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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 27TH APRIL 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Operation Encompass

On the reverse of this letter you will find information about Operation Encompass which is a joint initiative between police forces and schools across the country.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

This term the children will take part in a series of sessions before or after half term. As in previous years, we are fortunate to have the Abbey Education Centre helping to deliver these sessions each week. This year all of the children will be working towards an award at the end of the year, based around the principles of: environmental awareness, creativity, wild skills, wider community, nature knowledge, advocacy, curriculum enhancement and spirituality and reflection.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 4th May – Non Pupil Day

Monday 7th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 14th May – KS2 SATs Week

Friday 18th May – Sports for Champions

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June – Half term

Monday 4th June – Pupils return

Tuesday 5th June – Yr 3 & Yr 4 Bikeability level 1

Wednesday 6th June – KS2 Swimming starts

Monday 11th June – Science Week at St Mary's

Monday 25th June – Burrator Activities Week

Monday 2nd July – Yr 5 & Yr 6 Bikeability

Thursday 5th July – Storytelling Festival at the Abbey

Friday 6th July – Summer & Enterprise Fair

Monday 9th July – SDCC Yr 6 Transition Week

Wednesday 18th July – Swimming Gala

Friday 20th July – Sports Day

Monday 23rd July – Sports Day (if weather poor on Friday)

Tuesday 24th July – Leavers' Mass (am) & Assembly (pm)

Tuesday 24th July – Last day of term

SPORTS FOR CHAMPIONS

We are hosting a visit from the organisation "Sports for Champions" on Friday 18th May in the afternoon. Your child will be bringing home a letter / sponsorship form today which gives more information about the event.

As part of the visit, we have an athlete, Robert Mitchell, who is a high jumper for Wales, coming to St Mary's to work with the children to carry out their Sports Challenge. Robert will also host an assembly to talk to the children about Sports for Champions and to celebrate their achievements during the afternoon.

The school will benefit from a share of any sponsorship money raised but all children will get a sticker for taking part.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

20th – 26th April 2018

Meldon	98.47%
Venford	99.00%
Fernworthy	91.30%
Burrator	86.21%
Whole school this week	92.90%
Year to date	94.99%

This year's target – 96%

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be "God has chosen us to be special and wants us to dream our dreams."

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

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

Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – Max, Libby, Eva

Fernworthy – Poppy M, Esme

Venford – Courtney, Cherry

Burrator – Nicole, Aidan C-W



Other

Swimming – Olivia K, Madeleine, Esme

BBC Radio 2 500 Words competition – Lolly

