



NEWSLETTER

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL
BUCKFAST

Friday 10th March 2023

Prayer Focus

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

This week's words are GOD'S LOVE. The living water which Jesus talks about in this Sunday's Gospel (John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42) reminds us of the powerful way that God's love flows into people when they are baptised. As we hear of Jesus' love for people throughout the Gospel stories, we can be certain of God's love for each one of us today.

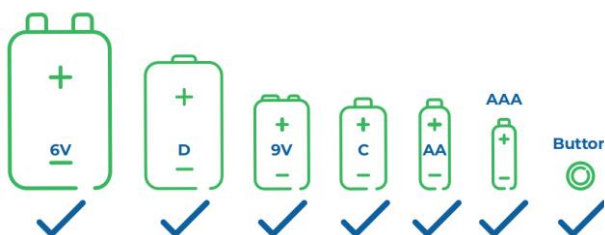
We can often see God's love at work through the goodness in people around us. How can we show this to the people that we meet this week at home and in school?



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:



Sad news

Unfortunately, I have received some very sad news that I wanted to share with parents/ carers first, before talking to the children on Monday. Our previous school counsellor, Mel McMahon, who worked at St Mary's for many years until her recent retirement, has sadly died. Mel was known to many of our staff and families and provided significant help and support to so many people - she will be sadly missed. We have passed on our prayers and condolences to her family at this time and we will mark her time at the school in a lasting way later this academic year.

The Requiem Prayer

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance: 96.5%

Year to date: 94.4%



World Book Day

Just a reminder that you can still use your World Book Day vouchers to collect a free World Book Day title or £1 off a book or audiobook from participating booksellers: <https://www.worldbookday.com/participating-retailers/>. These vouchers are valid until 26th March 2023. Burrator Class were set an 'extreme reading challenge' as part of World Book Day and asked to read in an unusual place. Take a look at the photos from some of the pupils taking part in the challenge!

FOSMS

A 'Prize Bingo' event has been organised for Friday 31st March at 7pm for eyes down at 7.30pm at Southpark Community Centre. FOSMs committee members have asked that if children attend, they will need to be quiet so that the bingo caller can be heard by everyone. If anyone has any prizes that could be donated please let the office or a FOSMs member know.

The Rags4Riches clothing bags are being collected on Monday (13th March). Please could these be brought to the gate on Monday morning before 9am.

NEU Industrial Action

Next Wednesday and Thursday are strike days by the NEU so Fernworthy and Burrator Class pupils are affected by this. Children will not be able to come into school on the morning of Wednesday 15th March. As the children are taught by other staff in the afternoon, they are able to come into school from 12 noon if they wish. Children are also unable to come into school on Thursday 16th March. Other classes are not affected by the strike action.

Congratulations!

Tottiford
Meldon
Venford
Avon
Fernworthy
Burrator

WOW AWARDS

Frankie
Ebba
Reuben A
Ava W
Grace
Poppy

BLP AWARDS

Reeva
Ivy
Oliver B
Rosie
Conrad
Abi

Anwen - Forensic Science workshop (Exeter University)
Conrad - Gold Abbey Chorister Award
Harrison G - Golf award