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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 18TH JANUARY

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN – Keeping children safe

Fire Safety - The children in Venford and Burrator will be visited by the Fire Education Officer on Friday 8th February for the annual fire safety talk. In the meantime, here is some advice from the Devon and Somerset Fire Service website:-

Fitting a smoke alarm is the first crucial step to protecting yourself from fire. But what would you do if it went off during the night? Be prepared by making an escape plan.

- Plan an escape route and make sure everyone who lives in or visits your home knows how to escape
- Make sure the escape routes and exits are kept clear.
- The best route is the normal way in and out of your home.
- Think of a second route in case the first one is blocked.
- Take a few moments to practise your escape plan.
- If the layout of your home changes or circumstances change, review your plan.
- Keep door and window keys where everyone can find them.

If your child is going on a sleepover, check that there will be a responsible adult present at all times in the property and that there is a working smoke alarm. It may be uncomfortable to ask but working smoke alarms and escape plans are like seatbelts for sleepovers – you hope never to need them – but they need to be there just in case...

CHORISTER PROGRAMME

Next Wednesday, 23rd January, there will be taster sessions during the afternoon for children who are eligible to join the programme currently (those in Years 3 - 5) and those eligible in September (Year 2).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 21st – Friday 25th January – “It’s OK to be Different”
Tuesday 22nd January – EH4MH workshop for parents / carers
Wednesday 23rd January – Chorister Taster sessions, 1.30pm
Monday 4th February – Online safety workshop, 2.15pm
Tuesday 5th February – Safer Internet Day
Friday 8th February – Fire Safety Talk, Venford and Burrator
Tuesday 12th February – Pupil Progress Meetings, 4- 6pm
Wednesday 13th February – Pupil Progress Meetings, 4- 6pm
Thursday 14th February – Dance Celebration, 2.45pm, School Hall
Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February – Half term break

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be “God helps us to choose the right things.”

“IT’S OK TO BE DIFFERENT” WEEK 21ST – 25TH JANUARY

Each day the children will be having a session dedicated to focussing on a different aspect of how we are all different, but also that we need to look after ourselves (and others!).

On Tuesday, 22nd January, 1.30 - 3.30pm there will be a parent / carer workshop which we hope many parents / carers will be able to attend to find out more about such an important topic.

PUPIL PROGRESS MEETINGS

As you know, these are scheduled for week commencing Monday 11th February. Appointment letters will be sent out nearer the time.

Any families with ongoing meetings with staff as part of the Achievement for All project will have their next appointments arranged to coincide with the Pupil Progress Meetings so that they will not need to attend two meetings.

DOGS’ TRUST VISIT

We were very pleased to welcome the Dogs Trust Education and Community Officers, Stacey and Helen, into school today. They led a session in each class talking about responsible dog ownership and staying safe around dogs. You can find out more by visiting:
www.learnwithdogstrust.org.uk

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

11th – 17th January 2019

Meldon	97.83%
Venford	97.92%
Fernworthy	99.23%
Burrator	98.33%
Whole school this week	98.38%
Year to date	96.22%

This year’s target – 96%