



NEWSLETTER

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

BUCKFAST

Friday 22nd November 2019

FOSMs Christmas Fundraiser

Friday 6th December
Non-uniform Day

Wednesday 18th December
Raffle Draw & Refreshments

We shall be sending home raffle tickets today for the Grand Christmas Raffle which is to be drawn on Wednesday 18th December after the Christmas Service. Each family is being asked to sell £5 worth of tickets. With seventy-four families plus staff, if everyone sold one book we would very quickly raise over £400. If half of those people sold just two books, we would soon be well over £600!

Also, please keep a look out for items for raffle prizes or which could be used to make up a hamper. These can be sent to school in return for wearing non-uniform on Friday 6th December.

Safeguarding

CAP UK

Next week the children will have CAP sessions (Child Assault Prevention) in school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday which I hope they will find useful. Although we offered a session for parents / carers yesterday, disappointingly no one was able to attend the session. However, CAP UK have a website where parents can find out more:-

<https://safestrongfree.org.uk/parents/>

First Aid in school

When your child hurts themselves in school and first aid is administered, your child will bring home a "Ted" form. This is written up by the person who looked after your child and is signed by the class teacher. At the bottom of the form is a return slip which we ask to be sent back into school so that we know that the information has reached home. If you don't usually send these slips back, please could you in the future. Thank you to those families who already do so.

Prayer Focus

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

"We rejoice and we praise God for his love that flows through all things."

This Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King. The reading comes from St Luke's Gospel, Chapter 23 verses 35-43 and reminds us of Jesus' death. The story also reminds us that Jesus gives us hope, as we know that he rose again three days later, so anything is possible with God.

Jesus came to serve others and so sometimes he is called the "servant king" which reminds us that we are also called to help and to serve one another: in our homes, in our community and in the world around us.

Reminders and Dates

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

Thursday 28th November – Burrator Victorian Day and Learning Afternoon - Pupils in Burrator will be taking part in a Victorian Day on Thursday 28th November. At the end of the day **parents / carers are invited into school at 2.45pm** so that the children can share what they have been learning in this history topic.

Thursday 5th – Tuesday 10th December, 3.45pm – Half Price Book Fair in school

Friday 6th December –FOSMs Non-uniform Day

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

Wednesday 18th December approx. 4.45pm, FOSM's Christmas Raffle and refreshments, School Hall

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

Fundraising Events

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need last week. A special thank you to those who brought in donations for the cake sale after school and to those who helped with this, Alice, Jess H and Imogen. Altogether we raised more than £260 and we still have ears left over for next year!

Well done also to Leon who took part in a sponsored singing event with his drama group.

Buckfastleigh Swimming Pool

We were pleased to hear that Dylan raised over £100 at his coffee morning for the Buckfastleigh Swimming Pool. Thank you to everyone who was able to go and support him and "Well done, Dylan!"

Scholastic Book Fair

We shall be holding a Half Price Book Fair in school again this year from Thursday 5th – Tuesday 10th December. As the name suggests, everything is half price so there are usually some great bargains to be found. As part of our ongoing work to help promote a love of reading (and, also, to give some of the adults chance to look around without the children!), we are holding story sessions in the library each day after school from 3.45pm until 4.00pm. If you would like your child to join the story sessions, please deliver them to the staff in the Library before going to the Fair itself which will be set up in the corridor outside Meldon.

Gift vouchers can be purchased in advance which will give 20% extra buying power:-

www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers

Every family making a purchase from the Book Fair will be entered into a draw for one of five £5 vouchers to make an extra purchase from the Fair.

Attendance Figures

This year's target - 96%

15th – 21st November 2019

Meldon	97.96%	
Venford	96.07%	
Fernworthy	95.65%	
Burrator	93.18%	
Whole school		
This week	95.79%	
Year to date	96.77%	

Witness of the Week

"WOW" Certificates

As part of their discussions during Anti-bullying Week, our School Council came up with the idea of awarding a certificate each week to pupils for acts of kindness and also to give out stickers to those who are seen to be helpful or kind at break and lunchtimes. This week the following pupils received the first "Witness Of the Week" certificates in our Achievement Assembly, which we are calling our 'WOW' certificates:-

Rainn, Cally, Abi, Leyton



Achievement Assembly

We celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly today:



Building Learning Power - Resourcefulness - Team Beaver!

Meldon – Harrison M, Fraser Venford – Mariska, Theo S-G
Fernworthy – Suzie, Riley W Burrator – Oscar, Alice



Maths Awards

Meldon – Jack E Venford – Sophie, Tristan Fernworthy – Aiden, Amélie Burrator – Ryan, Natalie

Other

Saints SW Awards – Fraser, Mariska, Suzie, Natalie, Kyree

Gymnastics – Conrad, Maria **Martial Arts** – Peter, Archie H

First to complete Reading Scheme – Dexter

Home learning – Robots – Poppy W, Circuits – Theo C