



Reading

This year at St Mary's, staff are working on developing children's fluency in reading. The following video, kindly created by Mrs Hutchinson our English subject lead, tells you a bit more about reading fluency and how you can help to develop this skill at home:

<https://www.st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Reading-fluency-2.mp4>

Pupil Progress Meetings

Letters about the Pupil Progress meetings are being sent out today. These short meetings allow for parents / carers to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their child's progress. They are taking place on Wednesday 5th October and Tuesday 11th October.

Free School Meals

Just a reminder that all children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 are entitled to Free School Meals. However, you can quickly check whether your child is entitled to benefits related free school meals, brings additional funding to the school to support your child, by going to the following website:-

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals/>

FOSMs AGM

As mentioned last week, FOSMs AGM will be held in school on Friday 7th October at 3 o'clock in school. More information about FOSMs is being sent out today.

If anyone is interested in one of the key roles (Chair / Vice Chair / Secretary / Treasurer), please let Mitzi know prior to the meeting.

If you are unable to attend the AGM, but are interested in being involved in FOSM's, please provide your contact number and email address which will be passed to Hayley (Charlie and Toby T's mum).

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the 7th and hope you will be interested in becoming an active member of FOSM's. Thank you.

Creation Artwork

Burrator pupils have worked with a visiting artist today to create some artwork based on the theme of 'creation'. This links with our Intergenerational Project, which is being run by Caritas. Residents at Willow House care home in South Brent will carry out the same art workshop with their residents and then the two pieces of work will be displayed together.

Pupil Chaplains

Our newly elected Pupil Chaplains have been working with Mrs Marshall, one of our governors, to prepare and deliver prayers and liturgies. Each week, the Chaplains will lead a prayer time for other children, the first of which will include children from Avon next week. The Pupil Chaplains will also be writing prayers for our Harvest Mass.

Safeguarding

Sexting

Devon and Cornwall Police are running a campaign to highlight the risks around sexting. Sexting is when someone shares sexual or naked or semi naked images of themselves or others, or sends sexually explicit messages. With the rise of the internet and smartphones, Devon and Cornwall Police have seen an increase in sexting incidents amongst young people in Devon and Cornwall. There are resources to help with educating your child. For example, ThinkUKnow has resources for use with older children https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_18/lets-talk-about/nudes/. In addition, the NSPCC have some Internet Safety videos linked to their Be Share Aware campaign, which also teach children about the dangers of sharing images online: <https://www.knowsleyinfo.co.uk/content/nspcc-internet-safety-videos>

Prayer Focus

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/sharing?pid=MTA101634&v=69.10>

This week's Wednesday Word is 'sharing'. The Gospel this week reminds us that we can sometimes be so busy that we forget about the needs of others. Jesus told the story of Lazareth (Luke 16: 19-31) so that we would understand how important it is to care and to be kind. True happiness comes from sharing and giving, not just from receiving. What difference would it make to our school, our community or the world if we shared more?

Our prayer this week is:

Dear Lord Jesus

Thank you for blessing us with so many good things. Please help us to see the needs of others and to share with anyone in need.

Amen

Music lessons

There are currently some spaces for music lessons. If your child is interested in piano, drumming or singing, please contact the school for further information.

Half Term Sports Club

During October half-term, Coach Ben from Optimum Coaching & Education, will be running two multi-sport camps at Whitchurch Primary School, Tavistock. These will take place on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th October from 9:00am - 15:00pm. There will also be a British Gymnast coaching across the days as well. Prices are £18.00 per child and a 20% discount for siblings. To book please either scan the QR code or the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4s9hzOq0WGXRjTwHgV9Ev_UMectJCLfcTTS-rqVVMZ3aG9w/viewform?usp=sf_link



School Councillors

Following the school council elections recently the following children have been elected as council members for the first half of this year:

- Year 1 – Evie, Emily
- Year 2 – Sonny, Eric
- Year 3 – Ava Y, Rosanna
- Year 4 – Ned, Libby
- Year 5 – Max, Tristan
- Year 6 – Fliss, Isabel

Congratulations to all these children.

Congratulations!

Each Friday, the school comes together to celebrate the achievements of the children over the past week. "Building Learning Power" (BLP) Certificates are awarded to children who have demonstrated good learning behaviours and "Witness of the Week" (WOW) certificates for demonstrating Gospel values in daily life. Well done to the following children who were awarded certificates today:



Tottiford
Meldon
Venford
Avon
Fernworthy
Burrator

BLP
Alfie S-G
Edward
Trace
Harrison G
Evangeline
Neo

WOW
Elliott
Hugo
Evie I
Ava Y
Max
Fliss



Other Achievements

Chorister Silver Award – **Evangeline, Ned, Conrad**