



18 May 2016

Dear parents and carers

We are nearly at the end of the first summer half-term and the staff and children have been very busy with their academic work as well as competing in various sporting activities. Your support as parents and carers is very much appreciated by the school, thank you.

**Uniform**

It has been noticed that some children are not coming to school dressed in the correct uniform. It is not appropriate for children to be wearing leggings to school and school jumpers/cardigans must be navy blue and plain or our navy school jumpers/cardigans with the St Mary's logo. Summer dresses are available from the school office as these are specific to our school. If you have any questions please feel free to speak with Mr. Melling or take a look at our uniform policy on our website.

**Parking**

Please remember parents are not permitted to drop off or pick up from our school carpark (unless you have been given specific permission to do so from the school).

**Lateness**

Please can you make sure your child is in the playground each morning ready for when the gate opens at 8.50am. We are having a growing number of children arriving late and coming in through the office reception. This delays the start of the day for them and interrupts the class who have already arrived and are in the class ready to start their day. We will be monitoring the children who are continuously late.

**Tennis champions**

Congratulations to our team who won the tennis tournament at Colyton Grammar School by a huge margin! The four players from the team who will now go on to compete at the East Devon round at Exmouth on Thursday afternoon. Good luck team!

**Lunch Money**

Please can you ensure that your balance is topped up to allow payment for school dinners to go through smoothly.

### **Census Day**

Tomorrow is National Census Day when we submit information including the number of children receiving universal free school meals at school. School funding is partly determined by the information we provide, so please could you help by ensuring that your child (Rec, Year 1 and Year 2) does stay for school dinners on this day, if at all possible. Last year all but 3 children had a school lunch. Lets see if this year we can make it every child. This week it is a Wild West Cowboy menu!

### **Axe Valley festival**

This year's Axe Vale Festival is taking place on the 25th and 26th June 2016. This is a great local festival with lots of entertainment for the whole family. The main arena is host to some exciting acts including, Adrenaline Tour Motorcycle and Quad Bike stunt riding and Rockwood dogs display team as well as many more. There is plenty of shopping opportunities with lots of trade stands to browse, live music to enjoy and plenty of refreshments.

### **Letters by email**

Wherever possible, to save paper, we will be sending out letters and flyers via email rather than through a letter in your child's bookbag. As such, please do keep an eye on your emails to make sure you are up to date with things happening at school. We are also putting each letter on the website so please do take a look at this too if you wish.

### **PTFA Auction 27<sup>th</sup> May**

Our wonderful PTFA are hosting an auction next Friday at 18:30, I am sure this will be an exciting evening for all, make sure it is in your diary

### **Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps**

Please see attached flyer about these wonderful summer camps for pupils in years 3 to 6.

### **Dates for your diary**

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photo
Mon 30 May – Fri 3 June	Half term
Mon 6 June	Inset day school closed to pupils

<b><u>Special person</u></b>	<b><u>W/E 22/05</u></b>	<b><u>W/E 29/05</u></b>
Robins	Zach B	Freddie D
Woodpeckers	Harvey B	Henry C
Owls	Abi V	Bea
Kestrels	Ocean	
Eagles	Ffion	Katherine B

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