

NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th April 2023

Curriculum displays

As each class start their new curriculum themes for this half term, classroom displays begin to be taken down and replaced. Before this happens, I thought that it would be interesting to see some of the classroom displays and to celebrate the learning that has taken place in each class:



Coronation Celebrations

We have an additional bank holiday this year on **Monday 8th May** to celebrate the King's Coronation. To mark this event in school, Chartwell's have a special coronation menu on Thursday 4th May. On Friday 5th May Councillor Erin Kohler-Ockmore, Deputy Mayor of Buckfastleigh and Councillor Sylvee Phillips will be visiting St Mary's to present the children with coronation mugs. FOSMS have also bought kite making kits for the children, so these will be made and then flown by each class next week - weather permitting!



Wednesday Word

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

This Sunday is known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. Part of a shepherd's job is to look after the sheep and to keep them safe. If we allow Jesus to lead us, just as a shepherd leads the sheep, he helps us make the right choices. This week's word is FOLLOW. The Gospel on Sunday (John 10:1-10) is about a parable Jesus told to the apostles which helped them to understand that he was the Good Shepherd who they should follow. We can follow Jesus in the simple things that we do in our lives each day and make life better for our family and for those around us. How could we do this? Perhaps we could contact a friend to see how they are doing, go out of our way to help at home, or remember to thank others for what they have done for us.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance: 97.2%

Year to date: 94.8%

We are gradually increasing our attendance overall this year, thank you for your support in trying to achieve good school attendance.

Safeguarding

The NSPCC has produced some useful resources about positive parenting, including practical advice and tips. This focusses on a range of ideas to support with behaviour at home and setting boundaries. You can access the resources from the following link: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1195/positive-parenting.pdf>

Devon's Children's Centres are also a source of information for families. Please see the link below to find out more about the Children's Centres locally and a referral form.

https://services.pinpointdevon.co.uk/kb5/devon/services/results.action?qt=&communitychannel=11_6&term=&spradius=&sr=10&nh=10

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/DevonChildrensCentreReferralForm/>

Vacancy

We have been asked by Chartwell's who provide our school lunches to advertise a vacancy that they currently have at the school. Please see details below:

Catering Assistant
15 Hours (Term time only)
Training and uniform provided
£10.42 an hour
Own car and be able to drive essential (mileage will be paid)
For further details Please contact Tracey Crockford on 07584616511
or email tracey.crockford@compass-group.co.uk

Diary Dates

Please see below some events that have been arranged for this term. As further events are confirmed, we will include these in the newsletter as early as possible:

May Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May
Bank holiday for Coronation - Monday 8th May
SATS week for Year 6 - Tuesday 9th-12th May
Half term - 29th May - Monday 5th June.
Children return to school on Tuesday 6th June
Fernworthy and Burrator Swimming sessions - weekly on Wednesdays from 7th June (separate letter will be sent out)
Induction days for new Reception children - starting on Thursdays from 6th July 1.30pm (separate letter will be sent out)
Sports day (AM) for KS1 - Tuesday 7th July
Sports day (AM) for KS2 - Tuesday 14th July
Reserve sports day - Tuesday 21st July

A full list of dates for the can also be found on the school website: <https://st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Term-dates-2022-2024.pdf>

Tempest Photography

If you would like to order class photographs from Tempest photography, please could you send the orders back to school by **Tuesday 9th May**. We are aware that there was a spelling mistake in the name of Fernworthy Class on the Tempest proofs sent home. The error has now been corrected.

Changes to school day from September 2023

From September 2023, the government requires pupils to be in school for at least 32.5 hours each day. To enable all of our children to be in school for the minimum amount of time, the school day from the start of the new academic year in September will start at 8.45am for all pupils and finish at 3.15pm for EYFS and KS1 and at 3.30pm for KS2 and those with older sibling or who catch school transport. We still need a staggered end to the day, due to the congestion in the car park. Hopefully this will not be too much of a change of routine and the additional time in school will be beneficial to the children.

Donations of shoes for PE

If anyone has any good quality PE trainers or plimsols which are no longer needed, please could you send them into school.

Uniform

Some children have been wearing necklaces and other jewellery into school recently. Please make sure that the only jewellery that is worn are watches and stud earrings.

We have also had some reports of headlice across the school, so please make sure that your child's hair is tied back if it is longer than shoulder length.

Congratulations!

Tottiford
Meldon
Venford
Avon
Fernworthy
Burrator

WOW AWARDS

Olivia
Hugo
Emily
Ngaio
Summer
Toby

BLP AWARDS

Harry V
Freya
Elowyn
Artem
Eva
Riley W

Felix W - Swimming Award