

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Dear Parents / Carers

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Keeping safe online is something that we are regularly talking about with all of the children. Recently we were made aware of a section on the Childline website which is dedicated to online safety. As well as some general information for parents/carers and children, there is also a useful section about how to change the privacy settings on a range of different social media sites: (<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>).

## SATs TESTING

Next week, pupils in Year 6 will take their SATs tests in school. They have all been working very hard to prepare for these, so I am sure that they will do well and of course we wish them every luck!

## ST MARY'S TODDLER GROUP

Just a reminder that there will be **no toddler group** this Monday (13<sup>th</sup> May) but there will be a joint session with Meldon Class the following week on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

## FATHER CHRISTOPHER

After his recent illness, it was good to see Father Christopher again this week in school. He attended our assembly on Wednesday afternoon and thanked the children for sending him a get well card.

## BUCKFAST ABBEY – CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

We have been invited to the Children's Book Festival on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July. There are also going to be some family days on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July – further details on the Buckfast Abbey website.

## ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be "God is always caring for us, even when we don't realise it".

## MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

Just a reminder that the "Mothers' Prayers" group are meeting on each Wednesday at 7.30pm in Ashburton Parish Rooms. Mothers Prayers is an international movement which was formed to help those mothers who wished to pray together for their children and grandchildren and to find the support they needed. [www.mothersprayers.org](http://www.mothersprayers.org)

## MELDON LEARNING AFTERNOON

Parents/carers are invited into Meldon class next Thursday (16<sup>th</sup> May) from 2.45-3.30pm for a learning afternoon. The children will be sharing what they have learnt this half term by retelling the story of Mr Gumpy's outing, singing transport songs and sharing traffic lights biscuits.

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Meldon	97.33%
Venford	96.00%
Fernworthy	95.37%
Burrator	98.91%
<b>Whole school this week</b>	<b>96.80%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>96.17%</b>

**This year's target – 96%**

## ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

We celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly today:

### Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – **Kaiyah, Alex**      Venford – **Sebastian, Olivia J**  
Fernworthy – **Priya, Cherry**      Burrator – **Rowan, Jack P**

### Maths Awards

Meldon – **Braxton**      Venford – **Riley W, Harry**  
Fernworthy – **Dani, Sophia**      Burrator – **Shane, Macie-Leigh**

### Other

Saints SW – **Nia, Conrad, Madeleine, Beatrix**  
ELS – **Rumer, Peter, Edward, Mariska, Harry**

Karate grading (yellow) – **Dexter**  
Dance competition medals - **Natalie**

