Blue Peter Badge - Madeleine