



NEWSLETTER

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL
BUCKFAST

Friday 3rd March 2023

Prayer Focus

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-card?pid=MTA101634&v=84.7>

This week's word is ENCOURAGEMENT. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we read about Jesus' transfiguration. The Gospel reading tells of an extraordinary event which took place on Mount Tabor. In the Bible, mountains are often seen as sacred places. We are told that Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray and while they were there, Jesus was transformed. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as light. Suddenly the prophets Moses and Elijah, who had died many years before, appeared and were talking to Jesus. Then a bright cloud covered them with a shadow and from the cloud, the voice of God was heard. This was a sacred moment and an encouragement, both to Jesus in his mission of spreading the Good News, and to the three disciples who were with him. When we listen and follow Jesus, our lives are also transformed. We grow in faith and love and we are filled with words of encouragement.

World Book Day

We have celebrated World Book Day in school today, with a range of activities that celebrate reading. Thank you to all of the children who brought in their favourite books to share/ talk about, it was fantastic to see such a variety. Today your child will bring home a World Book Day voucher which enables them to collect a free World Book Day title or £1 off a book or audiobook in participating booksellers (<https://www.worldbookday.com/participating-retailers/>). These vouchers are valid until 26th March 2023.

VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

Please remember that we are also hosting a virtual Usborne Book Fair through True Colours Bookshop. Further details are attached to the email, or you can go to the website and order form by following these links:

Browse - www.truecoloursbookshop.co.uk

Order: - <https://forms.gle/bFfXkn2JNpwZvrfG7>

Congratulations!

Tottiford

Meldon

Venford

Avon

Fernworthy

Burrator

Ella - swimming award

Peter - swimming award

Maisie - swimming and Sakura martial arts grading (yellow stripe)

WOW AWARDS

Elliott

Noah

Roxus

Charlie T

Kyree

Fliss

BLP AWARDS

Layla B

Oakley

Eric

Rainn

Tristan

Riley W

Safeguarding

As we have seen the cost-of-living crisis spread across all our communities, Devon and district councils have put together support and advice that may be of help and support to families. Please see the links below for further advice:

Devon County Council

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>

South Hams District Council

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help>

Teignbridge District Council

<https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-crisis/cost-of-living-help-and-support/>

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/get-help-with-the-cost-of-living/>

- If you're struggling to afford your gas and electricity bills, **Citizens Advice recommends contacting your supplier directly and offering to come up with a payment plan.**
- If you're on a prepayment meter and you can't afford to top up, **you can get temporary credit from your supplier,** but you'll have to pay this back.
- You may also be able to repay your debt directly from your benefits through the **Fuel Direct Scheme.**

Plymouth Diocese have sent through some leaflets detailing support, which can be found outside the office and on the leaflet stand.

The Food Bank are also a source of information and further details can be obtained from: <https://buckfastleigh.foodbank.org.uk/>

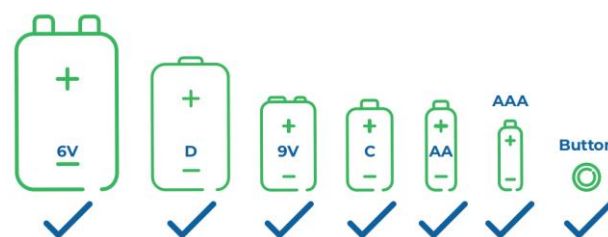
FOSMS

There is a FOSMS (Friends of St Mary's) newsletter attached to this email (or available from the leaflet stand near the school office). FOSMs have also asked if a suggestion box can be placed outside the office, so if you have any good ideas to share, please feel free to do so.

Battery recycling

The school has a collection box for the disposal of household batteries, which is currently positioned by the office.

Please bring in any of the following batteries to be recycled:



Pupil Progress Meetings

Pupil progress meetings for parents/carers have been arranged for Monday 13th March and Tuesday 14th March from 3.50pm until 6pm each day. Letters have been sent today, so that you can state your preferred appointment times/ day. If you would like to arrange an appointment and haven't received a letter, please email the school office (admin@st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk).

Our Governors will also be present during the two evenings, who will be available to talk to parents/ carers.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance: 96.4%

Year to date: 94.3%