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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING – Keeping children safe

A number of our children have mentioned that they have been playing an online game called 'Fortnite'. UK Safer Internet has advice about this game, which has a PEGI rating of 12. PEGI have said due to the: 'frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under twelve years of age'. The game also has an online chat facility. UK Safer Internet advice is to have an open and honest conversation with your child about the game and also:-

- ❖ Play with them
- ❖ Know how to make a report
- ❖ See what other people think of Fortnite.
- ❖ For further information, please visit:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parents-guide-fortnite-battle-royale>

FOSMs

FOSMs have kindly helped to fund new play equipment for Meldon Class and £700 worth of books for our reading scheme, thanks to their fund raising efforts over the past few years. There will be a meeting on Thursday 1st November at 7.30pm at the Dartbridge Inn. The committee are looking for volunteers to help with the cake sale after school on Friday 2nd November and on stalls at their next big fundraising event, the Christmas Fair, which will be held on Friday 14th December from 2.30 - 5pm at Southpark Community Centre (opposite the school). If you are able to help please could you let Mitzi know in the school office.

CO-OP GOOD CAUSES FUND

St Mary's were fortunate enough to have been selected as one of the Co-op's 'Good Causes' for the past twelve months. Thanks to the generosity of shoppers at the local store, St Mary's have been given in excess of £1800 towards our new play equipment. To say thank you, we have been invited to attend a celebration event at the Ashburton Co-op on Saturday 24th November 2018 at 10.30am. If you would be able to attend, please could you let the school know in advance.

125TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

On Tuesday 4th December, St Mary's celebrates its 125th anniversary. To celebrate the day that the school first opened, we have decided that we will have a "Victorian Day" and experience what it might have been like one hundred and twenty-five years ago for children at school. Each class will be taking part in some Victorian activities and we would also like to encourage people to dress up as Victorians for the day.

CHILDREN IN NEED

The school will be raising money for Children in Need again this year on Friday 16th November. The fundraising will include a Bring and Buy sale in the school hall from 8.35am. If you have any donations for the event please could you bring them into school from Monday 12th November onwards. The children are also able to wear non-uniform in return for a suggested donation of £1.

PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to those people who have already completed and returned their questionnaires. If you still have a questionnaire to return, please could you ensure that this is back in school no later than Friday 2nd November.

1ST NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS' MASS

There will be a Mass in the school hall on Thursday 1st November at 9.15am and parents/carers are welcome to attend. There will be refreshments afterwards.

FLU LETTER

The letter about flu vaccinations (with the extremely long link) is now on the school website, which should make it easier to access the permission link!

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

12th – 18th October 2018

Meldon	95.86%
Venford	96.07%
Fernworthy	94.07%
Burrator	95.00%
Whole school this week	95.15%
Year to date	96.57%

This year's target – 96%

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class after half term will be "God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit are always present in our lives."

Well done, Teign!

The green team can come to school in non-uniform on Friday 2nd November as they have scored the most house points this half term.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

We celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly today:

Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – **Nia, Bridie** Venford – **Olivia J, Isabel**

Fernworthy – **Lolly, Leon** Burrator – **Hannah, Natalie**

Other

Saints SW Sports Certificates – **Bridie, Riley AJ, Olivia Y, Reuben**

Reading Challenge Draw – **Sophia £20 voucher, Dylan £10 voucher**

Swimming Award – **Madeleine, Esme, Olivia K**

