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### **Attendance Update**

For period 24<sup>th</sup> June – 20<sup>th</sup> July

**Whole School Attendance: 95.3%**

Class with highest attendance: **Year 1 = 96.4%**

Class with lowest attendance: **Year 5 = 93.5%**

### **Headteacher's End of Year Message**

***It has been a fantastic year for St. Mary's.*** The children have been immersed in so many new and exciting learning opportunities which have inspired and challenged them. As a staff, we too have been excited and challenged as we strive to further develop our practice for the good of our children and wider school family. Read, Write, Inc. and Maths Makes Sense have been an incredible success in raising standards. Significantly more children than ever before are completing their Reception year with a 'Good Level of Development'. 81% compared with 57% last year! Our Year 1 children have achieved record results in their Phonics Screening with 83% achieving the pass mark compared with 69% last year! The success stories continue throughout the key stages including the Roseland Residential, The Lion King, Swimming Gala, Year 6 Parents' Meal, Porthpean Residential, Anti-Bullying Workshops, Prayer Space Week, Den Building Day, Graduation Ceremonies, not to mention the numerous class trips in and around the county to support and inspire learning....the list goes on!

***I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our parents.*** Without your continued support, we would be unable to serve our children in the way that we do. Building a positive home-school partnership is something we have worked hard to improve on this year and we will continue to do so from September. You are your child's first teacher and we value greatly the important part you play in your child's development.

***A huge thanks to our Governing Body*** for their part in the many improvements in each corner of our school. Both their support and challenge has been invaluable to our children, staff and parents – and all of it voluntary. Some of these improvements you will be aware of, others may be less obvious to you. The procedures and systems in place to keep all children safe has been completely reviewed and changed to ensure Safeguarding remains our number one priority. The way in which we teach Reading, Writing and Mathematics has been transformed through quality first teaching. The implementation of our Golden Rules has brought consistency to expectations for behaviour. Our children are extending their learning more in the local community and beyond. Parents are invited in to school more frequently to celebrate learning with their children and messages of celebration are taken/texted/telephoned home at every opportunity!

***Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank our truly amazing staff.*** I have been staggered by their resilience and determination when aspiring to be nothing less than the best for our children and wider school family. Their relentless hard work and dedication is second to none. THANK YOU ALL.

I wish you all a fun-filled, restful and safe summer break.

Year 6 hosted a spectacular meal for their parents on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July.



As part of Young Entrepreneurs, Year 6 decided on the menu, cooked the 3 course meal and then served it. They would like to thank all the staff who gave up their time to help. It was a memorable night and a fitting way to say thank you to parents for their support over the years. Year 6 have made us so proud this year with their outstanding performances and attitude to learning. We wish them the best of luck for the future but have made it clear they will always be part of the St Mary's family. Thank you also to Waffles Coffee Shop Bodmin for lending us catering equipment for this event.

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If you cannot access the internet, a few printed copies will be available for collection from the office.

### Swimming Lessons

Our school curriculum includes the expectation that all children can swim at least 25 metres. Therefore next year we plan to take Years 3 & 5 swimming in the Autumn Term and Years 4 & 6 in the Summer Term.

### Headlice

Once again, the warmer weather has seen an increase of these annoying little critters. Please use the summer break to regularly check and eradicate this pest from our School. Using the conditioner/combing method every few days, does work as it breaks the life cycle of headlice.

### PARENTAL BEHAVIOUR

It has been brought to my attention that, sadly, some parents have been behaving in an intimidating manner towards other parents and children both inside and outside of the school gates. Although this disappointing behaviour applies to a small minority, both governors and myself would like to make it clear that bullying of any kind, including of parents, will not be tolerated within our school family. Furthermore, Debbie Knolden, our local PCSO, has been made aware of this unacceptable behaviour and can be contacted via the '101' non-emergency number should you have any concerns regarding your own, your child's or another family's well-being. Many thanks for your attention and consideration in this matter.

### Mobile Phones

The school now has a mobile phone policy which states no mobiles phones are to be used in school hours unless in a designated area. We therefore politely ask that if you are visiting school for any reason, you keep your mobile phone in your bag or pocket and not use it during your visit. Any pupils with mobile phones must hand them into the office at the start of the day and collect at the end. Thank you.

### Dates for your diary:

**Last day of Summer Term:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, school ends at 2pm.

**First day of Autumn Term:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**Inset Day:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – School closed for pupils.

**Half Term:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

**Inset Day:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November – School closed to pupils.

**Mass Dates:** In school at 2.40pm – all welcome!

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Leavers' Mass, Year 6 at **10am**. Year 6 parents are invited to join us for this final Year 6 leavers' Mass followed by a Graduation ceremony. Next term's Mass dates will be on our website as soon as they have been confirmed.

### Uniform / Lost Property

This term an entire wheelie bin has been filled with lost uniform, some brand new ...*none* of which is named! We go through this bin regularly and return clothing to pupils that has been named, but any un-named items will be sold. *Please name your child's uniform!*

### Sickness

A reminder that if your child is sick or has diarrhoea he/she needs to stay away from school for 48 hours to ensure the bug has gone and to prevent spreading to others. Please ensure all illnesses are reported to the office. Any contagious illness must also be reported.

### End of School Day Parking and Road Closures

It has been noticed the layby is being used at the end of the day to park up in, which is often causing an obstruction in the road. In September several roads in Bodmin will be closed for road works and a lot more traffic will be diverted up through Barn Lane. We politely remind everyone collecting with vehicles **not** to park outside the school. Please do not be offended if asked to move on - we must keep the road clear.

**Headteacher's message to ALL children** remember these three important points for summer:

1) **Stay Safe**

2) **Help at home**

3) **Have fun!**