



## Important Items in this newsletter:

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## Attendance Winners

Week ending 10/01/20 — Year 6

## Knowledge Organisers

Today your child will be bringing home a 'Knowledge Organiser'. This shows the key learning that will take place during each topic, including a list of key vocabulary and facts that your child will need to become familiar with. These are for you to keep at home so you can talk together about your child's learning and help them to recall the knowledge. There will be a new Knowledge Organiser sent home at the start of each new topic.

## Star of the Week

Week ending 10th January

Reception:	Chelsea
Class 1:	Jacob T
Class 2:	Gabriel
Class 3:	Elsa
Class 4:	Viola
Class 5:	Ella Rae
Class 6:	Clara

## Hello from Mrs. Draycott

Happy New Year everyone! We have had a great start back to school and the children have settled straight back into their learning and are working extremely hard.

Each class has started an exciting new topic this term. Look out in this newsletter for the information about 'Knowledge Organisers', which will give you an insight into what your child is learning about in this term's topic. Today we were visited by Emily, from Falmouth Marine School, who gave a talk to the whole school about the ocean. The children learnt some fascinating facts about sea creatures and the effects of plastic and climate change on the ocean. Class 6 then enjoyed a session with Emily focusing more on some of the issues affecting our oceans, such as overfishing and invasive species. The children showed great enthusiasm for their learning, asking very thoughtful questions.

Some of the teaching assistants are working with a different class this term. Just so you are aware of the changes:

Mrs. Mulcahy has moved from Class 4 to Class 2.

Mrs. Tuffery has moved from Class 3 to Class 4.

Mrs. Walton has moved from Class 2 to Class 3.

Mrs. Mulcahy will continue to support Class 4 for some of the afternoon sessions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teaching assistants, who work so hard with the children and are an enormous support for our teachers.

We have a school Mass coming up on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**. This is the enrolment Mass for the children making their First Holy Communion this year. We would love to see as many children and their families as possible at this Mass to show our support for this very special occasion.

Best wishes,  
Mrs. Draycott Head of School

## Found

- ♦ Fitbit watch.
- ♦ Silver coloured bracelet with silver heart, which has initials engraved onto it.
- ♦ Red 'Marvel' child's watch.

If you have lost any of the above, please call into the School Office to claim.

## Smart Watches

To avoid any safeguarding issues, please can we ask that smart watches are left at home? Some children have been taking photographs of each other using their watch and we are concerned about where these photos could be sent using their watch. Many thanks for your support with this.

## FOSMS

FOSMs is the parent-run volunteer PTA group that plans and executes fundraising events and activities that support St. Mary's School and helps to build a strong family community. FOSMs works hard to:

- Provide safe and fun extra-curricular activities for the children
- Plan whole family events that build the school community and bring local families closer together
- Raise funds to purchase equipment and provide facilities for our children that enrich their experience of being a student at St. Mary's

If you are able to help-out at events or wish to get more involved, please contact Mrs Pipkin in the School Office.



### **Be the light to those around you!**

We began this term full of the joy of the Christmas season which ended for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on 12th January. On the 2nd February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when Jesus is recognised as 'the light of the world'. On this day we invite you to our Enrolment mass at St Mary's church for those children who will be taking their First Holy Communion. We must remember that each one of us is called to be a 'light', an inspiration to those around us.

This term begins with your children exploring more of the Christmas story and then after this they will explore the topic of 'Revelation'. In this topic they will explore how God's loved is revealed through Jesus and how God speaks to his people today.

**Things to do at home** — Ask your child what they have been learning in their RE lessons.

### **Red House Home Clothes Day**

Well done to Red House, who won the most house points last term. In recognition of this, all children in the Red House are welcome to wear their home clothes next Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

### **Gospel Values**

For week commencing 20th January our Gospel Value is Integrity,.

Special events are: 20th — Martin Luther-King Day

## Community

The City of Truro Male Choir and St Mary's School Choir performed in a concert at St Mary's Church on 13th December. All the donations received during the retiring collections were split equally and St Mary's have since received a cheque for £78.67 for our school fund.

### **Year 6 Workshops**

- On the morning of Polling Day, 7th May 2020 there will be English and Maths workshops for Year 6 pupils only, in preparation for SAT's. Although these are not compulsory, they are recommended. Children will have the opportunity to sign up for these nearer the time, when further information is available.

### **Nut Allergies**

Please be reminded that we have a number of pupils who have a nut allergy, so we would encourage you not send nuts into school with your child. Many thanks for your attention.

### **Royal British Legion**

We have just been informed that St Mary's School raised £75.29 during the Poppy Appeal which took place last November.

The British Legion send their thanks for all your support.

For those families who are new to the school, the emergency school closure procedure is as follows. We strongly recommend that you listen to updates on BBC Radio Cornwall, Pirate FM or Heart FM for up to date information on school closures which will also be posted on the radio stations websites. We will endeavour to contact all parents via the Schoolcomms system. This system sends a message to parents' mobile phones. If you have recently changed your mobile number, please inform the school office.

In the event for example of heavy snow during the school day, you the parents are in the best position to assess the road conditions etc. where you live. If you need to collect your child early then this is acceptable. The school will remain open until all pupils have been collected.

★ At the end of last term we sent home certificates to award attendance for the Autumn term.

★ Gold 100%

★ Silver 98%- 99%

★ Bronze 96%- 97%

★ Please continue to ensure your child comes to school every day, unless they are unwell.

★ Missed days add up to missed valuable learning time.

Many thanks to Lisa Jenkin, who submitted an application for our school to be a recipient of the Co-op's 'Local Community Fund'. We have been selected to receive this fund this year, but we need your help to make it a big success!

If you are already a member, please go onto the co-op website and select our school as the recipient of the 1%.

If you do not have a co-op membership card, please pop in or go online and get yourself registered! But please remember to choose our school as your chosen charity.

Lesley Perkins, who is the Member Pioneer for our local co-op, paid us a visit on Wednesday and explained that one of the co-op's main aims is to promote community links. They are very interested that we may use the money from the Local Community Fund to develop our memorial/ sensory garden.

Please spread the word to all your friends and family and make sure they choose our school on the co-op website!

### **Diary Dates**

#### **January 2020**

- 17<sup>th</sup> School Disco
- 30<sup>th</sup> Bikeability Day 1 Y6 Group 2
- 31<sup>st</sup> Bikeability Day 2
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Hearing re-tests for Y1

#### **February 2020**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Y2 Maritime Museum Trip
- 11<sup>th</sup> E-Safety Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> Give it Up for Lent Assembly

#### **March 2020**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Give it Up for Lent Fast Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term

#### **April 2020**

- 14<sup>th</sup> Summer Term Starts
- 20-21<sup>st</sup> Y5 Carnyorth Residential