

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Dear Parents / Carers

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN – Keeping children safe

On the reverse of this letter you will find the March 2019 edition of the Parents and Carers section of the Scomis Online Safety Newsletter which has the latest tips and advice about online safety. Also, earlier this week, your child should also have brought home a copy of Digital Parenting magazine.

## EARLY HELP FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Many thanks to parents / carers who attended this workshop. Year 5 pupils will also have their final session of training this week to act as Mental Health Ambassadors for the school.

## LUNCH CHOICES QUESTIONNAIRE

You will be receiving a questionnaire today from Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre who prepare the school lunches. They would value your feedback on the food that is offered in school, before they make changes to the school lunch menus next term.

## EASTER BONNET PARADE AND EGG HUNT

We will be holding our annual Easter Bonnet Parade on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 9.15am. Thanks to FOSMs, the children will also be able to take part in an Easter Egg hunt during the day.

## LIBRARY BOOKS

We are trying to gather in any outstanding library and reading books. We have become aware that books are sometimes not logged back into the library but, occasionally, they are also not logged out either. Please could you and your child have a look this weekend for any books with a St Mary's stamp or a Devon Library Service ticket in. All books can be left in the office so that we can amend the library records. Thank you for your help with this.

## 200 MILLION MINUTES

Your child brought home a letter about this reading incentive scheme last week. Please could you fill in the minutes on their bookmark or reading record books and send them in to school. Thank you.

## LEARNING AFTERNOONS

Venford's learning afternoon will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45pm. This will be an opportunity to find out about what the children have been learning, as the children become the 'teachers' for the afternoon and share their learning with parents / carers. Please do come along if you are able to do so and support the children with this event.

Fernworthy are holding their Roman Day and learning afternoon on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2.45pm to which parents / carers are invited. If pupils would like to wear a simple Roman costume they would be welcome to do so, please see Mrs Kerswell if you need any help or further information about this.

## VENFORD AQUARIUM TRIP – 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

The original letter omitted to say that the children will need to wear school uniform and need a packed lunch for their trip to the Aquarium.

## ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be "God asks us to think about what we do and say to other people."

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Meldon	98.93%
Venford	93.75%
Fernworthy	98.46%
Burrator	96.96%
<b>Whole school this week</b>	<b>96.95%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>96.06%</b>

**This year's target – 96%**

## ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

We celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly today:

### Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – **Bridie, Rainn**

Venford – **Theo C, Harry**

Fernworthy – **Esme, Dani**

Burrator – **Archie, Evelyn**

### Maths Awards

Meldon – **Theo S-G**

Venford – **Poppy W, Dexter**

Fernworthy – **Madeleine, Renais**

Burrator – **Nicole, Poppy M**

### Other

Saints SW – **Jonathan, Poppy W, Honey-rose, Reuben**

Premier Sports – **Taylor, Alice, George**

