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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 25TH JANUARY

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN – Keeping children safe

Online Safety Workshop – A reminder that there will be a workshop run by the NPSCC and O² on **Monday 4th February at 2.30pm** for parents / carers who would like to learn more about keeping their children safe online. Please let Mitzi know if you will be able to attend.

“IT'S OK TO BE DIFFERENT” WEEK

We have had a very successful week focussing on diversity and mental well-being. We finished the week with an assembly where the children from each class shared a little about what they had learnt. Each class has also been given a little “pot of worries” – the idea is that the children can write down anything they are worried about and put it in the pot. The pot will be checked by the class teacher each week and any concerns dealt with appropriately.

We were very disappointed that the workshop for parents / carers was cancelled but unfortunately the trainer was poorly. As soon as we know a new date, we will circulate the information. Our work with EH4MH will be continuing as they will be providing training later in the term for our Year 5 children to become Mental Health Ambassadors at school.

CHORISTER PROGRAMME

The taster sessions in school this week for the Chorister Programme were very successful. If your child is interested, the next step is a “Be a Chorister for the Day” workshop in Buckfast Abbey on Sunday 3rd February at 1.15pm. Please contact Matthew Searles, Assistant Master of the Music at the Abbey, on 01364 645640 ext 5642 or via email msearles@buckfast.org.uk if you would like to know more or to sign up for the workshop.

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be “We must shine like lights. Even the smallest things we do are important.”

MATHS AWARD

As part of a continued focus on maths, from this week, we are awarding certificates to those children who have stood out for their resilience, focus or particular effort in their maths work during the week.

The first recipients of this award are:-

**Alex, Riley AJ, Rebecca,
Herbert, Priya, Adele and Archie**

The children in Burrator would also like to invite all parents / carers to celebrate an afternoon of maths with them on Thursday 28th February at 3pm. They will share what they have learnt, answer your questions about how we learn maths across the school and there will be opportunity for you to work together on a maths puzzle.

HYGIENE – HAND SANITISER

To help minimise the spread of infection, in this the season of coughs and colds, the children will be using alcohol free, unscented, antimicrobial hand sanitiser before they enter the hall for lunch.

If your child has sensitive skin and you would prefer that they continue to use soap and water instead, please could you let their class teacher know.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

18th – 24th January 2019

Meldon	95.68%
Venford	97.08%
Fernworthy	100.0%
Burrator	94.17%
Whole school this week	96.86%
Year to date	96.26%

This year's target – 96%

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

We celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly today:



Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – **Bridie, Braxton**

Fernworthy – **Sophia, Madeleine**

Venford – **Rumer, Mariska**

Burrator – **Hannah, Poppy M**



Other

Saints SW Sports Certificates – **Braxton, Sophia-rose, Poppy W, Isabel, Renais, Herbert, Olivia K, Evelyn**
Swimming awards – **Conrad, Rebecca**