

# NEWSLETTER

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

BUCKFAST

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Staffing news

At the end of this term, Miss Haworth from Roadford will be leaving St Mary's. We wish her the very best for the future. Mrs. Manley will be teaching full time in Roadford Class from January 2024.

## School Council

This week our School Council, who are going to be working as our Eco Committee this year. They have generated a number of ideas of ways that they can help to improve the school environment, save energy and care for local and world wildlife. These are:

- ✚ Develop the wellbeing garden by creating 'bug hotels'
- ✚ Create posters to encourage people not to litter
- ✚ Compost food waste
- ✚ Children monitor children to monitor the use of electrical equipment in classrooms
- ✚ Promote the importance of caring for bats
- ✚ Plant trees
- ✚ Plant wildflowers and create habitats for wildlife.

## Safeguarding

The NSPCC have created a resource to help teach children to understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. The PANTS underwear rule is taught in school as part of the curriculum. You can access these resources from the website link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



## Prayer Focus

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday->

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

This week's prayer focus is all about using our talents well. Everyone has their own talents and their unique gift, that only they can give to the world.

Sunday's Gospel reading (St Matthew 25:14-30) reminds us to use these talents to help others. Is there a talent that you have or would like to develop? In the coming week is there a way that you could use your talent to help others in your family or wider community?

## Children In Need

Thank you to all who brought in a donation to support our fundraising for Children in Need today.



## Remembrance Day parade

A number of our pupils took part in Remembrance Day services – Ava Y, Matilda, Hettie, and Freya. Thank you for sending in these photos.



## FOSMS fundraiser

Just a reminder about the Prize Bingo fundraiser that FOSMs have organised for **this Saturday**.



## Letters to Father Christmas

Buckfast Post Office (opposite the school) wanted to let you know that they have a special post box dedicated to letters to Santa. If children would like to write letters to Santa, they would love to help with delivering them.



## Cake Sale and Refugee Charity Collection

Our Mini Vinnies are organising a cake sale to raise funds for Devon Refugees Charity. Please bring in a donation for a cake on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November (next Friday)** if you would like a cake. If you have any toiletries that you would also like to donate to the Devon Refugees charity, please could you bring them into school as a collection is being made in the school office.

## FOSMS Christmas Fair

Just a reminder the Christmas Fair takes place at Southpark Community Centre **on Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>** from **3.30pm-5.30pm**.

FOSMS would like donations for the tombola, raffle prizes and jingle jars (information about these to be sent out via email). Please send any donations into school along with details of your child's name and class. For every donation, your child's name will be entered into a prize draw which will take place during the Christmas Fair. Donations can be left in the school office.

## Forthcoming events...

**18<sup>th</sup> November** – FOSMs Bingo

**24<sup>th</sup> November** – Cake sale in school for Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

**28<sup>th</sup> November** - Roadford Class Crib Blessing Service South Brent Catholic Church 2pm

**Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> November** – Cultural Awareness Week in school

**29<sup>th</sup> November** - Avon Class Crib Blessing Service at Buckfastleigh Catholic Church 2pm

**30<sup>th</sup> November** - Venford Class Crib Blessing Service at Ashburton Catholic Church 2pm

**1<sup>st</sup> December** – Victorian Day for Burrator Class

**5<sup>th</sup> December** – Venford Christmas nativity workshop (Buckfast Abbey)

**6<sup>th</sup> December** – Fernworthy/ Burrator St Nicholas Day (Buckfast Abbey)

**6<sup>th</sup> (2pm) and 7<sup>th</sup> (9.30am) December** - Meldon Class Nativity in school

**7<sup>th</sup> December** – Avon Class Christmas nativity workshop (Buckfast Abbey)

**8<sup>th</sup> December** – Roadford Class Christmas nativity workshop (Buckfast Abbey)

**8<sup>th</sup> December** – FOSMS Christmas Fair 3.30pm (Southpark Community Centre)

**13<sup>th</sup> December** – Meldon Christmas nativity workshop (Buckfast Abbey)

**14<sup>th</sup> December** – Fernworthy and Burrator Class to lead school Carol Service Buckfast Abbey Church 2.15pm

## School Attendance

**Whole school to date: 95.7%**

**Whole school last week: 95.2%**

**Meldon:** 98.5%

**Venford:** 97.6%

**Avon:** 98.9%

**Roadford:** 92.9%

**Fernworthy:** 92.0%

**Burrator:** 91.7%

## Congratulations!

### WOW

Kiri

River

Maisie

Ella

Braxton

Summer

### BLP

Kian

Amelia

Aisha

Harrison G

Archie H

Ollie

Meldon

Venford

Avon

Roadford

Fernworthy

Burrator

Freya - swimming certificate

Edward - football medal

Sophia - football award

Harrison - golf medals

Becca - swimming certificate

Trace - swimming certificate