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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

WELCOME!

Firstly, as we start the new school year I would like to say “welcome” to our new pupils and staff and “welcome back” to everyone who has returned this term.

We have had four new members of staff join us this term:-

- Miss Howarth who is teaching in Meldon
- Miss Whitefoot who is the Teaching Assistant in Meldon.
- Miss Blackhall who is teaching in Burrator, and
- Mrs Batey who is a Teaching Assistant in Venford.

SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

We continue to focus on helping the children to keep safe when they are using the internet and have two important events coming up to help them with this.

Next week the children in KS2 will be going to Buckfastleigh Primary School to watch a play about e-safety called “In the Net” (a separate letter has been sent out about this).

On 4th October, there will be a whole day of learning focussed on e-safety, led by the South West Grid for Learning who manage our internet access as a school. Included in this training is a session for parents / carers (or grandparents!) who would like to know more about the challenges faced by the children. It will run from 3pm for half an hour. As part of the day, the children will be completing questionnaires about how they use the internet and this information will be used to focus the parent / carer session.

DIARY DATES

Monday 19th September – Meldon Reading Meeting, 3pm

Tuesday 20th September – Burrator Science Dome visit

Thursday 22nd September – Fernworthy trip to Kent’s Cavern

Tuesday 4th October – E-safety day – Parents’ Meeting, 3pm

Tuesday 11th October – KS2 Farmwise trip

Thursday 13th October – Fernworthy Stone Age Experience

Tuesday 18th October – Pupil Progress Meetings, 3.45 – 5.45pm

Thursday 20th October – Individual photos, 1.30pm

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Tuesday 6th December – Crib Blessing, Fernworthy at Ashburton

Thursday 8th December – Crib Blessing, Venford, Buckfastleigh

Friday 9th December – Crib Blessing, Burrator at South Brent

Monday 12th December – Crib visit, Meldon and Little Lambs

Wednesday 14th December – Carol Service, 3.45pm at the Abbey

TOY DONATIONS

As you may be aware, we are now welcoming three year olds to St Mary’s. As a result, the toddler group, Little Lambs, and Meldon class are sharing some resources.

If you have any good condition toys, which would be suitable for the younger children, that you are able to donate to school, they will be gratefully received.

DAILY ROUTINE

Just a reminder, the children should be in their classrooms by 8.55 in the mornings, ready for registration which will take place promptly at 9.00am. The school door will be closed at 9.05am and we will continue to monitor late arrivals through the use of the “Late” book were parents / carers will be asked to sign in their children if they arrive after this time.

School finishes at 3.30pm and the school door is opened promptly at this time. If you are running late for any reason, please could you let the school know as it can be distressing for children who are left waiting to be collected after the other children have gone. Any children not collected by 3.40pm will be asked to wait by the school office.

Thank you for your help with this.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

5th to 9th September 2016

Meldon	100.00%
Venford	95.83%
Fernworthy	90.50%
Burrator	90.91%
Whole school – this week	92.95%
Year to date	92.95%

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

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

Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – **Mariska, Winifred-Rose** Venford – **Lolly, Taylor, Esme**

Fernworthy – **Ty, Oakley, Olivia K, Hannah W, Daisy B-D**

Burrator – **Jessica, Henry M, Daniel**

Other – Venitia – showed a painting she had created

