



## Farewell and Thank you

Some of you may already be aware that Fr Francis, who has been our Chair of Governors for a number of years, has been given a new role in North Devon.

We wish him well in his new position and send him our very grateful thanks for all he has done for the school.

Thank you, Fr Francis!

## Captain Tom 100

On 6 April 2020, Captain Tom Moore set out round his garden to thank our NHS heroes. One hundred laps later, he'd raised an incredible £38.9 million for the NHS Covid-19 appeal. His simple message of hope – "Tomorrow will be a good day" – inspired millions around the world and brought comfort and joy to so many during the pandemic.

Today, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April would have been Captain Sir Tom's 101<sup>st</sup> birthday. The Captain Tom Foundation are inviting people to take on a challenge based around 100 which can be completed over the next few days. The challenge could be to read 100 pages in a book, give 100 compliments, run 100 metres, learn to count to 100 or solve maths problems to do with the number 100. You can just complete the challenge for fun, or donate to The Captain Tom Foundation (<https://www.captaintom100.com>) or to your chosen good cause.

## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May** – Recycling workshops

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – Class Photos, 1.30pm

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May** – First Day of Half Term

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Non Pupil day

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June** – Pupils return

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June** – Recycling workshops

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – SDCC Transition Day

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – Last Day of Term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September** – Pupils return

## Class Photographs

Tempest Photography will be coming to take the class photographs this Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May. The company are unable to produce the 'vista' style photographs that we have requested over the past few years, due to their COVID risk assessments, but are still able to offer the more traditional style photographs.

A 'proof' copy of your child's class photograph will be sent home next week, along with instructions on how to place your order.

## Saints SW Sports Clubs

Just a reminder that After School Clubs are currently running for Meldon on Tuesdays and Venford and Avon on Fridays, from 3.30 to 4.30pm. After half term, the clubs will be open to KS2 as follows:-

Tuesday – Fernworthy

Friday - Burrator.

## Safeguarding

### The Big Ask

Children's Commissioner's survey for children and young people

The Big Ask is a survey being led by the Children's Commissioner for England for children and young people aged 4-17 in England (split into 4 age categories).

The results of the survey will be used to show the government what children and young people think, and what children need to live happier lives. There is an opportunity for both children and adults to complete the survey so, if you would like your child, and you, to take part, please click on the following link:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

It should take no more than 5-10 mins to complete.

## Prayer Focus

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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/growing?pid=MTA101634&v=25.6>

and on our school website:

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

This week's word is 'Growing' and links with the Gospel reading from St John's Gospel, Chapter 15, verses 1-8. The reading reminds us that we cannot 'grow' by ourselves but that we need God, our families and wider communities to help us throughout our lives.

This week, think about ways in which you could 'grow in goodness' – perhaps you could always try to be fair with others, choose to do the right thing (even if it isn't always easy!) or try to be patient.

Our prayer this week is:

Dear Lord Jesus

Thank you for the people who help us to grow in your love and peace and help us to keep growing in goodness.

Amen

## Achievement Assemblies

Well done to the following children:

**Building Learning Power - All Stars**

Meldon – Thomas  
Venford – Jonathan  
Avon - Jenson  
Fernworthy – Neo  
Burrator – Ryan

**Witness of the Week**

Meldon – Ella  
Venford – Jessica  
Avon – Bridie  
Fernworthy – Amelie  
Burrator – Dylan



## CAST Parental Questionnaire

Dear Parent / Carer

The Board of Directors of the Trust and Senior Executive Team are very interested in gathering the views of parents/carers as part of our ongoing work and in order to support future developments.

We would be very grateful if parents/carers could kindly spend a few minutes completing the questionnaire by Wednesday 5th May 2021.

The guarantee of individual anonymity will apply fully to this questionnaire. Your feedback and observations are invaluable and the questionnaire results will give us a benchmark against which we can judge future improvement.

Please note all completed questionnaires are analysed by QDP Services, an independent data processing company, who will treat all responses in the strictest confidence.

Yours Sincerely

The Board of Directors and Senior Executive Team

Link to questionnaire:

<https://www.qdpsurvey.co.uk/OnlineQuestionnaire?code=2360-34432-26193162>

## Attendance Figures

These are the attendance figures for last week:

**17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021**

Meldon	<b>98.03%</b>
Venford	<b>100.0%</b>
Avon	<b>97.50%</b>
Fernworthy	<b>96.92%</b>
Burrator	<b>95.00%</b>
<b>Whole school This week Year to date</b>	<b>97.39% 96.36%</b>

Well done, Venford, for achieving 100%!!