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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE!

Don't forget – next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day and we will be looking at “Play Like Share” which you can look at for yourself on the “thinkuknow” website. There is lots more advice on the site on the impact of social media on self-esteem:-

Having access to social media platforms offers young people a valuable opportunity to explore different sides of their identity but it's worth discussing with your child about how social media makes them feel and whether what they come across on social media might be having an adverse effect on their self-esteem.

- Encourage them to celebrate what makes them unique, rather than comparing themselves to others online.
- Talk to them about how everyone edits what they post online so that they only show the best bits, so what you see on social media isn't always entirely realistic.
- Encourage them to take part in activities they enjoy outside of social media and meet up with friends offline.

There are more resources here:

www.antibullyingpro.com/selfies-selfesteem-resource

DANCE CELEBRATION

Next Thursday, at 2.45pm in the school hall, parents / carers are invited to join us for a performance by the children of the dances they have been learning this half term. This will provide the finale before we finish for half term as **Friday is a non pupil day**.

CAKE SALE

Thank you to everyone who supported the cake sale today. We are thinking about starting a cake raffle to run alongside the cake sales. If you are a bit of a “Bake Off” champ and would be able to supply a super duper cake once or twice during the school year which we could then raffle off, please could you let Miss Slack know. Thank you.

PUPIL PROGRESS MEETINGS

Your child will be bringing home a letter today to ask for your availability for the pupil progress meetings which are being held the first week after half term. Appointment slips will be sent out next week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 7th February – Safer Internet Day

Thursday 9th February – Dance Celebration, Hall, 2.45pm

Friday 10th February – Non Pupil Day

Monday 13th February – Half term starts

Monday 20th February – Pupils return

Tuesday 21st February – Pupil Progress Meetings

Wednesday 22nd February - Pupil Progress Meetings

Wednesday 1st March – Ash Wednesday service

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day (non uniform)

Friday 3rd March – FOSMs Cake Sale

Friday 24th March – Comic Relief Day

Friday 31st March – FOSMs Cake Sale

Friday 31st March – Last day of term

Tuesday 18th April – Pupils return

Monday 24th April – Class photos

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

27th January – 2nd February 2017

Meldon	96.26%
Venford	95.22%
Fernworthy	90.43%
Burrator	97.83%
Whole school – this week	94.73%
Year to date	95.04%

This Year's Target is 96%

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week is “God cares for us and is always there to help us care for each other.”

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

We have celebrated the following successes in our recent achievement assemblies:

Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – **Grace, Poppy, Olivia J, Isaac, Abigail, Neo, Mariska**

Venford – **Renais, Priya, Madeleine (2), Lolly, Chloe**

Fernworthy – **Daisy M, Hannah W, Nicole (2), George R (2), Freya, Harvey**

Burrator – **George W, Louis, Henry M, Emily R, Ellis, Daniel, Jessica, Kayla, Ben, Darcie**

Other

Katie – Trampolining Certificate

