



Pupil Progress Meetings

As mentioned at the end of the summer term, we would like to consult with parents / carers about how to conduct Pupil Progress meetings this academic year. Prior to COVID, these took place face to face in school and then with restrictions due to the pandemic, we had to conduct these conversations virtually by phone. We had some informal feedback from parents / carers about which system they preferred so we thought it would be useful to get an opinion from families before making a decision about how these will be carried out over the coming year, obviously dependent on COVID restrictions. Please could you return the slip being sent out with this newsletter, indicating your preference for either face to face or "virtual" meetings.

Flu Immunisation

This year your child will be offered a free flu vaccination in school and the Flu Immunisation Team will shortly be sending communication via the school with regards to consent for this. They have had an unprecedented demand for their early community Flu vaccination clinics and these early clinics are now full. Most children and young people will be vaccinated in school as in other years and the team will be visiting schools from now until January 2022. (The date for St Mary's is Thursday 18th November). They will be arranging further community clinics for children who are clinically vulnerable or who have missed their immunisation in the school setting. As soon as there are more clinics available to book into, further information will be sent out. In the meantime, the team have asked that people do not call into the Single Point of Access (SPA) to book a community clinic appointment.

RSE curriculum

Last year, we, at St Mary's, started to use "Life to the Full", produced by the Catholic educational organization, Ten Ten, to deliver the Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) curriculum and the statutory Relationship and Health Education. "Life to the Full" is based on a model curriculum produced by the Catholic Education Service and was highlighted as a work of good practice by the Department for Education. At the time, parents / carers were invited to look at the resources and comment on these before the school started to use them with the children.

As we have some new families who have joined the school this year, I thought that it might be useful to remind parents / carers of the login for the resources so that you can look at what your child will learn about in class if you wished.

To access the resources please go to:
<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

username: st-mary-tq11

password: blue-angel

If you wish to discuss any of this content further, please speak to Miss Haworth, who is our subject lead for PSHE, or Miss Slack.

Safeguarding

Domestic abuse is any type of threatening or violent behaviour between people in a relationship. Being exposed and witnessing this sort of behaviour can seriously harm children and young people. Further information about domestic abuse and the impact it can have on children can be found on the NSPCC website:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/domestic-abuse/#support>
If you feel that you are affected by domestic abuse, there is help available in Devon from the Devon Domestic Abuse Support Service (admin@devon.splitz.org or contact the helpline on 0345 155 1074, Monday to Friday 9-5pm)
<https://victimcaredevonandcornwall.org.uk/Victim-Support/Devon-Domestic-Abuse-Support-Service/>

Prayer Focus

Each week, we include a short reflection on the Gospel reading for the week. The school also subscribes to a weekly booklet called The Wednesday Word that can be accessed on our website or via the following link:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/goodness?pid=MTA101634&v=38.19>

This week's chosen word is 'goodness'. The Gospel from this week comes from St Mark (Chapter 9 verses 38-43, 45, 47-48). Throughout the gospels, Jesus tells us that we are not here only for ourselves – we're here for others to improve the lives of everyone around us with love, care and goodness. When we do something for others, no matter how small, we are showing God's goodness at work in our lives.

Our prayer this week is:

Dear Lord Jesus

You are the source of all goodness. Thank you for all the people who help us to grow in goodness and become the best person we can be.

Amen

PE Kit

Thank you to all the children who have been remembering week to come to school in their PE kits when it is their class's day for PE. As the days start to become a little cooler, and, as the children now wear their PE kit all day, the children can wear tracksuit bottoms or leggings over, but not instead of, their PE shorts.

Healthy Tuck Shop

We have a healthy tuck shop available in school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Each item is 40p and includes dried fruit, cereal and fruit bars. If you would like your child to have tuck, please send in some money with your child – ideally in an envelope with their name on.

School Councillors

Our school councillors for this term are:

Harrison G, Archie V (both newly elected this term), **Jessica, Rainn, Matilda, Robun, Rumer, Mariska, Toby, Riley W, Honey-rose and Grayson.**

Our Year 6 prefects this year are:

Mental Health – **Suzie, Cherry**

Fairtrade – **Lolly, Aiden**

Tuckshop – **Madeleine, Ruby**

Environmentalists – **Honey-rose, Courtney**

Librarians – **Sophia, Leon**

Digital Leaders – **Isaac, Grayson**

Peer Mediator - **Priya**

Attendance Figures

These are the attendance figures for last week:

17th – 23rd September 2021

Meldon	95.00%
Venford	100.0%
Avon	95.00%
Fernworthy	90.74%
Burrator	97.04%
Whole school This week Year to date	95.32% 96.87%

Congratulations!



Well done to the following children (two weeks of celebration):

Building Learning Power

Meldon **Aubrey, Adaline**
 Venford **Sonny, Archie V**
 Avon **Maria, Thomas**
 Fernworthy **Jenson, Matilda**
 Burrator **Cherry, Isabel**

Witness of the Week

Meldon **Maisie, Leo**
 Venford **Ava Y, Ayrton**
 Avon **Charlie T, Scarlett**
 Fernworthy **Rebecca, Rumer**
 Burrator **Abi, Ruby**