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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE!

Cyber bullying

We have been asked to share the following link with you which is an interview on This Morning with parents who were unaware that their child was being bullied online:

<https://www.facebook.com/ThisMorning/videos/10155223978302122/>

There may be no outward signs that someone is being bullied and they may not ask for help. Please talk to your child about what they say or do online – not just to provide an opportunity to tell you whether they are having any problems but also to encourage them to be thoughtful about what they say or do to other people. Unkind actions online can have far-reaching and devastating repercussions for all concerned and prevention is far better than a cure. Put yourself in the other person's shoes and ask yourself, how would you feel if you had to read something online about yourself that you have written about someone else? If you wouldn't like it, don't do it!

KS2 SATS STUDY DAY – TUESDAY 11TH APRIL

In response to a request from parents, we will be running a KS2 SATS Study Day in the Easter holidays on Tuesday 11th April. This will be open to all Year 6 children and is **COMPLETELY OPTIONAL**.

The day will be split into two sessions – the morning will start in school at 9am and the children will be able to focus on anything they feel they need to brush up on. At 12.15pm we will go to the Abbey Education Centre to eat lunch following which the children will take part in a "SATS Safari" focussing on grammar and spelling. The session will finish at 3.30pm when the children will need collecting from the Education Centre.

The children can do either session or both. If staying all day or joining us from 12.15pm, the children will need to bring a packed lunch.

If your child would like to join us, please let Miss Slack or Miss Blackhall know. Thank you.

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week is "God asks us to care for others the way we want them to care for us."

HEALTHY EATING POLICY

The Healthy Eating Policy is currently being reviewed by the governors. A copy of the draft is available on the school website. Hard copies are available from the school office. Parents / carers are encouraged to read the policy and make any comments or feedback to Miss Slack before it is adopted by the governors so that parental views can be considered and changes can be made if need be.

NON PRESCRIBED MEDICINES

The policy relating to the administration of medicines in school has changed and will shortly be available online. Both prescribed and non-prescribed medicines can now be given to children by the school staff. A form has to be completed by parents / carers advising staff of the dosage and timings etc. The form will be available online shortly and also from the office.

PE Kits

Please could you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school throughout the week so that they can take part in all the activities planned for them. Reminder slips will be sent home each time your child appears not to have the correct kit with them – just in case you think they have got with them but somehow it has been "lost" between school and home!

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

24th February – 3rd March 2017

Meldon	93.52%
Venford	100.0%
Fernworthy	94.78%
Burrator	94.17%
Whole school – this week	95.92%
Year to date	95.20%

This Year's Target is 96%

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

Today we celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly:

Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – Isaac, Dexter, Theo Venford – Taylor, Esme, Renais
Fernworthy – Daisy B-D, Nicole, Adèle Burrator – Lillian, Zak, Louis, Hannah T

