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**Newsletter
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Attendance Update

For period 6th Sept—15th Sept

Whole School Attendance: 97.7%

Class with highest attendance: **Year 3 = 99.2%**

Class with lowest attendance: **Year R = 96.4%**



Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you for the warm welcome that both I and Mrs Lucy Draycott have received since we started last week.

First of all I would like to say how very impressed we are by the welcome we have received from the children and the staff at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, it has been superb. The children in particular have been so lovely to both of us; they are a credit to you all.

This year is an important year for all of us. We will endeavour to do our very best for your children and for the school, we are aware of the need for school improvement and this remains our priority over this next academic year. The children along with the staff will be working extremely hard to ensure that these improvements are made so that St Mary's continues on its path serving the community of Bodmin and the surrounding area.

I would like to say that if you have any worries at all, no matter how small or big, please do not hesitate to contact me or the team. Mrs Landry, Mrs Draycott and I will be available at the start and the end of the day. However if this is not convenient, please make an appointment with the school office.



My kindest regards to you all,

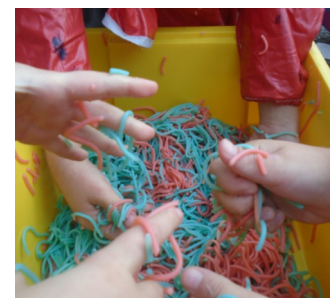
Mrs A McDonald

Mucky & Messy Year 2!



Year 2 started their new topic, 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures.'

We held a 'Messy Mixtures' morning using our senses to explore lots of different textures: wobbly jelly, fluffy gloop, fizzing reactions. We thought of descriptive words and then used them to write acrostic poems.



Dates for your diary

Inset Day: Fri 20th Oct, school closed.

Half Term: Monday 23rd Oct—Fri 27th Oct

Meet the Teachers: Mon 18th—Tues 26th. See website for more details.

Individual & Family School Photos: Fri 22nd Sept
Hearing tests for Year 1: Fri 29th Sept.

Please see our website for more dates and info.

Mass

This year all school Masses are going to be held in St Mary's Church instead of school. Please find dates and time below—everyone is welcome to join us!

Mass in Church at 10.30am

Weds 20th Sept—Year 3

Weds 27th Sept—Year 5

Weds 4th Oct—Year 6

Weds 11th Oct—Whole School

Sunday Mass in Church at 10.30am- all families welcome.



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Celebrate Bodmin

22nd—24th September 2017

Organisers from Celebrate Bodmin came into school on Monday 11th to run flag making workshops with pupils across school. Pupils designed and coloured their own flags, which will be used to decorate the town! So many events going on all weekend so please come along and join in the fun!



Golden Rules

We are gentle
We are kind and helpful
We listen
We are honest
We work hard
We look after property

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Remember our Golden Rules! Children need to take responsibility for their behaviours. We reward and praise the best behaviour and ask children to pause, reflect and rectify the bad behaviours - this can sometimes end in missing some of the golden time on Friday.

Swimming

On Thursday 21st Years 4 & 5 will start swimming lessons. Please remember to send in your child's swim kit (swimsuit/trunks, towel, goggles & hat if needed) every Thursday!



Parking / Drop off Layby

Please can we remind parents / carers that the layby is for **drop-off only**. Parking is not permitted (unless displaying a disabled badge) and causes a danger to our pupils. Thank you



Attendance

Well done for a great start this term with 97.7% attendance! This has had a positive impact on pupils' learning - keep it up to be entered into our 100% Attendance Draw, where there are some fantastic prizes to be won for those pupils who have been in school 100% each term!



Dinner Money

Please can all dinner money be paid before meals are taken. Ideally on a Monday for the following week or if you'd prefer to pay for a longer period please contact the office and we can calculate several weeks/half term or full term. Any meals not taken due to absence will be carried over and returned at the end of the term. Meals are **£2.30/day or £11.50/week**. Thank you

Headteacher's special mention to:

The whole school! For such smiling faces and being so welcoming to Mrs Draycott and myself. Thank you all.