



Pupil Progress Meetings

Meldon

Firstly, apologies to those parents / carers in Meldon whose meetings were unavoidably postponed due to ill health. Mrs Teeder will be rearranging these appointments over the next couple of weeks.

Venford, Fernworthy, Burrator

Thank you to those parents / carers who attended the Pupil Progress meetings over the past couple of weeks - if you were unable to attend but would like an appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher who will arrange a mutually convenient time to meet with you.

National Maths Week

Next week is 'National Maths Week' which aims to promote a positive image of maths to pupils and the wider community. Maths is one of the key areas that we are focussing on as part of our school development this year.

The school has a calculation policy that explains the different methods we teach pupils in each class. To help support parents / carers with home learning, we are sending out a copy of this calculation policy and associated vocabulary with the newsletter. If anyone has any questions about this, please feel free to see me, your child's class teacher or Miss Blackhall, who is the Maths Subject Leader at St Mary's.

Safeguarding

Anti-bullying Week

Next week is also National Anti-Bullying Week. This year the theme is 'Change Starts with Us'. The Children's Anti-Bullying Policy which has been developed and reviewed by our School Councillors will also be reviewed with the rest of the children. Our Mental Health Ambassadors will also be helping to develop ways of encouraging pupils to talk to someone if they are feeling upset or bullied.

You can find out more about anti-bullying week on the Anti-Bullying Alliance website:

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

Prayer Focus

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be:

*"We can trust in God.
He always loves us."*

This theme fits in with the Gospel for this Sunday, which comes from St Luke, Chapter 20:27-38. It reminds us that if we treat each other fairly and as we would like to be treated, we can start to reflect a little bit of God's kingdom here on earth.

Reminders and Dates

Wednesday 13th November – Shoebox deadline. Please return your filled shoeboxes to school by Wednesday to allow Mrs Freeborn time to deliver them to the local collection point.

Thursday 14th November – Venford Trip to Pennywell Farm (Songs of Praise)

Friday 15th November – Children in Need – Non-uniform Day in return for £1 donation and Cake Sale

Friday 15th November – Application facility for Primary place admissions opens.

Thursday 21st November, 1.30pm – CAP UK workshop for parents / carers

Mon 25th – Wed 27th November - CAP UK workshops for children

Thursday 28th November – Burrator Victorian Day, a separate letter has been sent about this.

Monday 9th December, 2.00pm – Crib Blessing, Burrator, South Brent

Tuesday 10th December, 2.00pm – Crib Blessing, Fernworthy, Ashburton

Thursday 12th December, 2.00pm Crib Blessing, Venford, Buckfastleigh

Tuesday 17th December 2.45pm – Meldon Nativity, School Hall

Wednesday 18th December 3.45pm – Carol Service, Buckfast Abbey

Friday 20th December – Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper Day, Last day of term

Fundraising Events

Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal this year. Felix has agreed to lay a poppy wreath in Buckfastleigh on behalf of St Mary's on Sunday so many thanks to him and his family.

As in previous years, children in Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies or Rainbows are invited to come into school wearing their Scouting or Guiding Association uniform on Remembrance Day, Monday 11th November.

Please note Poppy Appeal snap / wrist bands cannot be worn at school after Monday.

Children in Need

Next Friday, 15th November, we are inviting the children to come into school wearing non-uniform in return for a £1 donation to Children in Need. We are selling Pudsey and Blush Headbands from the school office next week, which cost £2.50.

There will also be a cake sale after school for Children in Need, so we would welcome donations of cakes and customers to buy them please.

Rainbow Reading Scheme

Just a reminder that children in Meldon and Venford are invited to take part in the Rainbow Reading Scheme this year. If your child needs another bookmark, or you would like further information about the scheme, please see your child's class teacher. Our top scorer, to date, is Eva who has just finished her green bookmark!

Well done, Eva!

Attendance Figures

This year's target - 96%

1st - 7th November 2019

Meldon	94.65%
Venford	96.07%
Fernworthy	100.0%
Burrator	98.18%
Whole school This week Year to date	97.12% 96.78%

Purple Mash

The children are enjoying using Purple Mash at school and hopefully also at home. We will highlight some of the specific activities that can be found on the website during the year.

If you have any difficulties logging in, please let your child's class teacher know. An easy way to access Purple Mash is to go to the Purple Mash website at:

www.purplemash.com

From there, click 'log in'. On the log in page select 'Find your school's portal'. Start typing 'Buckfast' and then St Mary's will be easier to find. You can enter your child's username and password or register as a parent.

Thank you to Mr Henderson, our Parent Governor, for demonstrating the website during the Pupil Progress Meetings this week.

Achievement Assembly

We celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly today:



Building Learning Power - Resourcefulness - Team Beaver!

Meldon - Archie V, Charlie T Venford - Max, Theo S-G
Fernworthy - Theo C, Riley AJ Burrator - Taylor, Natalie



Maths Awards

Meldon - Jack C Venford - Rebecca, Libby Fernworthy - Poppy W, Cherry Burrator - George, Alice

Other

Saints SW Awards - Rosanna, Braxton, Venford, Ned, Fernworthy, Sophia T, Hollie P, Olivia Y

Special congratulations to Libby who is the Wales and South West, tap, ballet and modern dance, Stage 1 Productions Overall Title Holder for five year olds. In short, she is a champion!