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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

e-Safety Training

Just a reminder that this Tuesday, 4th October, we are hosting e-Safety training led by a consultant from the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL). Thank you to everyone who has returned their slip indicating whether or not they can attend the session for parents / carers. This session will start at 3 o'clock in the hall.

YouTube

A parent has made the school aware that, when their child was looking for information about Minecraft, they were able to access a video on YouTube which featured two children from our school. Just a reminder that children of primary school age should not have YouTube accounts and these video clips can be accessed by anyone in the world.

Computer games

It has become apparent, through conversations with some children, that some of them are watching and / or playing computer games which have age certificates for children / young adults far older than them. Please bear in mind that these games have age guidelines, in the same way that films do, as the content may be upsetting or inappropriate for younger children.

MACMILLAN COFFEE "MORNING"

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Macmillan event today. Also thank you to everyone who donated cakes which allowed us to have such a fine spread of refreshments on offer.

NEW PE t-SHIRTS

All the children should have brought home a letter this week about the pale blue t-shirts which we will be ordering for PE. All the children will be receiving a free shirt so please could you return your order slip no later than next Friday 7th October. If you are unsure of the size you need, we will be ordering some extra stock so we should be able to swap shirts around when they arrive if need be.

PUPIL PROGRESS MEETINGS

Please note that the dates for these have been changed to after half term. They will now be held on Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd November. Letters will be sent out nearer the time but appointments will be agreed before half term as the Tuesday is the first day back after the break.

HOME / SCHOOL LEARNING SESSION –

On Tuesday 18th October there will be an informal meeting for Fernworthy parents / carers to come into class and discuss and experience ways to help the children with their home learning.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 4th October – E-safety day – Parents' Meeting, 3pm

Tuesday 11th October – KS2 Farmwise trip

Thursday 13th October – Fernworthy Stone Age Experience

Tuesday 18th October – Fernworthy Home Learning Session

Thursday 20th October – Individual photos, 1.30pm

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

23rd to 29th September 2016

Meldon	100.0%
Venford	91.67%
Fernworthy	96.67%
Burrator	100.0%
Whole school – this week	96.55%
Year to date	95.21%

This Year's Target is 96%

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be "We find the God of surprises in unexpected places."

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

In our Achievement Assembly today, we celebrated the following successes:

Building Learning Power –Top Scorers!

Meldon – **Gracie, Isabel**

Venford – **Sophia, Katie, Holly**

Fernworthy – **Daisy B-D, Hannah W, Alex**

Burrator – **Venitia, Evan, Ben**

Other:-

Oscar B-W – Green Belt in Martial Arts, **Louis** – Pony Show cup and rosettes

