



# NEWSLETTER

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

BUCKFAST

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to those children who took their First Holy Communion last Sunday in the Abbey Church: Bridie, Ned, Peter, Ayrton, Scarlett, Maria, Bertie H and Tristan.

## Choristers

Following their final Mass of the academic year yesterday, the Abbey Choristers had their official photo taken. There is one final chance to hear them, in their end of term concert on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm in the Abbey Church.



## Rugby Tournament

Just a reminder that the Exeter Chiefs rugby tournament has been re-arranged for next Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July. Therefore please could children in Venford, Avon and Fernworthy come dressed in PE kit on Tuesday and also come with sun hats, suntan lotion and warm, waterproof clothing to cater for any and all weather conditions!

## No Clubs on Thursday

**Please note : Due to staffing availability (many staff are out helping with Burrator Activities Week) there will be no After School Clubs next Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> July Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused.**

## FOSMs



**Summer Fete  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

**2 - 5pm on the School Field**



Just a reminder about the FOSMs Summer Fete:

- Stalls available to rent at £5 per table
- Non-uniform Day – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July in return for tombola items

### **Wanted**

- Clean hummus and takeaway pots
- Good condition bric-a-brac
- Tombola items
- Helpers on the day and beforehand!

The Year 6 children will be helping with the fete and we will be sending home a permission slip to ask if they can stay until 4.30pm.

## Safeguarding

### **TikTok**

TikTok is a popular app recommended for use by those aged 13 and above. There are a number of things for adults to consider, to help their child to stay safe.

The following two websites contain practical information about how you might do this:

Parents' Ultimate Guide to TikTok (Commonsense Media)

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>

TikTok app safety – What parents need to know (Internet Matters)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/e-safety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

## Prayer Focus

The school 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/god-s-kingdom?pid=MTA101634&v=64.5>

This week's chosen words are 'God's kingdom.' The Gospel reading for Sunday tells the story of how Jesus sent his disciples into the world to share God's message of love with others. We can see the kingdom of Jesus through, for example, the kind actions and words of others. By our actions and words, we can 'grow' God's kingdom around us in our daily lives. Perhaps this week you could try to share more, support a charity or support a friend or family member who is in need.

Our prayer this week is:

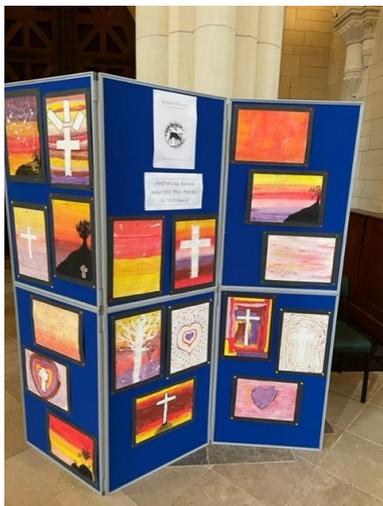
Dear Lord Jesus

Help us build your kingdom in our hearts and in the world - to do your work on earth with love and care for all.

Amen

## Music Festival

This week, Burrator Class represented St Mary's at a music festival around the theme of St Peter, held at Buckfast Abbey for a number of local Catholic schools in Plymouth Diocese. The children had learnt the music prior to the event and the music was led by Mr Searles and Mr Arkwright from Buckfast Abbey on the day. Pupils also completed some artwork based on 'courage', which was displayed in the Abbey Church.



## Sunflower Competition

Thank you to those people who had sent through sunflower photographs (well done, Archie V and Hazel who have sent photographs this week). If anyone else would like to send a photograph of their sunflower, please email this to the school admin address:

admin@st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk



## Uniform and Coats

Just a reminder that children should be in school uniform at all times, including school PE kit.

There have been a number of children not wearing full school uniform over the last couple of weeks. Please talk to the school if there are any difficulties with uniform. Also, please ensure your child has a coat in school each day as the weather can be very changeable at the moment. Although we have a small number of spare coats in school, we do not always have sufficient for all of the children who have come into school without raincoats.

## Sports Days

**Reception & KS1 – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July**  
**KS2 – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

Both will follow the same format:

9.30 – 10.30 Carousel activities

11.00 – 12.00 Flat races

Parents and carers are very welcome to join us for these events.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Organised by charity The Reading Agency ([www.readingagency.org.uk](http://www.readingagency.org.uk)) and the UK public library network since 1999, the Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11. The Summer Reading Challenge combines FREE access to books with fun, creative activities during the summer holidays. Throughout the Challenge, library staff and young volunteers support the children, helping them to discover new authors and illustrators and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading.

### How the Challenge works

- Children sign up through their local library and receive a Gadgeteers collector poster.
- Children set a reading goal and borrow and read library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their poster and extra incentives along the way.
- Library staff and volunteers are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities.
- Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal.
- The official Challenge website hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer.

For further information, visit the following website:  
[www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

## Maisy Milk fundraiser

Just a reminder to save some money in an empty plastic milk bottle to support the work of the charity Aid for the Church in Need. There will be badges and certificates awarded to those children who return a container before the last day of term.

## Mini Police

Yesterday, PC Perrins returned to St Mary's to celebrate all of the work that the Mini Police have carried out over the past few weeks. They worked on identifying something in the community that they wanted to improve and discussed anti-social behaviour. Children from Burrator created posters reminding people not to graffiti in the local park and carried out some litter picking. Each member of the group was awarded with a certificate and were given the chance to look at a police vehicle close up!



## Leavers' Assembly

Assembly - Thursday 21st July  
 9.15am in the School Hall

Parents and carers of the Year 6 children who are leaving us are invited to join us in school for this service.

## Attendance

Here are the attendance figures for the past week:

**24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Meldon	<b>85.20%</b>
Venford	<b>86.50%</b>
Avon	<b>92.50%</b>
Fernworthy	<b>90.77%</b>
Burrator	<b>92.50%</b>
<b>Whole school This week</b>	<b>89.29%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>93.69%</b>