



Laudato Si' Week

Laudato Si' Week 2021

This week, in school, we have celebrated Laudato Si' Week.

As part of this, the children have been thinking of ways of trying to take better care of the world. Our Fair Trade Ambassadors, Lily and Taylor, are running a campaign to promote Fair Trade products. They are asking families to think about replacing one of your usual choices for a Fair Trade product when you next visit the supermarket.

Next week they are also going to talk to staff about swapping to Fair Trade tea and coffee in school.

SOE3 Permission Forms

Last week, all the children brought home the SOE3 permission forms (usually sent out in September) which will allow local visits to go ahead. The children in Burrator also brought home a permission form for their Activities week at the end of June and another one for swimming sessions which start after half term.

If you haven't done so already, please could these forms be returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Please note – the children in Venford Class are hoping to go on a walk in the Abbey grounds on Tuesday and this will not be able to go ahead if all their SOE3 forms have not been returned

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

Wed 9th June – Recycling workshops

Mon 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

Uniform

Just a reminder that the children are expected to wear normal school uniform in class, now that the colder weather has passed. Also, all children must bring in a coat to wear for going out at break times and, in addition, please could the children who are doing outdoor education bring wellies and waterproof coats (and trousers!) with them on the following days:

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

Also, we ask that children with hair longer than shoulder length, i.e. past their shoulders, tie it back to reduce the transmission of headlice which appear from time to time. Please note, hair accessories must be discrete and brown / black or school colours.

Class Photographs

Order deadline – This Monday

Please return your order form to school or place an order online no later than this Monday, 24th May, to avoid paying postal delivery charges. Thank you.

Safeguarding

NHS Talkworks - IAPT Service for Devon

This is a free, confidential, NHS talking therapy service, part of IAPT (Improving Access to Psychological Therapies), for people (aged 18+) in Devon, helping them to feel better and giving them the tools and techniques to improve mental and physical wellbeing. Taking care of ourselves means that we are able to take care of our children even better. So, if the way that you are feeling is affecting your daily life, you are struggling to cope, feeling low, anxious or overwhelmed by your thoughts and feelings or living with a health condition that is making you feel tired, frustrated and worried, NHS Talkworks can help. For more information go to:-

<https://www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk/>

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/peace?pid=MTA101634&v=28.9>

and on our school website:

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

This week's word is "Peace". The Gospel reading comes from St John and reminds us that God sent the Holy Spirit to provide support and help in challenging times. It also reminds us of the inner peace which comes from following God and knowing that he loves all of us. Mother Teresa said "Peace begins with a smile." How we can share God's love and peace with others this week?

Our prayer this week is:

Dear God
Thank you for our special time together.
Please help us to know your perfect peace and to share that peace with those around us.
Amen

Achievement Assemblies

Well done to the following children:

Building Learning Power - All Stars

Meldon – Ella
Venford – Rosanna
Avon - Emmeline
Fernworthy – Conrad
Burrator – Leyton

Witness of the Week

Meldon – Eric
Venford – Charlie T
Avon – Kyree
Fernworthy – Winnie
Burrator – Ruby

Abbey Choristers

As you may be aware, at St Mary's, we have run a successful chorister programme for the past few years in conjunction with Buckfast Abbey's Music Department. This opportunity is open to all pupils in Year 3 and above.

In preparation for the next intake in September, there will be a 'taster session' in school for the children in the current Year 2. There will also be an opportunity for parents / carers to meet with those who run the programme.

The taster session is planned to take place in June - further details to follow.

Parents / carers with children in older year groups who are interested in the Chorister Programme can contact Mr Searles, Assistant Master of the Music, direct on:-
msearles@buckfast.org.uk

Sports Club

After half term, our sports clubs, run by Saints SW, will be as follows:

Fernworthy Class - Tuesdays 3.30 - 4.30pm

Burrator Class – Fridays 3.30 - 4.30pm

Please could you let us know if your child would like to take part. Thank you.

Toucan Box

We have been sent samples of some back copies of educational magazines from a company called Toucan Box. The magazines contain a variety of activities which you may like to do at home. These have been given out to each child today with the newsletter.

Attendance Figures

These are the attendance figures for last week:

8th – 14th May 2021

Meldon	98.62%
Venford	98.26%
Avon	97.50%
Fernworthy	99.23%
Burrator	95.38%
Whole school This week Year to date	97.78% 96.31%

