



## Children in School

We were pleased to welcome some more children back to school this week in addition to the children who have been attending school for the last couple of months. With this increase in numbers, (twenty-five children were in school yesterday) we have reviewed our routines to ensure we can meet the government guidelines for social distancing.

Thank you to parents / carers who have helped to implement these new routines. Just a reminder that children will be met at the school gate by the field from 8.40am and they will walk into the school under staff supervision.

To minimise contact in the car park after school, Meldon and Venford children will need to be collected at 3pm and Fernworthy, Burrator and pupils who catch school transport will finish at 3.30pm.

The field gate is closed throughout the day, between 9am and 3pm, and visitors are requested to phone the school to let us know they are waiting at the top gate. If your child is entitled to come to school, but you have chosen not to send them at the moment, you can change your decision and give it a try at any point. However, if you do not wish for your child to return, their attendance will continue to be authorised in line with the government guidelines.

### PE Kits

We are trying to limit the number of items which are being transferred between home and school each day. Therefore, please could children come in their PE kits on the day that their class has PE. Meldon do not need to wear PE kit, but for the following classes PE will be as follows:

Venford – Friday  
Fernworthy – Tuesday  
Burrator – Friday

## Prayer Focus

This week's word, or words, from the latest online edition of the Wednesday Word, are "Holy Trinity". The online Wednesday Word can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/stopgap/Temporary-Special-Edition.pdf>

The word Trinity means 'Tri-unity', three in one. The Church teaches us that, although there is only one God, there are three divine persons in God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bound together in love. Our prayer this week is

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.*

*Amen.*

## Class Photo – Year 6

Due to the current health crisis, it seems very unlikely that end of year class photographs will take place in the Summer term. However, for our Year 6 pupils who would miss out, we would like to create a memento of their time at St Mary's and a pictorial record of their cohort.

Therefore we would appreciate it if parents / carers of our Year 6 children could email a photograph of their child to the school admin address for this purpose.

([admin@st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk))

Ideally, it should be a head and shoulders photo but does not need to be of them in school uniform and could be them outdoors or doing something they enjoy! We could then try to create a collage of them all.

As there may be a few technical hitches along the way, we shall be grateful if photos could be sent in by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June to give us plenty of time to iron out any glitches / ask for pictures in different styles / formats. Thank you for your help with this.

## Children learning at home

### Home Learning

As more children are starting to return to school, teaching staff are beginning to plan and teach for these year groups and children who are now in. For this reason, home learning will continue but in a slightly different form.

Where possible, Purple Mash will continue to be used to set work although this resource can still be used to access independent learning by pupils. Teachers will continue to update the class blogs for Venford, Fernworthy and Burrator. These can be accessed via the sharing icon at the top of the page when the children log in to Purple Mash.

The National Oak Academy lessons are still being provided by the government for all year groups. These can be accessed from <https://www.thenational.academy/>.

Learning packs are still being produced and these can be accessed from our school website under the Home Learning section: <https://www.st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk/online-learning/> (please remember to scroll down to the bottom of the page to see the class lists and get to the most up to date resources).

If you are unable to print these off, please contact the school and we will provide hard copies upon request.

Access to IXL continues to be available until the end of June. Parents have commented on what a good resource this is, so please try to utilise it whilst we have it.

## School Meals

### School Packed Lunches

A school packed lunch can now be ordered through the school office. These are free to those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and those children entitled to Free School Meals. Ham or cheese sandwiches, fruit, a cereal bar and a drink will be offered to pupils on daily basis. If you could fill out your order a week in advance, we can ensure that the lunches are delivered each day for the children who require them. Please send your order to Mitzi by 12 noon on Friday lunchtime.

### Free School Meals

For those children not attending school, we still have access to the government scheme which provides supermarket vouchers to eligible families. The vouchers will be distributed approximately every fortnight whilst they continue to be available to those families who are entitled to benefits related Free School Meals.

If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, you can apply online at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/supportforschools/services-and-contacts/free-school-meals>

If you receive confirmation of entitlement, please let the school know so that we can add you to our list for vouchers.

## School Packed Lunch Order

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Week Commencing \_\_\_\_\_

	Please tick choice of sandwich for each day a lunch is required.				
Sandwich	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ham					
Cheese					