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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN – Keeping children safe

Next Friday, the NSPCC will be delivering their “Speak out. Stay safe.” programme in the school. Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language. If you’d like to know more about the NSPCC’s work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/

FOSM's Christmas Fair

Next Friday (14th December)

2.30pm Southpark Community Centre

Your child will have brought home some raffle tickets for the draw at the Christmas Fair (top prize of £100.00 plus some runner up hampers). More tickets will be sold on the day but ideally if monies, stubs and unsold tickets could be returned by Thursday 13th that would be an enormous help as we can then fold them all up ready for the big draw. Please feel free to sell these to friends and family and there are always plenty more raffle books available from the School Office. They can be bought per ticket or by the book and obviously the more we can sell the more funds we can raise for buying equipment and experiences for the children. Thank you so much for all your help and if you have any donations for the hampers these will always be gratefully received. The children can also wear non uniform next Friday in return for tombola items or cakes.

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS!

Monday 10th December – 9.15am, Meldon / Toddlers Crib Blessing

Tuesday 11th December – 9.20am, The Shepherd's Tale - Meldon

Wednesday 12th December – 3pm, Topic Celebration, Fernworthy

Thursday 13th December – 3.45pm, Carol Service, Buckfast Abbey

Friday 14th December – NSPCC workshops

Friday 14th December – 2.30pm, FOSMs Christmas Fair,
Southpark Community Centre

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be “Our lives are filled with God’s love.”

PE – KITS AND PARKING

Please could you ensure that your child has PE kit in school all week. Children with siblings will not be allowed to borrow kits from each other as there have been issues with the kits being returned dirty which is not fair on the other child when they come to use it.

Also the car park is in use for PE on Tuesdays and Fridays so parking is not available until after 3pm on these days.

TOPICS NEXT TERM

The children will be studying the following topics next term:-

Meldon – Goldilocks and the Three Bears (Bears)

Venford – “It’s freezing!” (Winter and seasonal changes, insulation, Captain Scott, Picasso)

Fernworthy – Romans

Burrator – Circle of Life (Fossils, animals and plant adaptations and evolution)

If you have any expertise in any of these areas, we would love to hear from you. We would be really pleased if you would be willing to come and share your knowledge with the children as first-hand experience and enthusiasm for a subject is priceless.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

30th November – 6th December 2018

Meldon	91.67%
Venford	96.67%
Fernworthy	95.00%
Burrator	98.33%
Whole school this week	95.65%
Year to date	96.03%

This year's target – 96%

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

We celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly today:



Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – **Braxton, Cici** Venford – **Dexter, Grace**
Fernworthy – **Caoimhin, Honey-rose** Burrator – **Alice, Aidan C-W**



Other

Saints SW Sports Certificates – **Cici, Poppy W, Courtney, Jessica**