



Annual Reports

The Annual Reports have now been sent to parents / carers, along with the change in teachers and the plan for classes for September.

We have received a few queries relating to the change of class structure for Year 1 and 2 from September.

This forthcoming year we have a large group of Year 2 pupils and a much smaller group of Year 1 children, so to make the two classes more evenly balanced in terms of numbers, we decided to create two mixed age, mixed ability classes. Friendship groups were considered as part of this process and the two groups will still be together at playtimes and lunchtimes and for any additional enrichment activities, e.g. class trips. In addition, for some curriculum areas, such as phonics and maths, pupils will spilt and be taught in their specific year groups.

This week, the current class teachers will be contacting parents / carers who have requested a phone meeting to discuss their child's annual reports. The class teachers have been visiting their new pupils this afternoon to introduce themselves as part of the transition process.

Safeguarding

MASH

As we are about to start the summer holidays, just a reminder that if you have any concerns about any children, you can report your concerns to the MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) for Devon. Their website is:

<https://www.dcfp.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/multi-agency-safeguarding-hub-in-devon/>

The contact number is 0345 155 1071 or you can email at:

mashsecure@devon.sch.uk. If a child is at immediate risk contact the police on 999.

Live Simply Award

I am pleased to inform you that St Mary's has been awarded the Live Simply Award. This is something that the school has been working on since the end of 2019, but with COVID 19 some of the work took longer to complete.

It is awarded to communities who can show how they have been living:

- simply
- in solidarity with people in poverty
- sustainably with creation.

At St Mary's the environmental work that we have undertaken including recycling, Laudato Si activities, community projects such as the food bank collections and our work on Fair Trade.

I was also delighted to hear that St Mary's is also the first school in the whole of the Plymouth Diocese (which covers an area from Cornwall to Dorset) to receive the award. Further information about the award can be found at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Livesimply-award>

It is hoped that someone from CAFOD will come to St Mary's to present the award this week.

Peripatetic music

As many of you are aware, Miss Hannah Deasy will be leaving St Mary's at the end of this term – we shall be sad to see her go but wish her well with her future studies.

We are hoping that the singing and piano lessons that Hannah has been teaching will be taught in September by members of the Abbey music department. Please could you confirm whether you would like these music lessons to continue in September so that I can organise timetables accordingly.

I have also had people ask about starting music lessons so if your child would like tuition in piano, drums or singing please let me know by the end of term.

Prayer Focus

This week's Wednesday Word is a bumper edition which covers all of the weeks of the summer holiday and can be accessed on the school website under the Catholic Life tab, or directly via the following link: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/summer-holidays?pid=MTA101634&p=7&v=35.1>

Our prayer this week is the Lord's Prayer:

*Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.*

Wear It Wild Day

Thank you for supporting Fernworthy's Wear it Wild Day last week. I think we were all impressed with some of the innovative ideas for animal costumes and masks on display across all of the classes last week. If you haven't had chance to send in your donation yet – it's not too late! Please send it to the office before the end of term. Thank you.

Sport Club & Activities

All of the classes have now had their special sports activities event instead of the annual sports day. Photographs of each class are currently being uploaded onto the school website as a lasting record of the event. Please note that there will be sports club tomorrow for Fernworthy but there will be **no club on the last day of term for Burrator.**

South Dartmoor College

We have had invitations from South Dartmoor Community College for parents / carers to visit next term whose child is in Year 5 or 6. The open evenings are scheduled for 21st September and 29th September at 6pm. Further details are attached to the email.

Catholic Children's Society

Thank you to the children who prepared for the Catholic Children's Society Mass last week, held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at the Abbey. Although unfortunately our choristers were unable to attend due to limited numbers available on the day, some of our Pupil Chaplains represented St Mary's and read during the service. They read extremely well and received lots of positive feedback from those who attended the Mass.

Remember!

Non-uniform Day – Last day of term – **Friday 23rd July**

Congratulations!



Well done to the following children:

Building Learning Power

Meldon
Venford
Avon
Fernworthy
Burrator

Witness of the Week

Meldon
Venford
Avon
Fernworthy
Burrator

Also well done to **Burrator Class** who entered a Space Jobs Challenge and were all awarded certificates for their entries.

Attendance Figures

These are the attendance figures for the week before last:

3rd – 9th July 2021

Meldon	94.92%
Venford	96.51%
Avon	96.20%
Fernworthy	99.20%
Burrator	98.40%
Whole school	
This week	97.15%
Year to date	96.37%