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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

We have spoken to the children in assembly today about Bonfire Night and Meldon have been learning about firework safety. You can see some of their work on the reverse of this letter. Please help your children to be safe and sensible tomorrow.

As part of our continuing focus on online safety, your child will be bringing home a copy of “Digital Parenting” which is a free magazine full of useful information about online safety.

STAFFING

Miss Blackhall will be returning to school on Thursday next week. We are very grateful to Mrs Neville for teaching Burrator whilst Miss Blackhall has been away.

CAR PARKING

There is a lot of pressure on the space in our car park at the moment. Please could you park considerately within the marked bays. When the bus has gone, cars can park in the yellow hatched area and at the top of the car park. It is better to wait behind the bus and park after it has left than to cause an obstruction by parking at the top of the carpark. Thank you.

POPPIES AND REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

We will be selling poppies in school next week and we are also looking for volunteers to represent the school at the Remembrance Service next Sunday. Please contact Miss Slack if you are able to attend on behalf of the school. Thank you.

CENSUS INFORMATION

We are now required to ask for the country of birth for our pupils and their nationality. I will assume that your child was born in the UK and that they are British unless you let me know otherwise. If you do not want this information to be recorded, please let me know as there is an option to put “refused” on your child’s record.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please could the school photograph orders be returned to school no later than Monday afternoon. The orders will be sent to the developers on Tuesday morning.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has taken a shoebox to fill with small gifts for children who may get no other presents this Christmas. Please could you return your shoebox to school NO LATER than Friday 11th November. If you find that you are unable to fill the box, or boxes, that you have, please return them as other families may be able to use them. If you have some items to donate, but not enough to fill a box, please send those items in and we will combine them with other donations to fill more boxes.

UNIFORM ORDERS

If you would like to order any of the coats that were on display at the Pupil Progress Meetings, please could you let the school office know by next Friday. Thank you for your patience if you have been waiting a while for these coats to be available!

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be “We make good choices because our lives are alive with God’s love.”

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

20th October to 3rd November 2016

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| Meldon | 100.0% |
| Venford | 97.39% |
| Fernworthy | 95.83% |
| Burrator | 97.39% |
| Whole school – this week | 97.26% |
| Year to date | 95.37% |

This Year’s Target is 96%

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

In our Achievement Assembly today, we celebrated the following successes:

Building Learning Power –Top Scorers!

Meldon – Abigail, Neo, Isaac

Venford – Olivia Y, Dylan, Lolly

Fernworthy – Hannah W, George R, Daisy B-D

Burrator – Darcie, Kayla, Rory

Golden Ticket Winner - Oakley

