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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN – Keeping children safe

Online Safety Workshop – Don't forget the workshop run by the NPSCC and O² this Monday, 4th February, at 2.30pm for parents / carers who would like to learn more about keeping their children safe online. Please attend if you possibly can.

The following day is Safer Internet Day. The theme this year is focussing on how consent works in an online context, exploring how young people ask for, give and receive consent online. This could be in their friendships or relationships, how they take and share images and videos or how they manage their privacy and data. The following link is a quiz designed for 8-13 year olds, but can be played by anyone!

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/safer-internet-day-2019-quiz>

Fire Safety Talks – The children in Venford and Burrator will be taking part in Fire Safety workshops next Friday. If you would prefer that your child does not take part, an opt out form is being sent out today.

“BE A CHORISTER FOR THE DAY”

Please remember that the “Be a Chorister for the Day” workshop in Buckfast Abbey is this Sunday, 3rd February, at 1.15pm. There are still some places available so if your child is interested, 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.

DIARY DATES

Sunday 3rd February – Be a Chorister for a Day 1.15pm,

Monday 4th February – Online safety workshop, 2.15pm

Tuesday 5th February – Safer Internet Day

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

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day

Wednesday 3rd April – NADSA music workshop

Thursday 4th April – Shetland Pony visit

Friday 5th April – Last day of term

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be “We must trust God to help us and we should look for God in the people around us.”

SCHOOL CLOSURE ARRANGEMENTS

Thank you to everyone for your co-operation this week as we have had to alter our arrangements due to the icy and snowy conditions. Just a reminder that we will let you know if the school is closed by ringing or emailing every family and by putting a notice on the home page of the website.

The general arrangements were sent out on the reverse of last week's newsletter and are on the website. In the future, we may consider the option of opening the school later in the morning if the weather forecast suggests that the conditions will improve. We would phone, email and put a notice on the website if that were the case.

Saints SW After School Clubs

There are still spaces in the KS2 Football club on Tuesdays and the KS1 Multiskills club on Fridays. These clubs cost £1 per session. If you would like your child to join these clubs, please let Miss Slack know.

PUPIL PROGRESS MEETINGS

The appointment letter for Pupil Progress Meetings is being sent out today. Please could you complete the form with as many options as possible and return it to school as soon as possible so that we can co-ordinate appointments within families. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

25th – 31st January 2019

Meldon	92.13%
Venford	92.44%
Fernworthy	92.19%
Burrator	96.61%
Whole school this week	93.39%
Year to date	96.10%

This year's target – 96%