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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 8TH JULY 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

The new e-safety policy mentioned in a recent newsletter has now been approved by the governors. It will shortly be available on the school website and will be circulated next term.

PRAYER SPACE

This week, the Year 6 children joined children from other Plymouth CAST schools for a Leavers' Mass in Plymouth Cathedral. As part of this event, there was a prayer space with activities created by each of the schools. The theme was "Moving On" which applies to all our children in one way or another as we come to the end of the school year.

The prayer space will be recreated in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Monday from 10 am until approximately 4.30pm. The children will be visiting it in the morning but anyone can go and spend some time in the chapel.

END OF TERM LUNCH

We are very lucky to be able to gather once again for lunch in the Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre on the last day of term. Priority has been given to families in Burrator but all the children will be bringing home letters about the lunch today. It is always a very popular event and it is sad that we cannot accommodate everyone who would like to come.

DIARY DATES

Monday 11th July – SDCC Year 6 Induction week
Thursday 14th July – Transition Morning – all children to spend time with their new class mates
Thursday 14th July – Exmoor Zoo visit to Venford class
Friday 15th July – Year 5 Tudor trip – Totnes
Monday 18th July – Sports Day, 1.30pm
Tuesday 19th July – Leavers' Mass, 9.45am
Tuesday 19th July – Film Premiere (Oscars!) Schiller Hall
Wednesday 20th July – End of term assembly, 2pm
Wednesday 20th July – Last day of term



ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class this week is "God's call echoes through our lives, urging us to respond."

EXTENDED AGE RANGE

I am very pleased to inform you that our application to extend the age range of the school to include three year olds has just been approved. We now have to work on finalising the logistics of integrating this new age group into the school. As soon as I am able to, I will share more detail with you.

If you are interested in your child benefitting from this new provision, please let me know.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Due to the number of events over the next couple of weeks, there will be no more after school clubs this term apart from the Arsenal Club, the last of which will be next Wednesday.

New clubs will start in September – currently there will be a sports club on a Monday, led by a firm called "Go Active" (there will be a charge for this club) and on a Wednesday, the Arsenal Club will continue with Coach Chris.

As you are probably aware, this term staff have made an extra effort to provide a wider range of clubs in order to assist families who were let down when the Dart Bridge Club withdrew its services. It is unlikely that we will be able to continue to provide so many clubs and any there are will revert to a 4.30pm finishing time but hopefully this term has allowed families time to put other arrangements into place.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

1st to 7th July 2016

Venford	94.52%
Fernworthy	92.86%
Burrator	96.67%
Whole school – this week	94.42%
Year to date	95.48%

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

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

Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Venford – **Esme, Ryan, Lolly, Ashley-Rose, Imogen**

Fernworthy – **Emily R, Louis, Hannah W**

Burrator – **Mahlia, Denham, Scarlett**

Other

Swimming awards – **Adèle, Esme, Madeleine, Olivia K** Grade 4 Piano – **Hannah M** Scout award - **Rory**