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NEWSLETTER – MONDAY 1st OCTOBER 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING – Keeping children safe

Doki Doki – Please be aware of a new app which is now available called Doki Doki and does not require parental controls to download. It features four animated young girls and a boy who wants to join a school literature club. There are alternative endings depending on choices made during the course of the game. It features graphic references and images of violence, suicide and self-harm.

ATTENDANCE

As you are aware, reaching our attendance target of 96% this year is exceptionally important to us as a school. Helping us to focus on this target is our Education Welfare Officer, Morwenna Griffin who visited us last week. She will be monitoring attendance and looking at the data for all the pupils to ensure good attendance this year. We have been given a letter detailing Devon Local Authority's arrangements regarding requests for absence (holidays) which will be circulated to parents / carers soon. If you wish to contact her to discuss attendance issues her details are: Morwenna Griffin 01392 287223.

PERMISSIONS, TRIPS, ETC

Please could the permissions slips which were sent out last week be returned as soon as possible. Many thanks to those of you who have already done so. Just a reminder that Fernworthy will be out this week on Thursday and will need a packed lunch to take with them to Kents Cavern. Meldon will be visiting the Abbey tomorrow during the morning and going on the Brother Bear tour.

SAINTS SW AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

If your child is taking part in the after school clubs on Tuesday and Friday, please could you enter your details online if you haven't already done so. Look for KS2 Football or KS1 Multiskills on the following link: <https://www.saintssouthwest.co.uk/all-courses/afterschool-club/>. Thank you.

PLYMOUTH CAST CONSULTATION

The Catholic Multi Academy Trust of which St Mary's is part, is carrying out a consultation looking at the current vision and mission statement.

The new CEO, Mr Raymond Friel, is inviting all the stakeholders of Plymouth CAST to contribute ideas in response to his 'Vision for Excellence' paper which lists a number of questions around the vision and mission statement.

If you are interested in contributing to the consultation, hard copies of this paper are available in the school office or can be accessed on the school website.



FOSM's AGM
Thursday 3 o'clock
School Library

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

21st to 27th September 2018

Meldon	95.35%
Venford	93.53%
Fernworthy	97.41%
Burrator	99.17%
Whole school this week	96.50%
Year to date	96.39%

This year's target – 96%

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class this week will be "God is special to us and we are special to God."

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

We celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly on Friday:

Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – **Kyree, Rainn**

Fernworthy – **Katie, Holly B-D**

Venford – **Ollie, Eva**

Burrator – **Olivia K, Reuben**



Other

Saints SW Sports Certificates - **Libby, Isabel, Priya, Alice**

Dance cups and awards - **Libby** Swimming awards - **Dexter**