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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 20TH APRIL 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!

Today we celebrated a special day....

For weeks, if not months, there has been subterfuge and intrigue going on in school as we filmed a special video to celebrate Mrs Kerswell's twentieth anniversary of working at St Mary's School. We have known for a long time that the anniversary fell on a Friday which would mean that we could make a presentation during an achievement assembly. Fr Francis suggested Mike-Luke of the Abbey Media Department make a video to mark the occasion. There has been a great deal of planning, manoeuvring (of Mrs Kerswell out of the way), filming and editing. Some of the children, ex-pupils, staff and governors were all filmed – often in Mrs Kerswell's classroom without her knowledge – congratulating her on her achievement.

It was clear from Mrs Kerswell's face this morning, as Fr Francis and a number of other people walked in to the hall at the end of the normal assembly this week, that she had no idea what was about to happen. The whole school was able to enjoy an absolutely stunning video together, thanking Mrs Kerswell for her hard work over the years. St Cuthbert's staff had also made a lovely cake for staff to share and all the children had special buns at lunch time to celebrate.

Here's to the next twenty years, Mrs Kerswell!



FOSMs

Bingo night was a huge success! Thanks to all of you lovely people who came along to support St Marys. Special thanks to Waldrons for the delicious cakes, Dean Court Butchery, Plum at the Bank, the Jolly Roger Fish and Chip Bar and to all those who donated or helped in any way - there are too many to thank individually! We raised a total of £581.20!

We were stunned by the generosity of parents with donations given on the Thursday for mufti and from the general public as the prize donations just kept coming! It was a great night with an amazing turnout and a lot of people like Mr Hague (Naomi's Dad), Luke and Anna Collings pitching in to help. Thank you again.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

29th March – 19th April 2018

Meldon	96.35%
Venford	98.50%
Fernworthy	96.52%
Burrator	93.79%
Whole school this week	96.04%
Year to date	95.08%

This year's target – 96%

LITTLE LAMBS – MONDAY 14TH MAY

Advance notice - due to the Hall being used for SATs on Monday 14th May, the toddler group will go on a welly walk with Meldon that morning.

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be "God is always caring for us, even when we don't realise it".

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

We celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly this week:



Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – Rebecca, Grace
Fernworthy – Caoimhin, Herbert

Venford – Winnie, Lolly
Burrator – Hannah Wa, Niamh



Other

Twenty Years at St Mary's – Mrs Kerswell

