



Thank you and farewell

As we come to the end of another challenging year, I would like to thank all our parents and carers for the support you have shown us through the difficult times and for your co-operation whenever we have had to change arrangements to accommodate our Covid risk assessments. Thank you also, on behalf of all the staff, for the cards and gifts we have received. Mrs Freeborn, in particular, asked if I could pass on her thanks for your gifts and well wishes as she starts her retirement.

We would like to wish our Year 6 children well as they leave us and move on to their secondary schools. We were able to have a brief assembly this morning, which parents and carers of the year 6 children were able to attend. Fortunately, the weather was perfect – not too hot and not too cold and, most importantly, dry – which meant we were able to have a Covid secure event on the field.

After School Sports Club

There will be sports clubs next term but there will be no clubs during the first week back. Details will be sent out in September.

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.

Next term

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 6th September.

With regard to Covid restrictions, we will be carrying out our risk assessments in the latter part of the summer holiday and a letter will be sent to all families advising them of the drop off and collection arrangements.

However, as mentioned before, the timings will remain as they are now:-

Morning drop off between 8.35 and 9.00 am. The gate at the top of the field will be closed at 9am.

Afternoon collection will be:-

3.10 pm for the children in Meldon, Venford and Avon except for those children on school transport or with older siblings in the school.

3.30 pm for the children in Fernworthy, Burrator and those children on school transport or with older siblings in the school. This helps to ease the congestion in the car park, particularly at the end of the school day.

Staffing

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Field to St Mary's next term who will be joining us as a teaching assistant.

Miss Haworth will be helping across various classes but will not have a class responsibility next term.

Wear It Wild Day

Thank you for supporting Fernworthy's Wear it Wild Day last week. Altogether, £82 was raised for the WWF. The children in Fernworthy have voted to adopt a tiger and a turtle for a year. This means they will get a cuddly toy, a welcome pack and regular updates on how the donation is supporting the work of the WWF.



Prayer Focus

This week's Wednesday Word is from a bumper edition which covers all 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>

This week's word is "help" and the reading is taken from the Gospel of St John Chapter 6, verses 1-15. This reading tells the story of the feeding of the five thousand with five loaves and two fishes. The Gospel reminds us of the tremendous help that Jesus offers to all people, the help we often experience through the actions of the people around us. Ask your child who has helped them recently. What did that person do that was such a help? You may want to share an experience of being helped by your children or other people and describe the difference that this help made to your life.

Our prayer this week is:

Dear Lord Jesus

Thank you for your love and help.

*Please help us to see the needs of others,
and give us a growing desire to help others.*

Amen.

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 will be sent with this letter.

Attendance Figures

These are the attendance figures for last week:

10th – 16th July 2021

Meldon	88.46%
Venford	97.25%
Avon	91.25%
Fernworthy	98.43%
Burrator	96.09%
Whole school This week	94.56%
Year to date	96.31%

So, although it has been a very disrupted year, we have beaten our original target of 96% attendance. This means that, overall, pupils were in school, whenever the restrictions allowed, for more than 96% of the time that they should have been.

Well done everyone!

Congratulations!

Year 6 Awards

BLP – Taylor, Renais

Sheila Cocks – Katie

Laudato Si – Lily

Curriculum – Oscar

John Muir (individual) – Leyton

Catholic virtues – Ryan

RE award – Dani

Progress award – Holly BD

Citizenship – Caoimhin

Sports – Hollie P

Spirit of Devon – Dylan

Helen Foundation – Esme

John Muir (group) – Year 6

Pupils of the Term

Meldon – Thomas

Venford – Maria

Avon – Nevaeh

Fernworthy – Eva

Burrator – Isaac

WOW Awards

Amélie

Abigail



Bikeability – Levels 1 and 2

Honey-rose Taylor

Lily Dylan

Holly Dani

Caoimhin Esme

Ruby

Torbay and Devon Civic Award

Dylan Lily

Oscar Renais

Hollie P Esme

Caoimhin Ryan

Holly B-D Dani