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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 7TH JULY 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE!

End of day collection – If you are unable to collect your child and you arrange for another person to collect them (which is very helpful to us rather than add them onto the “bus” list), please could you ensure that the office / class teacher know the following:

1. the change in arrangements.
2. whether this arrangement is a standing one, i.e. the other person may collect your child on other occasions without the need for you to inform us each time.

Please do not send children to collect other children, as the teachers appreciate the opportunity to talk to parents / carers, if need be, and it is the school's responsibility to hand the children to a responsible adult at the end of the day. Older children may walk up by themselves as long as we have been given permission in writing.

CHILD CARE

Tax-Free childcare and thirty hours free childcare are two separate government schemes to help parents with the cost of childcare. You can apply for both through one online application:- <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/>

To qualify for either scheme, parents must be working and each earning at least £120 a week (on average) and not more than £100,000 each a year. You can use Tax-Free Childcare alongside the fifteen and thirty hours free childcare schemes. Parents can't use Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as they receive childcare vouchers, Universal Credit or tax credits. However, 30 hours free childcare can be received alongside these schemes.

When you apply, you'll be considered for both these services through the same application. You'll only be asked to decide which support you want if you're on tax credits or using a childcare voucher or salary sacrifice scheme. You should check what help you could get with childcare costs, using the childcare calculator. This will help you decide which support is best for you. The school will need to know your eligibility code as soon as possible if you qualify for the thirty hours free childcare.

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week is “Jesus wants us to live his message.”

FOSMs

The monthly FOSMs meeting will be held on Monday evening at 7.30pm at The Globe. All are welcome to come along.

Raffle sheets for the end of term raffle were sent out this week. Please could any sold or unsold sheets be returned **NO LATER** than a week on Monday, 17th July. Thank you.

MEAL TIME ASSISTANT

As you know, our dinner numbers continue to rise – recently we broke our record by having 400 meals in a week! Not surprisingly, we are now looking for another member of staff to help at lunchtime. If you would be interested in working each lunchtime, from 11.45am to 1.45pm, Monday to Friday, during the school term, please could you contact the school for more details.

FERNWORTHY RESIDENTIAL

Please could any outstanding SOE3 forms and / or contributions be sent into school on Monday so that plans can be finalised for the trip which takes place next Thursday and Friday.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

30th June – 6th July 2017

Meldon	91.25%
Venford	100.0%
Fernworthy	90.80%
Burrator	96.40%
Whole school – this week	95.05%
Year to date	95.44%

This Year's Target is 96%

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

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

Building Learning Power –Top Scorers!

Meldon – **Theo, Winnie** Venford – **Chloe, Taylor**

Fernworthy – **Natalie, George R, Imogen, Evelyn** Burrator – **Henry M, Niamh, Ellis**

Other

Brownie Promise Certificate – **Daisy B-D, Hannah Wa**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- w/c Monday 10th July - Annual Reports to be sent out
- Monday 10th July - Friday 14th July - SDCC Transition Week for Year 6
- Monday 10th July - FOSMs meeting 7.30pm at The Globe
- Tuesday 11th – Thursday 13th July - KEVICCs Yr 6 Induction Days
- Tuesday 11th July - Ivybridge Yr6 Induction Day
- Thursday 13th - Friday 14th July - Fernworthy Residential trip
- Monday 17th July - Yr 6 Trip to River Dart Country Park
- Monday 17th July - Meeting for parents / carers to discuss Annual Reports
- Wednesday 19th July - 1.45 pm Sports Day
- Thursday 20th July - 1.45pm Reserve Sports Day
(if event rained off the day before)
- Friday 21st July - 9.45am End of Term Mass (school hall)
- 2.00pm Leavers' assembly
*(Songs from Joseph – School Choir,
Year 6 Leavers' Presentation for St Mary's,
Achievement Assembly and Leavers' Awards.)*
- Monday 4th September - Pupils return after summer holidays