

● NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Buckfast

Friday 30th June 2023

Prayer Focus

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&p=7&v=89.2>

This week's chosen word is SELFLESS. In this week's Gospel (Matthew 10:37-42), Jesus is encouraging his disciples to be selfless and put the needs of others before their own. Do you know someone who is like this? How could we serve others this coming week – at home, in school, in the community?

Dear Lord Jesus, Thank you for the example of the many selfless people who show us your way of love and kindness. Please help us to be selfless like them. Amen.

Diary Dates

Fernworthy and Burrator Swimming sessions – weekly on Wednesdays
Induction days for new Reception children – starting on Thursdays from 6th July 1.30pm
Sports day (AM) for KS1 and Reception children - Tuesday 4th July at 9.15am
***CHANGE OF DATE* - Mufti day for FOSMs raffle/ tombola prizes** – Thursday 6th July
Whole school transition afternoon - Thursday 6th July
Sports day (AM) for KS2 - Tuesday 11th July at 9.15am
Summer Fair – Friday 14th July
Y6 Leavers' Mass at Cathedral (Plymouth) – Monday 17th July
Reserve sports day – Tuesday 18th July
Mini Vinnies fundraiser – Tuesday 18th July
The Three Trees (School Choir Performance) – Monday 17th July 4pm in school
Last day of term – Friday 21st July
School Leavers' Mass (Year 6) – Friday 21st July at 9.30am, led by Burrator Class.

Strike Days - July

Just a reminder that the NEU is taking industrial action next week:

Wednesday 5th July – Meldon Class
Friday 7th July – Meldon, Fernworthy, Burrator Classes

Class Mass - Avon

As you are aware, unfortunately we had to cancel our Mass on Thursday this week. Fr Andrew has kindly agreed to say Mass on Wednesday 12th July at 9.15am instead. Parents/ carers from Avon would be welcome to attend.

Leavers' Mass and Assembly

On the last day of term, we are holding a Leavers' Mass in school, to which parents/ carers of Year 6 are invited to attend. Afterwards, there will be refreshments available for parents/ carers and Year 6 children whilst the rest of the school have playtime. There will also be an Achievement Assembly following refreshments and breaktime for the children if parents/ carers would like to stay. This will be finished by 11.30 at the latest.

Recycled Art

We are still collecting items for our recycled art mural, which the children will be creating next week. If you have any items that are blue, white or green that you could bring into school, it would be much appreciated. Collection tubs are positioned in the outside area near the office.

Mini Vinnies

Last week, we invited children from Key Stage 2 to apply to join our Mini Vinnies group from September. The group aims to support others in the community who maybe poor, ill, disadvantaged or marginalised in our community or further afield. We had an amazing response with 16 new Mini Vinnies applying!

Here are some of the reasons the children gave, as to why they want to join the group:

'to help others'

'to plant trees; plant seeds'

'to make people happy'

'collecting for charity'

'I'd like to help those less fortunate than me'

'look after people so they aren't so sad'

'I'd like to be part of a group that makes a difference'

'to raise money for charity'

Wendy, Rachel (two of our Parish Volunteers who help with the group) and I were also impressed with the personal qualities the children thought that they had that would help them in this role:

'caring, thoughtful, happy, loving, good at sharing, good imagination, helpful, generous, good at art, organised, creative, good at tidying, good at looking after others, chatty, good at maths, a kind heart, a good memory, making people laugh, good at baking'.

I know that all the adults who help with the group are really looking forward to helping them to help others during the forthcoming year.



Mini-Vinnies Fundraiser

This half term, our established Mini-Vinnies group has been working with Wendy and Rachel (volunteers from our Parish) to prepare some fundraising activities. This includes making bracelets and organising games. All money raised will go to Cancer Research, the charity that the children have chosen to support this time.

Buckfastleigh Medical Centre Fundraisers

The Medical Centre in Buckfastleigh currently have some fundraising activities taking place, to celebrate the NHS turning 75 years old next week. There are a variety of colouring sheets available at the surgery which can be purchased for 50p. Once completed, these can be returned to the surgery so that they can be judged and a winner announced. There is also a 'Name the Bear' competition which costs £1 to enter. All money raised goes to support the surgery's chosen charity, Lymphoma Action.

Congratulations!

Tottiford

Meldon

Venford

Avon

Fernworthy

Burrator

WOW

April

Noah

Becca

Archie H

Robun

Winnie

BLP

Evie

Hugo

Emily

Isla

Mariska

Riley W

Jessica A - Halwell and Moreleigh Show races 1st place: 1 mile, 3rd place: 50m

Cici and Evangeline - raised money for the World Land Trust (£50)



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance: 95%

Year to date: 95.1%

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