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**Newsletter**  
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### **Attendance Update**

For period 11<sup>th</sup> Apr – 29<sup>th</sup> Apr

**Whole school attendance: 95.5%**

Class with best attendance: **Year 1 = 96.6%**

Class with lowest attendance: **Year R = 92.7%**

### **Andy Brumby – Chair of Governors**



Bodmin has been my home town for 20 years and I think it is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. I count myself very lucky to have worked in education for three decades, first as a secondary school teacher and then as an advisor for the local authority. Working with children and young people is always a fantastic privilege and they never cease to amaze and inspire me.

The children in our community are truly remarkable - full of energy, enthusiasm and creativity - and I feel very honoured to serve as Chair of Governors at their school. They deserve nothing less than a world class education and my fellow governors and I are determined to do everything we can to ensure that this is exactly what they receive. In my spare time I love exploring the beautiful woodlands, hills, moors and valleys that surround us here in North Cornwall so please stop and say hello if you see me out and about with my canine walking companion, Jack.

### **Sports**

KS2 children have been really enthusiastic about running, jogging or walking a mile a day and have been building their stamina which is already showing improvement! Well done all! KS1 children have been participating in Sports Club, learning basic motor skills. Year 2 pupils have started Swimming. Several pupils are practising for the Swimming Gala - watch out for more news on that!



Please see our Website [www.st-marys-bod.eschools.co.uk](http://www.st-marys-bod.eschools.co.uk) to view our Newsletter in colour – it looks so much better! From September, Newsletters will no longer be printed and sent home with pupils. You will receive a text alert to direct you to our website to view Newsletters. This not only saves time and photocopying costs but also helps the environment! If you cannot access the internet, please let us know. A few printed copies will be available for collection from the office.



Cornwall Heritage Trust



## Cornwall Heritage Trust

A big thank you to Cornwall Heritage Trust for grant funding to enable Year 3 to visit The Hurlers at Minions.

They studied history of the Cornwall, including mining and pre-historic settlements around the moor. The children could see across the moor to the source of the River Fowey and locate where villages and roads are now built.

Thank you also to Mrs Kelly, without whom this trip would not have been able to go ahead!

## Zone Managers

The children have settled well into their Zone roles.

Traditional Zone Manager, Piran said " I like making new friends and I enjoy lunchtimes much more than I used to".



## Fairtrade Big Brew

Thank you to everyone who supported this event either by donating, or coming along for a cuppa! We raised £234.04 for Traidcraft. Special thanks to Co-op, Morrisons & Sainsbury's for generously donating Fairtrade goods for this.

## Dates for your diary:

**May Bank Holiday:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, school closed.

**Inset Day:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – school closed to pupils.

**Half Term:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**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

**Bodmin College Open Evening for Year 6,** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm

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

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> May – St Benedict, Year 1

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost , Year 3

Weds 15<sup>th</sup> June – Sacred Heart, Year 2

Weds 29<sup>th</sup> June – St Peter & St Paul, Year 5

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Leavers' Mass, Year 6

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



Fun Family Activities

Looe Festival of the Sea

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Looe VMCA is putting on a fantastic event celebrating our unique marine environment. There will be some great family activities including: Underwater Robot Demo; Crabbing Competition; Marine Heritage Walk; Mayday Smuggler's Puppet Show and a Rockpool Ramble which are validated by Cornwall Children's University so if you have a CU Passport bring it along to get it stamped! If not, come along, it will be a great day out for all!

More info at

[www.looemarineconservation.org](http://www.looemarineconservation.org)

## Craze of the Week

Upcoming Crazes of the Week to look out for are: Obstacle course, Pat Ball, Cricket, Fairground Games!

**Special Headteacher's Mention** awarded to Milly Landry, who had her hair cut and donated to the Princess Trust, a charity who use hair to make wigs for ill children. - Well done Milly!