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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Online communication – This week we have had an issue where children were communicating online outside school hours and were being very unkind to each other. Fortunately, parents made us aware of the situation and we were able to talk to the children involved and help them with strategies to deal with it in the future. The following link may be helpful in giving suggestions for parents and carers in how to be safe online:-

<http://resources.uknowkids.com/blog/bid/159108/10-Ways-Parents-Can-Prevent-Cyberbullying>

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

29th September – 5th October 2017

Meldon	93.58%
Venford	90.91%
Fernworthy	96.96%
Burrator	96.13%
Whole school – this week	94.61%
Year to date	96.56%

This Year's Target - 96%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 10th October – KS2 Trip to Farmwise

Friday 13th October – FOSMs Cake Sale

Tuesday 17th October – Individual photographs, 1.30pm

Tuesday 17th October – Pupil Progress Meetings, 4 – 6pm

Wednesday 18th October – Non Uniform Day & Harvest Festival

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Friday 20th October – Half term starts

Tuesday 31st October – Pupils return

Wednesday 1st November – All Saints Mass, School hall

HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

You may have noticed that your child has brought home a number of pieces of paper over the past few days!

Amongst them are the annual permission letters and contact data check sheets, and today the pupil progress meeting appointment letters are being sent out.

Please could these all be returned as soon as possible as they are important documents for the school.

SOUTH WEST CELEBRATE WEEKEND

(We have moved to Plymouth!)

A joyful and faith-filled event for young and old where all are welcome.

(Children & young people follow their own programme)

14th/15th October

Notre Dame School, Looseleigh Lane, Plymouth PL6 5HN

Main Speakers: Rev. Olly Ryder, Pippa Baker, David Wells

Lively worship, drama, a variety of workshops, family Mass

Online booking available (Prior booking essential)

More details: www.celebrateconference.org

Email: southwest@celebrateconference.org

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DRINKS BOTTLES

During the summer, we ordered water bottles which have now arrived and each child will be given their own one to keep in class. We have also ordered storage / carriers for the bottles and as soon as they arrive, the bottles will be made available to each class.

This will then mean that children will no longer have to bring in their own drinks' bottles unless it is in their lunchbox for a drink at lunchtime. As soon as the new bottles are available, we will inform parents and carers.

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be "We all share God's love in our own special way."

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

Today, we celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly:



Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – **Dexter, Beatrice, Mariska**

Venford – **Piotr, Lillie H**

Fernworthy – **Herbert, Jessica, Poppy**

Burrator – **Emily, Nicole, Maximus**

