



Laudato Si' Week

Laudato Si' Week 16th to 25th May 2021

Five years ago, Pope Francis invited everyone on the planet to care for our common home. He did this in an encyclical, or papal, letter. Each year we are invited to reflect on how we can do this in our lives during a special "Laudato Si' Week". We will be talking to the children about this in class next week and further information can be found at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical>

As a school, we have also signed up to the Let's Go Zero 2030 Climate Challenge for schools which unites schools in working towards becoming carbon zero by 2030:

<https://letsgozero.org>.

Mental Health Awareness

Although Children's Mental Health week was held earlier in the year, this week marks a more general Mental Health awareness week (10th - 16th May). There is a website dedicated to this topic, which can be accessed from the following link:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/campaigns> .

This year's theme is connecting with nature. Research has shown that being in nature can have a positive impact on our mental health and general wellbeing, so the campaign is encouraging people to take time to experience the outdoors as part of their daily routine.

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 24th May** – Photo order deadline
- Monday 31st May** – First Day of Half Term
- Monday 7th June** – Non Pupil day
- Tuesday 8th June** – Pupils return
- Wednesday 9th June** – Recycling workshops
- Monday 28th June** – Burrator Activities Week
- Tuesday 6th July** – Yr 6 Transition Day
- Wednesday 7th July** – Yr 6 Transition Day
- Thursday 8th July** – Yr6 Transition Day
- Friday 23rd July** – Last Day of Term
- Monday 6th September** – Pupils return

Outdoor Education

From next week, Outdoor Education sessions, run by the staff from Buckfast Abbey's Education Centre, will resume. The children are split into groups for these sessions, so during the summer term all of the children will have the chance to take part in the programme.

The following children will have sessions first, and so will need to have wellies and waterproof coats (and trousers!) with them on the following days:

- Monday – Burrator (YEAR 5)
- Tuesday – Avon Class
- Wednesday – Fernworthy (YEAR 3)

The children are always very enthusiastic about these sessions and I am sure they will enjoy them all the more this year, having missed out last year due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

SOE3 Permission Forms

Today, the children will all be bringing home the SOE3 permission forms (usually sent out in September) which will allow local visits to go ahead. Please could these be returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe online

The following link <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net> contains information for parents / carers which contains six key tips for keeping children safe online

(<https://static.lgfl.net/LgflNet/downloads/digital-safe/Parent-Top-Tips-Safe-Online-Corona.pdf>).

These are:

- aim for quality screen time,
- check safety settings are on,
- encourage children to share their apps and games,
- talk through anything in the news which is worrying your child and
- remind children about online safety rules.

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/care?pid=MTA101634&v=27.8>

and on our school website:

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

The word for this week is 'care'. When do you experience God's care? This is something which we all experience in different ways and at different times of our lives. This Sunday's Gospel reading (St John Chapter 17, verses 11-19) reminds us that God cares for each one of us and invites us to care for others too. Is there someone who needs your care at the moment? Alternatively, you could make a promise to care for the world, which links in with our focus on Laudato Si' in the forthcoming week.

Our prayer this week is:

Dear Lord Jesus

Please help us to take care of the needs of others, to care for creation and to continue your work in the world, with a loving and caring heart.

Amen

Achievement Assemblies

Well done to the following children:

Building Learning Power - All Stars

Meldon – Oakley

Venford – Jack C

Avon - Evangeline

Fernworthy – Sebastian

Burrator – Caoimhin



Witness of the Week

Meldon – Reuben M

Venford – Felix

Avon – Alex

Fernworthy – Eva

Burrator – Holly B-D



"Goodie Box" Project

Following the success of this initiative in the Easter Holidays, Devon County Council are running the Goodie Box project again for half term. The Goodie Box is predominantly aimed at families with children aged 0-5.

Families can receive a delivery directly to their door with some exciting new recipes to try as a family, along with the food to make them. The box will also contain cress seeds to grow together, an activity book and top tips on how to stay healthy, prevent food waste and other support available. If you would like to receive one of these boxes, please let the office know by Wednesday 19th May. Parents / carers will need to give consent for their address / email / phone number to be shared with Goodie Box organisers, so that the boxes can be sent directly to their home address.

Class Photographs

The photograph order forms are being sent home today. Please return your order form to school or place an order online no later than Monday 24th May to avoid paying postal delivery charges. Thank you.

Attendance Figures

These are the attendance figures for last week:

1st – 7th May 2021

Meldon	96.49%
Venford	94.57%
Avon	100.0%
Fernworthy	93.27%
Burrator	92.31%
Whole school This week	94.88%
Year to date	96.24%

Congratulations to Avon on achieving 100% attendance!

Congratulations!

Well done, also to Felix who was invested into the Beavers this week and was very proud to receive a certificate and, most importantly, his necker.