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Attendance Update

For period 3rd – 20th Oct

Whole School Attendance: 95.0%

Class with highest attendance: **Year 2 = 97.3%**

Class with lowest attendance: **Year 4 = 92.3%**

Netball Festival

On Monday 10th October St Mary's Netball team attended the Bodmin College Netball Festival. There were 5 teams competing in the tournament. This was the children's first opportunity to take part in netball matches. The children all had massive smiles at the end of the tournament and are looking forward to the Bodmin College Netball League in January – keep training hard team! Mrs McNulty



Jane Bond

SEND/Foundation Governor

Our Catholic School places Christ at the centre of its life and aims to provide the children with the best quality teaching and learning in a loving and supporting community.

I value the school highly: two of my children came here; I was a Teaching Assistant for 20 years and I have been a Governor since 2002 with particular interest in SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities). I am grateful to have been part of the school for so many years and look forward to its further growth and development.



Michael Corcoran

Foundation Governor/Health & Safety

I am a foundation governor with a focus on Health and Safety at St. Mary's. With my family I am a member of St. Mary's and St. Petroc's Roman Catholic parish. St. Mary's school is an important part of our parish, providing Catholic education and values, bringing Christ to our community. My three children attended St. Mary's school and I have a close affection for the school. I volunteered to be a governor because I want the best for the school: children, teachers and staff. I bring to the school experience of building maintenance, health and safety, information technology and project management. For 20 years I was a qualified football coach working with children's teams including Bodmin Town and once worked for QPR. For many years I ran an after school football club at St. Mary's but now the children are much too quick for me!



Autumn in Nursery

Nursery have been exploring our outside area and discovering what has changed as the season moves into autumn. During our walk we collected a selection of different leaves. We sorted them into different colours, sizes and shapes. We have created spiky hedgehogs using leaves, laminated some to display in our window so we can see the different colours as the sun shines through and finally played in our small world play area.



Website – Please visit our website at www.st-marys-bod.eschools.co.uk

Class letters, Newsletters, the school Calendar, menus are all being updated regularly so please make it a favourite and visit our website to find out what you need to keep up to date!

Parents' Evenings

8th & 9th November

Our new booking system for Parents' Evenings will be open on Monday 31st October, please see the eSchools letter regarding how to access and use this new system.

Please note: There will be no After School Clubs running w/c 7th Nov due to Parents' Evenings.

Art in Year 2

Inspired by 16th Century Italian artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo, Year 2 have been painting very imaginative portraits comprised of flowers, fruits and vegetables! We are planning to hold an exhibition in class soon and we are looking forward to welcoming parents in to view the pupils' fantastic artwork.

Mrs Langton, Year 2



Fundraising

Children in Need - Friday 18th November.

Once again we will be supporting this worthy charity.

The theme will be 'Spots' so please dress in something spotty for a £1 donation. Children will be organising stalls/games.

Operation Christmas Child, Shoebox Appeal. There will be more information to follow. The closing date for collection is 18th November. Any filled shoeboxes (or donations towards class boxes) must be in school by then. Thank you.



Office Closure

After half term the school office will not be open for calls or enquiries between 1.30 and 2.30pm every day. Please either phone out of these times or leave a message and we will get back to you. Thank you

Dates for your diary:

Inset Day: Friday 21st October – School closed for pupils.

Half Term: Monday 24th October – Friday 28th

Inset Day: Friday 4th November – School closed to pupils.

Last Day Autumn Term: Friday 16th December at **2pm**

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

Weds 19th Oct – Harvest Festival, Year 2

Weds 16th Nov – Remembrance, Year 1

Weds 23rd Nov – Friends of God, Year 5

Weds 14th Dec – Advent Light, Year 6

Please note: Mass every Sunday at St Mary's Church at 10.30am.

Need to see your child's teacher?

Parents wishing to see a member of staff at the end of school can find KS1 teachers at their child's class door and KS2 in the playground. For other staff, please report to the school office. For safeguarding reasons, we politely ask you not to come into school via other doors at the end of the day. Thank you

Headteacher's message to ALL children:

Brodie Warne for showing outstanding 'Participation' in RWI!