



Paperwork

As we settle into the new school year, there is always a lot of paperwork to be completed.

Thank you if you have returned the contact details record and the Home School Agreement already. If you haven't done so, please could the information be returned as soon as possible so that we can ensure that we can contact parents / carers quickly and easily in an emergency.

If you would like an application form for Free School Meals, please ask in the School Office.

Flu Immunisation

As last year, the Immunisation Team will be offering the Flu vaccination to all Primary aged children (Reception to Year 6). Your child will have brought home a letter about this earlier this week.

The vaccinations will take place in school on Tuesday 8th October and the consent will need to be completed electronically. In order to do this, please access the consent portal via the following link:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon>

This link is secure, but please carefully select St Mary's Catholic Primary School from the drop down menu and this will ensure that the consent is in the right place. Full details and information to assist you in completing the consent is detailed on the portal including full FAQ's, patient information and contact details should you wish to speak to a nurse regarding the nasal vaccination.

Safeguarding

NSPCC Helplines

Help for adults concerned about a child

Call on 0808 800 5000

Help for children and young people

Call Childline on 0800 1111

Prayer Focus

Unfortunately, Mitzi was a week ahead of herself and gave the wrong prayer focus for last week. Therefore, the focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week is the same as last week:

"We believe our lives are filled with God's love. We know he calls us to go out and serve others."

During the week, the children will be reflecting on the following things:

- faith and how it is hard to go on believing in good things when bad things happen.
- being different and having different strengths and gifts and how to use those gifts to help others.
- being able to make mistakes and start again because people love us.
- being sorry when we have done things wrong.
- asking God for help and knowing that, when things are too big for us to cope with, God is waiting patiently for us to turn to him for help.

Reminders and Dates

There will be **no Explorers Club this Monday**. The club will resume on Monday 23rd September.

Wednesday 18th September – Harvest Mass at 9.30am in the School Hall. We will continue to collect items for the foodbank between now and next Friday.

Friday 20th September – Non Uniform Day for the Cafod "Wear it Bright" Appeal. Children can come in non-uniform in return for a £1 donation to Cafod.

Monday 23rd September – Deadline for return of Scholastic book orders to office.

Tuesday 24th September - Reading Meeting for Meldon Parents / Carers at 2pm in the School Hall. This is an opportunity to find out how the children learn to read at St Mary's and how they can be supported at home.

Wednesday 25th September – School Photos

New Appointments

School Council

In our Achievement Assembly today, we were very pleased to be able to announce our new School Councillors:

Venford - Ollie, Rebecca

Fernworthy - Theo C, Poppy W, Leon, Madeleine

Burrator - Stephen, Olivia Y, Archie S, Alice

These children will serve on the School Council until February half term when new Councillors will be appointed for the remainder of the School Year. They will be responsible for attending meetings with Miss Slack and suggesting ways of improving St Mary's and providing feedback on new ideas to make the experience of all children in the school the best that it can be.

Responsibilities

Our Year 6 children also have areas of responsibility to help the smooth running of the school. They will be helping in the following areas:-

Librarians – Poppy M, George

Fairtrade – Imogen, Natalie

Digital Leaders – Ty, Rowan

Mental Health Ambassadors – Jessica H, Archie S

Eco Champion - Alice



Attendance Figures

This year's target - 96%

6th – 12th September 2019

Meldon	97.51%
Venford	99.63%
Fernworthy	98.40%
Burrator	90.87%
Whole school This week Year to date	96.77% 95.66%

Saints SW Clubs

There are still some spaces in the tennis and football clubs running on Tuesday and Friday respectively. The online link does not work so please inform the school via the tick box on the Clubs letter if your child would like to take part.

Coach Ben will also be running a Wildcats Soccer Session for girls on Tuesdays from 4.45 to 5.45pm. The first session is free and it is £4 a session thereafter. These sessions are open to girls in the local community aged from 5 to 11 years.

For further information contact Coach Ben who is in school on Tuesdays (pm) and Fridays (all day).



Achievement Assembly

We celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly today:

Building Learning Power - Reciprocity - Team Ant!

Meldon – Ava, Sonny **Venford** – Rumer, Theo S-G **Fernworthy** – Abi, Madeleine **Burrator** – Esme, Ty

Maths Awards

Meldon – Archie H **Venford** – Max, Cici **Fernworthy** – Fliss, Suzie **Burrator** – Poppy M, Archie S

Saints SW

Meldon – Archie H **Venford** – Alex **Fernworthy** – Lolly **Burrator** – Dani

Other

Reading Challenge – Conrad, Maria **Beaver and Cub Investiture** – Theo C, Dylan
Helping Mum in Residential Home - Olivia J **Childminder's Award** - Sonny