



NEWSLETTER

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

BUCKFAST

Thursday 21st July 2022

New term

We wish you a relaxing and restful break over the next few weeks. The children will be returning to school on Monday 5th September.

Staffing Changes

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to two of our teaching assistants, Mrs Key and Ms Hornsey this term. We thank them for their hard work at St Mary's and wish them good luck in their future careers.

Community Beach Event

We have received information about a beach event run by the organisation 'Dangerous Dads' which takes place on Saturday 30th July from 1-4pm for children aged 2-9 years and their fathers or father figures. For more information please contact Ian on 07731795160 or visit the website: www.dangerousdads.org.uk. A flyer with more information will be sent via email with this newsletter.

Teddy Bear Appeal

Alison Gagg from the Education Department is collecting teddy bears for The Teddy Trust, a charity that sends them to children who are suffering - especially at the moment in the war zones of Ukraine and Syria. The bears can be new or secondhand but they must fulfil the following guidelines:

- Teddy Bears ONLY
- soft and cuddly between 8 -15 inches (20-38cm)
- clean and in good condition
- must not make a noise which could compromise a child's safety
- not crocheted or knitted
- soft stuffing, not beans
- no other animals or soft toys

If you want to donate any please bring them into school and we will ensure that they are given to Alison.

FOSMs

Summer Fete

Thank you to everyone who helped the Friends of St Mary's who organised and ran the summer fayre last week, it was a very successful event with around £1,200 raised for school funds.

Thank you also to everyone who came along to support the event.

Parent Zone - Internet Legends

Summer Activities Pack

Parent Zone have created an activities pack for families to use over the summer holidays. The activities can be downloaded from the following website: <https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/summer-legends>

Safeguarding

MASH

With the summer holidays starting next week, just a reminder that if you are worried about the safety of a child in Devon and want to speak to someone, please contact Devon's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on:

0345 155 1071

or email:

mashsecure@devon.gov.uk

and give as much information as you can. If a child is at immediate risk contact the police on 999. Further information is available on the Devon website:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/child-protection/>

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/6-summer-holiday-special-07?pid=MTA101634&v=1.1>

There is a bumper edition which lasts for the full six weeks of the summer holidays. This Sunday's Gospel reminds us how Jesus taught his disciples a special prayer which we know as the 'Our Father' or 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 today our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen

Diocesan Prayer Card

Plymouth Diocese have sent through some prayer cards for each family which we are sending out today. These prayers are for the Diocese as we await the appointment of a new bishop following Archbishop Mark's move to Cardiff.

Sunflower Competition

Congratulations to those children who have sent in photographs of the sunflowers that they have grown at home. As there were only a few entries which were all very impressive, each of the children have been given a prize. Please see attached a picture of Ava Y's sunflower which was sent into school this week.



Maisy Milk fundraiser

Thank you to Rosanna, who is the first person to fill a milk carton and return it for this charity. Rosanna was awarded her badge at school today. Please continue to collect any spare change in an empty milk carton and return this to school after the summer holidays.

Congratulations!

Well done to the following children who were awarded certificates in today's Achievement Assembly and to our year 6 children who are leaving us today:

Pupil of the Term

Meldon
Fernworthy

Edward
Rebecca

Venford
Burrator

Rosie
Leon

Avon

Jack C

Sports Award - Suzie

Sheila Cocks Award - Courtney

John Muir Award - Priya-Louise

WOW Award (Witness of the Year) - Sophia

Citizenship Award - Madeleine

Citizenship Award - Grayson

Citizenship Award - Aiden

BLP (Building Learning Power) Award for Reflectiveness - Cherry

BLP (Building Learning Power) Award for Reciprocity - Leon

BLP (Building Learning Power) Award for Resilience - Isaac

BLP (Building Learning Power) Award for Resourcefulness - Ruby

Helen Foundation Award - Honey-rose

