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NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Video games – As mentioned before, some of the children are talking about films and video games which are rated as suitable for older children / adults. To be more specific, some children talk about “Call of Duty” one of the versions of which “Call of Duty Infinite Warfare”, according to the Pan European Game Information (PEGI), is rated as “PEGI 18, suitable for adults only, for extreme violence, multiple motiveless killing and strong language”. Another game the children discuss is “Zombie Apocalypse” which is described as a “very scary and tense game” and that “blood and gore is shown in graphic detail”. Please could you ensure that the things your child is watching or playing is appropriate for them. There are many sources of information for families on the internet and, if all else fails, play the game yourself and watch it with your child’s eyes before letting them see it.

REMINDER
** Tomorrow **
Non Pupil Day

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

17th – 23rd November 2017

Meldon	96.32%
Venford	95.91%
Fernworthy	99.52%
Burrator	95.33%
Whole school this week	96.63%
Year to date	96.31%

This Year’s Target - 96%

CHRISTMAS!

Your child will be bringing home a letter today about all the Christmas arrangements. It is printed on blue paper to help you spot it when you need to refer to it!

If your child is in the choir, they will also be bringing home a letter today about their upcoming “engagements” and all the children who have paid for them should now have received their choir t-shirts.

BOOK FAIR

We are holding a “Half Price Book Fair” next week, on Thursday 30th November and the following Monday and Tuesday, 4th and 5th December.

The Book Club children have decided that there will be competition for all the children to enter to win a £10 book voucher to be spent at the Book Fair. They are asking that each child draws their favourite book character and sends their entry into the Office by next Thursday. The Book Club children will judge the entries and award a prize for the best picture in FS / KS1 and in KS2. Each child who makes a purchase at the Fair will also be entered for a chance to win a £5 book voucher to spend at the Fair.

FOSM'S CHRISTMAS FAIR – NEXT FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Wanted:-

Tombola Items, good second hand books, toys and bric-a-brac

... and helpers! See Christmas letter for more details.

ART CLUB

Unfortunately, there will be no Art Club next week due to staff training. However, all the other clubs will be on.

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.”

DRINK BOTTLES

You may have heard that the children are now all using their own drink bottles provided by school during the day. This means that the children only need to bring a drink in a bottle if it is part of their packed lunch. We are encouraging the children to stay hydrated throughout the day by having drinking water on hand at all times.

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>