



Pupil Progress Meetings

Miss Blackhall will be ringing the families of Burrator Class children from Monday onwards next week to have a brief chat about progress.

The other class dates are as follows:-
w/c 23.11.20 - Fernworthy
w/c 30.11.20 - Venford
w/c 7.12.20 - Meldon

If there is anything you would like to discuss in the meantime, please contact the school via the admin email or phone, or speak to Miss Slack at the gate, and your child's teacher will get in touch with you.

Start of day - safety

We are continuing to get reports from concerned parents that children are running around in the car park in the mornings.

Just a reminder that, for obvious safety reasons, only children from Burrator class can be left unsupervised before the gate is opened at 8.35am each morning. Parents / carers must stay with all children in the younger classes.

Diary Dates

Sunday 15th November – Admissions Portal opens for Reception pupils for September 2021

Monday 16th – Friday 20th November – Anti Bullying Week

Thursday 3rd December – Flu Immunisation, Reception – Year 6

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas lunch – Devon Norse

Friday 18th December – End of Term

Monday 4th January – Pupils return

Monday 15th February – Half term starts

Tuesday 23rd February – Pupils return

Thursday 1st April – Last day of term

Christmas Celebrations

This year our Christmas celebrations will be very different at St Mary's due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Obviously we will be unable to invite parents / carers into school or use the Abbey in the same way as usual. Instead, each class will record an activity linked to their work in RE lessons, which will be shared with parents / carers as a video link on the school website on the last week of term.

CPRE - 2021 Calendars

A message from CPRE:-

"We were so delighted with the standard of the paintings this year in our competition for Devon's primary school children, that we have produced a Devon CPRE 2021 calendar featuring some of the entries. (*Two of which are by children at St Mary's*).

It is A4 in size and, we think you will agree, this is a really colourful calendar and an ideal Christmas gift! Funds raised will go to our charity and our campaigns to try to protect our beautiful countryside and green spaces. The calendars cost £7 each. To see them go to: <https://www.cpredevon.org.uk/2021-calendars-for-sale-an-ideal-christmas-gift/> If you would like to buy several calendars, and would prefer to pay by cheque (payable to CPRE Devon) or bank transfer please let us know. info@cpredevon.org.uk or tel: 01392 966737"

Safeguarding

Parents have reported concerns with an online game 'Among us', which was downloaded via the play store. One of our families reported some inappropriate chat taking place.

"Among Us" is an online multiplayer social deduction game. The game takes place in a space-themed setting, in which players each take on one of two roles, most being Crewmates, and a predetermined number being Impostors. The age guide is 7+ but is played by all ages.

Prayer Focus

This week's word is 'talent' and is based on St Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 35 verses 14-30. The parable that Jesus told his disciples in this week's Gospel reminds us to use our own gifts and talents the best way that we can. Also, by looking at the talents of those people around us rather than concentrating on their faults, will make the world a more positive and encouraging place. The Wednesday Word leaflet can be accessed at:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/talent?pid=MTA101634&v=9.9>

Our prayer this week is:

Dear Lord Jesus
Help us to develop our talents and to know how we can use them for the good of others in this coming week.
Amen.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for the Poppy Appeal. We were pleased to send a heavy collection box back to the British Legion for counting!



Parent Progression Team

The Parent Progression Team is working in partnership with the Action For Children Children's Centres, to support parents across Devon who wish to have support to gain employment. They take referrals for parents who have at least one child under the age of 8 years, who is living in their household. They can help parents improve their job skills, work experience and work confidence. If you would like further information, further information is available by:

telephoning Sue 07999 879367 or Jane 07547 958156;

emailing: enquiriesppt@eci.org.uk or through their website:

<https://parentprogression.eci.org.uk/>

Children In Need

Thank you to everyone who entered a poster for the Children in Need poster competition. Fr Francis kindly judged the entries. All entries were rewarded with a Pudsey sticker and the following children were awarded Pudsey ears for their efforts:-

Archie H, Braxton
Cici, Theo S-G
Theo C, Isabel
Honey-rose, Ryan
Holly B-D

Also, well done to Dylan who has arranged a stall outside his house before school today which will be there all day. Various baked goods and jams available for a donation only.



Congratulations!



Building Learning Power - All Stars

Meldon – Eric
Venford – Braxton
Avon – Cally
Fernworthy – Theo C
Burrator – Priya

Witness of the Week

Meldon – Sonny
Venford – Archie H
Avon – Bridie
Fernworthy – Mariska
Burrator – Taylor