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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE!

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/playlikeshare>

For internet safety day, Tuesday 7th February, we will be looking at “Play Like Share” which follows the adventures of Sam, Ellie and Alfie as they form a band and enter their school’s Battle of the Bands contest, taking on the mean but ‘cool’ Popcorn Wizards as they go. The three friends learn that while the internet can help, they need to use it wisely and safely.

The aim of the films is to help 8-10 year olds learn how to stay safe online. In particular, the films teach them to spot the early signs of manipulative, pressurising and threatening behaviour by people they might meet online, and develops their confidence to respond safely and get help. You can watch “Play Like Share” with your child on the CEOP YouTube channel and use this to start a conversation with your child about the internet.

HOME LEARNING

Each class has its own programme of home learning which is set by the teacher each week and there is an increasing expectation of the amount of work done as the children progress through the school. Meldon parents are expected to read with their child twice a week. By Year 6 the children are expected to be doing about one hour of home learning over the week.

If it is difficult for families to find the time to set aside for their children to do this, for whatever reason, we can provide opportunities at school, at break or lunchtime for the children to do this additional learning. However, the hope is that the children can do the learning at home so that you can support them and also get a taste of the work they are doing in class.

HAIR AND HEADLICE

We are sending out the “Nit” letter today. Please could children with hair which is longer than shoulder length, please have their hair tied back with a plain band or hair band, as this may help limit the spread of headlice.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 3rd February – FOSMs Cake Sale
Tuesday 7th February – Safer Internet Day
Thursday 9th February – Dance Celebration, Hall, 2.45pm
Friday 10th February – Non Pupil Day
Monday 13th February – Half term starts
Monday 20th February – Pupils return
Tuesday 21st February – Pupil Progress Meetings
Wednesday 22nd February - Pupil Progress Meetings
Wednesday 1st March – Ash Wednesday service
Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day (non uniform)
Friday 3rd March – FOSMs Cake Sale
Friday 24th March – Comic Relief Day
Friday 31st March – FOSMs Cake Sale
Friday 31st March – Last day of term
Tuesday 18th April – Pupils return
Monday 24th April – Class photos

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

13th – 19th January 2017

Meldon	91.53%
Venford	94.17%
Fernworthy	94.78%
Burrator	96.52%
Whole school – this week	94.62%
Year to date	95.01%

This Year’s Target is 96%



ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week is “We must shine like lights. Even the smallest things we do are important.”

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

This week, we celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly:

Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – Winnie, Abigail, Neo
Venford – Piotr, Priya, Cherry, Jack Y, Madeleine
Fernworthy – Daisy M, Finley, Natalie, Olivia K
Burrator – Venitia, Charley, Kayla, Matthew



Other

Holly – Swimming Certificate