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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Children's Mental Health Week

5th – 11th February

#Being ourselves

Here are a few simple ways you can encourage your children to understand the importance of 'Being Ourselves'

- ✓ Point out your children's positive qualities determination, courage, kindness – help them to notice what makes them unique.
- ✓ Have a chat about the strengths, qualities and interests within your family over dinner, in the car or when you are playing together.
- ✓ Celebrate your efforts with your children. Whether you go for a run, get promoted at work or cook a great meal, sharing your achievements, no matter how big or small, will help your children to recognise their own successes.

DANCE CELEBRATION

Thank you to everyone who was able to come and enjoy the performances of the dances that the children had been working on. Your support is greatly appreciated by the staff and children.

HEALTHY EATING POLICY

We are currently reviewing our Healthy Eating Policy and would welcome any parental feedback or comments. The policy can be found on the parents' page of the school website. If you would like a paper copy, please ask in the office and one will be printed off for you.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Art and Drama – These clubs will resume the first week back after half term.

Football - There will be no football club on the first Friday after half term as a football match for year 5 / 6 has been arranged. The children involved will be given information about this separately.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

2nd – 8th February 2018

Meldon	98.99%
Venford	80.00%
Fernworthy	96.96%
Burrator	88.97%
Whole school this week	91.06%
Year to date	95.16%



This year's target – 96%

As you can see, our attendance has fallen well below our target of 96%. This is due to a number of reasons, not least the recent spate of chickenpox and other sickness. However, it is an important focus for Ofsted and we must continue to try to maximise the attendance of every child and for this we need your support. Please book appointments and holidays outside term time wherever possible. To help you monitor your own child's attendance, your child will be bringing home their attendance record for the year to date.

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class when we return after half term will be "God asks us to care for others the way we want them to care for us."

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

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

Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!



Meldon – **Isaac, Rebecca**
Fernworthy – **Katie, Herbert**

Venford – **Riley, Abigail**
Burrator – **Shane, Venitia**



Other

Sports Certificates - **Eva, Abigail, Hollie P, Louis**
South Dartmoor English workshop participation certificates – **Imogen, Jessica**

Housepoints – top scorers!

Teign house (green team) will be able to wear non-uniform on the first Friday back after half term