



Holiday Activities Food

Be Buckfastleigh has secured funding to run Holidays Activities Food (HAF) sessions for the children in Buckfastleigh over the Easter Holiday. The scheme is Government funded and although was originally aimed at children eligible for free school meals, the remit has now been widened and it is now intended to run as "Hello Spring" - open to all comers.

They will have activities each day - Covid secure and within national guidelines. Week 1 is mostly self-guided activity, week 2 will be supervised outdoor play with equipment in the park.

There will be a variety of free lunches available Tuesday to Friday in week 1 and Monday to Friday in week 2. This will include top quality take away packed lunches, freshly made meals, and a chip shop treat.

Saints SW have also been given funding from the HAF programme to provide FREE places at their Easter holiday camps to children who are classed as "Vulnerable" and those who are entitled to benefits-related Free School Meals. The courses are available for children aged 4-11. During the Easter camps, the children will learn a variety of skills such as:

Teamwork, resilience, building self-esteem, skill practice, being active and having fun, football skills and much more.

In addition to this, any child who is considered to be vulnerable, FSM (or families who are struggling and would benefit from this) will receive a FREE NUTRITIOUS meal on the day as well as a FREE BOTTLE AND FOOTBALL.

The days are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, and the nearest location is at Coombeshead Academy, Newton Abbot, TQ12 1PT on Thursdays.

Booking form and more information can be accessed via the following link:

<https://saints-southwest.class4kids.co.uk/info/732>

Easter Eggs and Holidays

We start our Easter holidays today and wish you a peaceful and relaxing break. Hopefully there will be some good weather to allow us to meet safely outdoors with friends and family over the next couple of weeks.

All the children are bringing home an Easter Egg today, kindly funded by FOSMs. Thank you also to Mr and Mrs Teeder who collected them for us. We look forward to seeing all the children back when they return to school on Monday 19th April.

Meldon "Collection Point"

Just a reminder that, after the Easter holidays, we will be welcoming a number of new pupils to Meldon Class. To ease congestion at the end of the morning sessions, after Easter, please could parents / carers collect their child from the car park, where children are dropped off in the mornings, rather than from Meldon gates. Thank you.

School Uniform

If you need any uniform, we have supplies in school and we also have some second hand items (@30p per item, proceeds to FOSMs), which have been quarantined, so can also be sent home.

Please phone the office for further information or to request items. Just a reminder that you can also order online directly from Brigade (<http://www.brigade.uk.com>).

Safeguarding

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub

If you are worried about a child or young person in Devon and want to speak to someone, you can contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub for Devon, known as MASH, on 0345 155 1071

or email:- mashsecure@devon.gov.uk

You can do this anonymously if you prefer. Please give as much information as you can.

Prayer Focus

The Wednesday Word is still being produced electronically and can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/easter-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=23.4>

and on our school website:

<https://www.st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk/catholic-life/the-wednesday-word/>

The Wednesday Word for this week is 'Easter'. This week is Holy Week and this coming Sunday is Easter Sunday. Easter Day is the most important day in the Church's calendar. This day reminds us that Jesus, the Son of God, offers each one of us a share in his everlasting life and happiness.

Our prayer this week is:

Dear Lord Jesus

Thank you for this Sunday's wonderful celebration of your resurrection. Please bless my family with new life throughout the great season of Easter.

Amen

Achievement Assemblies

Well done to the following children:

Pupil of the Term

Meldon – Fraser

Venford – Adsie

Avon - Cici

Fernworthy – Rebecca

Burrator – Esme



Easter Bonnet Winners

Meldon – Leo

Venford – Jack C

Avon – Kyree

Fernworthy – Amélie

Burrator – Lily



Many thanks to Tony (one of our governors) and Maggie Luscombe for judging the bonnets this year.

Free School Meals

Eligibility for benefits-related Free School Meals entitles support in a number of forms, not just the payment of school meals. It also entitles your child to additional funding through the school called Pupil Premium. This continues not only whilst you are eligible for FSM but also for six years afterwards so can be an important help as your child continues through school. Entitlement to FSM will also allow you access to schemes like the Holiday Activities Food programme mentioned in this letter. You can quickly check if you are eligible by visiting the following website:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>
You can also call 0345 155 1019.

PE and Sports Clubs

Just a reminder that the Saints SW After School Clubs will start immediately after Easter and will be as follows:

Tuesday - Meldon

Friday - Venford and Avon

The Clubs will run to 4.30 and Coach Ben will bring the children to the car park at the end of the session.

PE days will be the same as they are now:-

Meldon - Wednesday and Friday

Venford - Tuesday and Wednesday

Avon - Monday and Friday

Fernworthy - Tuesday and Friday

Burrator - Tuesday and Thursday

Please can the children come into school wearing their PE kit on these days.

Attendance Figures

Here are the attendance figures for last week:

20th – 26th March 2021

Meldon	99.50%
Venford	95.45%
Avon	95.00%
Fernworthy	98.40%
Burrator	96.15%
Whole school This week	96.98%