

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019



Dear Parents / Carers

## SAFEGUARDING – Keeping children safe

With the holidays approaching, children are likely to be using various digital devices more frequently. 'The Key', a national information service for schools, has produced a factsheet for parents/carers. The first page of this appears on the reverse of this newsletter and more detailed information about how to set parental controls on different devices can be accessed by clicking on the link in 'latest news' on St Mary's website home page or by using the following link:

<https://www.st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk/latest-news/the-key-e-safety-factsheet/>

## ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTS

Annual school reports for Reception children and above have been given out today by your child's class teacher. Nursery reports will follow on Monday

## AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Art, Outdoor Explorer Club and Gymnastics with Coach Ben will not take place next week but will hopefully start again in the new academic year. However the girls' football club run by Coach Ben on Tuesday will be on as usual.

## ABBAY BOOK FESTIVAL

Pupils in Venford and KS2 have been inspired by authors at Book Festival this week. Just a reminder that there are also free events for families this weekend (13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July) – details are on the Abbey website and the school noticeboard.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Swimming Gala, 1.45pm  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – End of Arts week celebration, 3.00pm  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers' Mass, 9.30am, School Hall  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Achievement Assembly and End of Term Performances and Presentations, 1.45pm, School Hall  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Pupils return

Please note:

Last Day of Summer Term - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Start of the Autumn Term – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

## ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be "God's love is everywhere in our lives, calling us as his special children."

## WINNING HOUSE – MUFTI DAY

Congratulations to Taw (Blue) House who have earned the most points and so have been awarded the mufti (non-uniform) day this half term. Due to other events taking place in school next week, Taw or Blue House will have their mufti day on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July**.

## TRANSITION MORNING

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July we have a transition morning for the whole school, so that children can spend some time in what will be their new class in September. Children will need to go to their usual classroom for registration and then move to their new class later that morning. For parents / carers who do not know the staff in their child's new class, please feel free to visit the teacher in that classroom on that day before registration. We understand that this will be particularly useful for parents/ carers of pupils in Meldon Class, so Mrs Cherrett and Mrs Hutchinson who teach in Venford will both be in school on that morning.

## SWIMMING GALA

Pupils in Fernworthy and Burrator Class will have their annual swimming gala on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 1.45pm at Buckfastleigh Swimming Pool and parents / carers are welcome to attend the event. In line with Buckfastleigh Swimming Pool's own safeguarding policy, we request that parents / carers do not take photographs of the children at the pool.

## LEAVERS' MASS AND END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY

Next week we will be holding our Leavers' Mass in the school hall on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am, which is led by Year 6 pupils. All parents / carers are welcome to attend.

In the afternoon, parents / carers are also invited to the end of term Achievement Assembly for the whole school, during which Burrator Class will present the 'Play in a Day' which they have been working on which is called 'Greece Lightning'.