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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

STAFFING

As you are aware, Miss Blackhall has been off school following a routine operation. She is slowly recovering but will not be returning to school in time for the Pupil Progress Meetings which are being held on the Tuesday and Thursday of the first week back after half term. For this reason, Miss Slack will be meeting with parents / carers of the children in Burrator.

EXETER CHIEFS

Pupils in Fernworthy will be participating in the Aviva Tackling Numbers Programme, delivered by Exeter Chiefs Rugby Club for five weeks after half term. The rugby themed programme, aimed at Year 3 and 4 pupils, combines interactive classroom maths sessions with practical, number-based rugby games. The first session is on Tuesday 1st November, so please make sure your son/daughter has their PE kit in school ready for the first session.

DIARY DATES

Monday 24th October – Half term holiday starts
Tuesday 1st November – Pupils return
Tuesday 1st November – Pupil progress meetings
Thursday 3rd November – Pupil progress meetings
Wednesday 23rd November until 30th November - Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 28th November – Flu clinic for pupils
Friday 18th November – Children in Need
Tuesday 6th December – Crib Blessing (Fernworthy Class) at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Petroc, Ashburton at 2pm.
Thursday 8th December – Crib Blessing (Venford Class) at St Benedict's, Buckfastleigh 2pm.
Friday 9th December – Crib Blessing (Burrator Class) at St Dunstan, South Brent at 2pm.
Monday 12th December – Crib Blessing and activities for toddler group and Meldon Class in school
Wednesday 14th December – Carol Service in the Abbey 3.45pm

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class when we return after half term will be “God’s love gives us gifts and also responsibilities”

FOSM's

As you may be aware, the Friends of St Mary's are struggling for support at present. However, five parents and I met last week to look at fundraisers and events which we can continue to run with the help that is available. The next event will be a cake sale on Friday 18th November which will coincide with a non-uniform day for Children in Need.

TODDLER GROUP

Please note, there will be no toddler group on Monday 31st October as the school will be closed for a non-pupil day.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Your child will probably have brought home a letter and leaflet about the Samaritan's Purse Appeal which sends shoeboxes filled with small gifts to children all over the world. If you would like to support this appeal, please could you return your shoebox to school NO LATER than Friday 11th November.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We raised nearly £80 for CAFOD at the Harvest Festival and also collected a number of items for the Buckfastleigh Foodbank. Thank you to everyone for your support – it was lovely to see so many people there.

MUFTI-DAY

Congratulations to Dart House (Yellow) who have earned the most House Points this half term and will have a 'mufti' day on the Friday after half term (4th November).

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

9th to 14th October 2016

Meldon	100.0%
Venford	98.91%
Fernworthy	91.67%
Burrator	93.48%
Whole school – this week	95.25%
Year to date	95.08%

This Year's Target is 96%

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

In our recent Achievement Assemblies, we celebrated the following successes:

Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – Olivia J, Theo, Isabel, Winnie, Poppy

Venford – Jack Y, Piotr, Oscar, Renais, Cherry, Leon

Fernworthy – George R, Olivia K, Emily W, Aidan, Adele, Nicole

Burrator – Charley, Evan, Ellis, Lillian, Matthew

