



Pupil Chaplains

Congratulations to our new GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) Pupil Chaplains – Honey-rose, Courtney, Leon, Katie, Olivia Y, Holly B-D and Dani – who, along with children from other local schools, attended training this week and were commissioned in Plymouth Cathedral. The children have lots of exciting ideas which I am sure they will share with pupils and parents / carers over the coming weeks.

One of their first tasks was to write prayers for achievement assemblies which they then take turns to read out each week.

Safeguarding

School Car Park

We are very lucky to have a dedicated car park on the school site which, you will all be very aware, is very busy at the beginning and end of the school day. As the school numbers are increasing, the car park will continue to get more congested. It is essential that everyone using the car park remembers to park considerately to maximise the number of cars we can accommodate. It is also of the utmost importance that everyone adheres to the 10mph speed limit from the moment they enter the car park and follow the one-way system (with the exception of the school bus which is parked in order to leave more free car parking spaces).

NSPCC Underwear Rule

The NSPCC Underwear Rule (PANTS) is discussed in school as part of the PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) programme in school and also revisited at other times if it is needed. Further information can be found at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/underwear-rule/> if you want to reinforce the message with your children. There is also a downloadable guide specifically for parents / carers and a couple of copies are available from the "twizzler" letter rack by the lift.

Prayer Focus

Wednesday's Word this week, chosen from this Sunday's Gospel, is 'Community'. The prayer for this week is:

"Dear Lord Jesus

Thank you for our school and parish communities. Please help me say "Yes" to you, and enrich the communities to which I belong.

Amen."

Reminders and Dates

Monday 3rd February – Children's Mental Health Week - activities relating to positive mental health will take place during this week

Thursday 6th February – Fire Safety talks

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day - online safety activities will take place during this week

Friday 14th February, 2.45pm – Dance celebration for parents / carers. A separate letter about this event will be sent out nearer the time but the event will be limited to two tickets per family.

Monday 17th February – Half term starts

Monday 24th February – Non Pupil Day

Tuesday 25th February – Pupils return

Friday 28th February – Fair Trade Cake Sale

Tuesday 3rd March – Parent / Carer Pupil Progress Meetings

Wednesday 4th March – Parent / Carer Pupil Progress Meetings

Friday 6th March – St Mary's World Book Day – A separate letter about this event will be sent out nearer the time. Our theme for this year's World Book Day is based on the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt and the children will be asked to dress in colours relating to this book.

Thursday 12th March – Reception and Year 6 Weighing and Measuring

Monday 16th March – Meldon Learning afternoon for parents / carers

Monday 16th March - Please note the change of date for the Fernworthy Trip – it is Monday 16th March not Wednesday 25th as written in the letter sent home yesterday. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Friday 27th March – Easter Bonnet Parade – 9.15am

Friday 27th March – Last day of Term

Tuesday 14th April – Pupils return

PE Kit

A number of children are missing PE kit from school and so are having to borrow items from school or miss out on a lesson. Please could you ensure that your child has their kit in school at all times.

Their kit should consist of a pale blue PE t-shirt (with or without the school logo), black / navy shorts and trainers / plimsols. For outdoor PE sessions in the winter, the children are also allowed to wear dark coloured jogging bottoms / leggings over their shorts. The full list of school uniform, including PE kit, is available on the school website.

Tae Kwon Do

The children all seemed to enjoy their taster sessions for Tae Kwon Do yesterday and should have brought home a leaflet about sessions nearby if they are interested in joining one of the nearby clubs.

Healthy Tuck Shop

Just a reminder that all pupils are able to purchase snacks from the School Healthy Tuck Shop, which is run by pupils from Burrator Class, on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday breaktime.

Items are usually 40p and tuck money is kept in the school office (or by Miss Whitefoot for the children in Meldon) so can be topped up by parents/ carers at any time.

Attendance Figures

This year's target - 96%

17th - 23rd January 2020

Meldon	96.09%
Venford	94.64%
Fernworthy	97.69%
Burrator	98.18%
Whole school	
This week	96.54%
Year to date	95.75%

Request for equipment

As you know, we are trying to build a collection of items to use in activities designed to support children's social and emotional wellbeing. Thank you to those people who have already donated items for use in school. We are still short of small toys / play figures and lego, so if you have any of these items which you don't need any more please bring them into school and give them to Mitzi in the school office.

Fire Safety Talks

On Thursday 6th February, we have arranged for the children in Venford and Burrator to be visited by the Education Advocate from the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service for a talk about Fire Safety. If you do not wish your child to attend this talk, please return the opt out form to school that they are bringing home today.

Achievement Assembly

We celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly today:



Building Learning Power - Resourcefulness - Team Ant!
Meldon - Braxton, Thomas **Venford** - Mariska, Sophie
Fernworthy - Riley AJ, Isaac **Burrator** - Olivia Y, Taylor



Maths Awards
Meldon - Ava **Venford** - Tristan **Fernworthy** - Madeleine, Becky-Lou **Burrator** - Jessica H, Poppy M

Witness of the Week
Meldon - Archie H **Venford** - Ollie **Fernworthy** - Cherry **Burrator** - Ryan

Other
Saints SW - Ayrton, Grace, Isaac, Ryan
Swimming Awards - Theo C, Theo S-G