

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY 20TH JUNE 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

ST MARY'S HOUSE / FOUNDATION STAGE UNIT

The Community of Buckfast Abbey have very kindly allowed the school use of St Mary's House (the building adjacent to school which used to be the Convent) for our Foundation Stage unit. Work to convert the building will be carried out over the coming weeks and during the Summer Holidays with a planned opening at the start of next term. As there will be a lot of furniture and equipment to move and preparation required to make the unit ready for teaching, we will need the first two days of term as non-pupil days and so the term dates for next year have been changed. **Pupils will now return on Wednesday 4th September 2019** and the Summer holidays will not commence until Wednesday 22nd July 2020. The decision has only just been confirmed and we apologise for any inconvenience caused by this change in term dates. Your child will be bringing home an amended list of term dates for next year.

LITTLE LAMBS TODDLER GROUP

It has been decided to discontinue our Little Lambs Toddler Group with effect from September. We are extremely grateful to Mrs Neville and I am sure you will join us in thanking her for her hard work since the group started. Thank you also to everyone who has supported our Little Lambs over the years.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 21st June – Sports Day, starting at 1.30pm
Friday 21st June – FOSMs Non Uniform Day
Monday 24th - Friday 28th June – Burrator activities week
Wednesday 3rd July – 6.30pm, Civic Award Ceremony
Thursday 4th July – 2.30 pm, Enterprise Fayre
Thursday 11th July – Book Festival Burrator/ Fernworthy
Friday 12th July – Children's Book Festival - Venford
Friday 12th July – 2.45pm End of Arts week celebration
Wednesday 17th July – Swimming Gala
Friday 19th July – Leavers' Mass and Assembly
Friday 19th July – Last Day of Term
Wednesday 4th September – Pupils return

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be "Following Jesus means that we need to treat other people with care."

Non-uniform day tomorrow

in return for items for the tombola or raffle prizes for the Enterprise Fair.

As it is also Sports Day, please could you send your child in with a spare carrier bag (with their name on, if possible), so that your child's own clothes can be kept safely together when they change into their PE kit.

SPORTS DAY

We are hoping to hold our Sports Day tomorrow and, at the moment, the weather forecast seems set fair for it! The children will be taking part in activities in the morning. Families are very welcome to join us from 1.30pm onwards.

CAKE SALE – FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

There will be a cake sale tomorrow after the Sports Day. This is being run by Adele to raise funds for the Alzheimers' Society as part of her Civic Award. Please could you offer her support with donations of cakes and customers to buy them. Thank you.

BURRATOR ACTIVITIES WEEK

Burrator Class will be starting their activities week on Monday. They will be bringing home a separate note about what to wear for the activities at the start of next week.

Please could any outstanding forms be returned tomorrow and any outstanding voluntary contributions sent in as soon as possible. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

14th – 20th June 2019

Meldon	93.24%
Venford	95.93%
Fernworthy	97.04%
Burrator	97.39%
Whole school this week	96.01%
Year to date	96.20%

This year's target – 96%