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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE!

Safeguarding Concerns during the holiday – If you are concerned about a child or young person in Devon and want to speak to someone, contact Devon's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0345 155 1071

or email mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk and give as much information as you can.

If a child is at immediate risk contact the police on 999.

Anyone can phone MASH direct at anytime although, during the school term, it is more likely that you may wish to talk to the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead, Miss Slack, in the first instance.

FAREWELLS!

Thank you to everyone who came to our End of Term Mass and Leavers' Assembly today. It was a bit of a warm squeeze in the hall – not helped by the torrential rain at just the wrong moment – but hopefully all who wanted to come managed to get in!

We said farewell to our Year 6's and we wish them all the greatest of futures as they continue to fulfil their potential on their learning journey through life.

The choir also performed beautifully some of the songs from Joseph and I am sure I am not the only one who will be humming a few of the tunes this evening.

FOSMs

Thank you to everyone who has supported FOSMs this year. In particular Mrs Contrasti and Mrs Weekes who have led the group for a number of years but also the parents who have come forward to take over the ropes this term. The end of term raffle was drawn on Tuesday and was a great success, running very smoothly with a relatively (!) small amount of effort. All prizes have now been distributed.

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class when we return is "God has called us and sent us to make a difference to the people we meet."

MEAL TIME ASSISTANT

We are still 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.

PUPILS RETURN

The children return to school on Monday 4th September. Some of our new reception children will be having a phased start but most will be full time from the Monday, having attended the Foundation Stage unit already this year.

ATTENDANCE

Unfortunately we did not meet our attendance target of 96% for the year so we will have to do better next year if we wish to make it clear to Ofsted that we all take attendance seriously. If you have any suggestions on how to reduce absence from school, please do come and discuss this with staff – we are in this together!

ATTENDANCE FIGURES 2016-17

Meldon	95.94%
Venford	95.60%
Fernworthy	95.35%
Burrator	95.52%
Whole school	95.52%

This Year's Target - 96%

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

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

Pupils of the Term

Meldon – **Olivia J** Venford – **Courtney**

Fernworthy – **Nicole** Burrator – **Tianna**

Other

Swimming Certificate – **Kayla**

Housepoints - Taw House (Blue)



Taw House will be able to attend school in non-uniform on the first Friday after we return in September as they had the most house points this half term. Well done, Taw!