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NEWSLETTER – MONDAY 5TH MARCH 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

PUPIL PROGRESS MEETINGS

The Pupil Progress Meetings which should have taken place last Thursday have been re-arranged for this Thursday (8th March). If you are unable to attend your appointment, please could you let Mitzi or your child's class teacher know so that another meeting can be arranged at a mutually convenient time.

FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

This week there will be football club as normal for all the children who are signed up for it as the Year 5 / 6 football match against St Joseph's has been postponed until the following week.

MONITORING VISITS

As you are probably aware, the school is regularly visited by various people who help the school maintain its standards by meeting with Miss Slack and looking at the school with independent eyes. Recently, three visits happened in quick succession just before the bad weather intervened. We are pleased to report that the opinions of a local headteacher, our School Improvement Partner and one of the Regional Commissioners for Schools all seemed to confirm that we have a school to be proud of - not perfect by any means - but one which Miss Slack and the staff know well and know what we must do next to continue on our journey to ever higher standards.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 8th March – Fernworthy Escot trip
Thursday 8th March – Pupil Progress Meetings
Friday 23rd March – Theatre Alibi visit
Thursday 29th March – Easter Bonnet Parade
Thursday 29th March - Last Day of Term
Monday 16th April – Pupils return
Monday 23rd April – Class photos
Friday 4th May – Non Pupil Day
Monday 7th May – Bank Holiday
Monday 14th May – KS2 SATs Week
Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June – Half term
Monday 4th June – Pupils return
Monday 25th June – Burrator Activities Week
Monday 9th July – SDCC Yr 6 Transition Week
Tuesday 24th July – Last day of term
Monday 3rd September – Pupils return

WORLD BOOK DAY

Our celebration of World Book Day has been re-arranged for Friday 23rd March when we are being visited by Theatre Alibi who will be performing "The Boy Who Climbed Into The Moon". It has been decided to have a day focussed on literacy in conjunction with this visit.

However, the children will be bringing home their World Book Day voucher today – don't forget this can be used to pay towards the cost of books from the Scholastic Book Club magazine which was sent out a few days ago.



FERNWORTHY ESCOT TRIP

Just a reminder, Fernworthy are out on a trip on Thursday this week and will need a packed lunch that day. They can wear warm non uniform with their school jumper or cardigan on top.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

23rd February – 1st March 2018

Meldon	91.22%
Venford	93.57%
Fernworthy	93.79%
Burrator	82.14%
Whole school this week	89.61%
Year to date	94.93%



This year's target – 96%

As you can see, our attendance figures are slipping away from our target of 96%. Unfortunately, we cannot blame the snow as days on which the school is closed for exceptional circumstances do not count and are removed from the data. We must hope that the worst of the winter illness is behind us and our attendance percentage starts to climb up again.

However, having said that, we have been notified that there has been a recent national increase in notifications of scarlet fever to Public Health England, above seasonal expected levels. More information can be found on the following link:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/scarlet-fever-symptomsdiagnosis-treatment>

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class this week is "God loves us and wants us to be strong enough to say sorry when we hurt others."