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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Anti-bullying – This week, as part of their Personal, Social, Health Education and Citizenship lessons, the children have been thinking about bullying and the effect this can have on people. They have been talking about how they can look after each other in school and in the wider community. For some children the sessions were quite emotional but it gave staff the chance to talk through the issues with these children in greater depth.



CO-OP LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND

As you know we will be benefitting from being one of the recipients of the funding from the Co-op fund. However, in order to do so, we need people to become members of the Co-Op, if they aren't already, and also to select us online as their preferred choice, the link is: <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-community-fund>

Any funding we receive will be put towards installing playground equipment for the Early Years children and enhancing the equipment for older children. Please encourage everyone you know to sign up for St Mary's!

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

10th - 16th November 2017

Meldon	97.87%
Venford	99.10%
Fernworthy	99.05%
Burrator	97.00%
Whole school this week	98.15%
Year to date	96.28%

This Year's Target - 96%

KS2 SATS MEETING FOR PARENTS

There will be an informal meeting for parents about the KS2 SATs on Monday 27th November from 3.30 - 4pm in the Library.

This is a chance to discuss with Miss Blackhall the arrangements and preparations for the Year 6 children in the lead up to the SATs in May.

FOSM's

Thank you to everyone who supported the cake sale last week. The next event is the Christmas Fair on Friday 1st December at 2.30pm – FOSMs would like donations of tombola items and good quality second hand goods. They are also looking volunteers to help set up beforehand in Southpark and to help at the event. Stalls can be booked for £5 per table.

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be "We praise God for being part of our lives and remember that when we choose what is good, we feel good about ourselves."

MELDON ELMER DAY

To conclude their colours topic, Meldon class will be having an "Elmer" day on Monday 4th December when the children can come to school dressed in lots of colours or patterns or stripes or spots! They will be making rainbow cakes and biscuits and Meldon parents / carers are invited to come for an open afternoon from 2.30pm. The children will be performing their circus skills act, singing colour songs and sharing their own Elmer stories. Families can come to look at the children's learning journeys so far, share a drink and a cake and watch the colourful show!

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL – SCHOOL CLOSURE ALERTS

With cold weather expected this weekend, parents are urged to sign up to Devon's school closure email alert. Once registered you will receive an email if the school is ever closed due to winter weather:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDEVONCC/bulletins/1c4ff62>

REMIINDER
****Friday 24th November****
Non Pupil Day

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

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



Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – Cici, Mariska, Maximilian
Fernworthy – Stephen, Dylan

Venford – Sophia, Amelia
Burrator – Zak, Hannah Wa

