



School Changes

Pupils returning

The school is currently open to EYFS, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils, along with pupils who have been eligible to attend school throughout the pandemic. At this time, we have received no further information about future plans for other year groups returning. Generally, we receive the same information about future plans at the same time as parents / carers. The latest information from the government is available on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Changes in September

As a result of the increased number of classrooms we now have at St Mary's and our increasing roll, we will be in a position to open a new Key Stage 1 Class in September. We have also been able to retain our Teacher Apprentice, Miss Keir, who will take on the role as class teacher. We are in the process of reviewing the class structure for September and will share this information as soon as plans are finalized.

Fernworthy's new classroom



Prayer Focus

This week's word from the latest online edition of the Wednesday Word, is "Nourish". The online Wednesday Word can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/stopgap/Temporary-Special-Edition.pdf>

Ask your child what the word 'nourish' means to them. Then, each of you talk about something, other than food, that nourishes you and helps you grow.

Our prayer this week is:-

Our Father

Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

Safeguarding

With children and young people spending an increased time online through the lockdown period, some may be more vulnerable to the dangers of radicalisation. Information about this is being sent with this newsletter.

Other useful links to combat the dangers of extremism are:

www.educateagainsthate.co.uk

This website gives parents, teachers and school leaders practical advice on protecting children from extremism and radicalisation.

www.preventingexploitationtoolkit.org.uk

This toolkit is for anyone who, through their paid or voluntary work, may come across people who are vulnerable to exploitation. It will help you understand, identify and report signs of exploitation, and access guidance and support.

Children learning at home

Home Learning

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.

Celebration of Home Learning

If your child has anything that they are particularly proud of that they have been learning or doing during the lockdown, which they would like to share with everyone, we would love to hear about it. We can then share this in future newsletters.

CPRE Competition

<https://www.cpredevon.org.uk/my-outdoors-painting/>

The children in school have been preparing an entry for the annual CPRE competition and this will be sent off on 26th June. If your child has an entry form to submit, you can send them to the school and we can send them off or submit them direct to the CPRE.

Year 6 Photos

Thank you for the lovely photo sent in so far for the Year 6 memento collage. Just a reminder to parents of our Year 6 children that we would appreciate it if parents / carers of our Year 6 children could email a photograph of their child to the school admin address (admin@st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk) as we would like a photo of your child to include in a collage of their year group. This will replace the Year 6 Leavers' photo which would normally be taken in the Summer term.

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.

Please could the photos be sent in by Friday 21st June to give us plenty of time to iron out any glitches / ask for pictures in different styles / formats.

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 let Mitzi have your order a week in advance, by 12 noon on Friday lunchtime, we can ensure that the lunches are delivered each day for the children who require them. Thank you.

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.

Abbey Services

Livestreams

<https://www.buckfast.org.uk/live>

Just a reminder that you can continue to follow the services at the Abbey on the above link.

Monday to Saturday

Matins - 6:30 am

Lauds - 7:45 am

MASS - 9:00 am

Vespers - 18:30 pm

Compline - 20:00 pm

Sunday

Matins - 6:30 am

Lauds - 7:45 am

MASS - 10:30 am

Vespers - 18:30 pm

Compline - 20:00 pm