

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 19TH JULY 2019



Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE!

Safeguarding Concerns during the holiday – If you are concerned about a child or young person in Devon and want to speak to someone, contact Devon's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0345 155 1071

or email mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk

and give as much information as you can.

If a child is at immediate risk contact the police on 999.

Anyone can phone MASH direct at anytime although, during the school term, it is more likely that you may wish to talk to the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead, Miss Slack, in the first instance.

FAREWELLS!

Thank you to everyone who came to our End of Term Mass and Leavers' Assembly today. As always, it was a bit of a squeeze in the hall but hopefully all who came along managed to get a good view of the children's performance.

As we say farewell to our Year 6's, we wish them all the best for September when they start at their new schools and they continue on their learning journey through life.

We are also saying farewell and good luck to Miss Parsons who is starting her maternity leave.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has supported the school this year in so many ways. In particular FOSMs who have lead our fund-raising efforts and also our volunteer helpers who have enhanced the learning of our children across all classes.

Thank you also to the Community of Buckfast who allow so many Abbey staff – too numerous to mention – to provide all those extra things for the school which help to make St Mary's such a vibrant and special place.

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class when we return is "God has called us and sent us to make a difference to the people we meet."

PUPILS RETURN

The children return to school on Wednesday 4th September. Some of our new reception children will be having a phased start but most will be full time from the Wednesday.

ATTENDANCE

You will see below, that we have, at last, surpassed our annual target for attendance. Unfortunately, this is not "job done" – we must beat it again next year (and the year after that and the year after that and so on!). Holidays in term time continue to be a challenge for the school and we urge families to book holidays outside term time.

Next year we will also be focussing on punctuality as children who arrive late not only miss their own learning but can also disrupt the learning of others with their arrival after the lesson has started.

The school continues to be supported by our Education Welfare Officer, Morwenna Griffiths. Morwenna can be contacted on 01392 287223 if any family would like help with attendance issues.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES 2018 - 2019

Meldon	95.34%
Venford	96.05%
Fernworthy	96.53%
Burrator	96.84%
Whole school	96.24%

This Year's Target - 96%

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

Today, we celebrated the following successes in our recent achievement assemblies:

Pupils of the Term

Meldon – Cici Venford – Harry Fernworthy – Dani Burrator – Alice



Saints SW

Pupils of the Term – Ned, Theo C, Sophia, Olivia K



Other

Swimming Certificate – Dexter, Maria, Cici Gymnastics Awards – Harrison G, Libby

SDCC Performing Arts – Alice, Imogen Drumming Exam – Lolly

CPRE Art and Writing Competition – Kyree, Cici, Beatrix, Nicole, Hannah, Reuben