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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN – Keeping children safe

Staff recently took part in training about “County Lines”. This is the term used to describe urban gangs supplying drugs to other parts of the UK using dedicated mobile phone lines. Everyone is being asked to look for signs of this activity in their area and to report any concerns to the police.

What should you look out for?

- A child or young person going missing from school or home or significant changes in emotional well-being.
- Acquiring money or expensive gifts they can't account for
- A person meeting unfamiliar adults or a change to their behaviour
- Lone children from outside of the area
- Individuals with multiple mobile phones or tablets or ‘SIM cards’
- Unknown or suspicious looking characters coming and going from a neighbour's house
- Relationships with controlling or older individuals or associated with gangs
- Suspicion of self-harm, physical assault or unexplained injuries

WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Don't forget! We have our second workshop for parents / carers this **Monday 11th March at 1.30pm**. The focus of this session is anxiety, so if you are interested in learning more, please do come along. The parents / carers who attended the last workshop found it very useful and this has been arranged as a result of their requests for another one.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Gymnastics Club – there are still lots of spaces in the Gymnastics After School Club. Please sign up online, if you haven't done so already, the club will be run each Monday by Premier Sports for the next four weeks. The sessions cost £2 per week and can be paid to school. The link for signing up is on www.premier-education.com

RED NOSE DAY

Next Friday, 15th March, is Comic Relief Day. The children may come into school wearing something red in exchange for a £1 donation to Comic Relief. The School Council will be helping Coach Ben run an obstacle course competition and there will be awards for winners in a number of categories.

TERM DATES

On the reverse of this letter are term dates up to July 2020. Please note there have been some alterations to the dates for the school year 2019 – 2020. These changes are beyond our control and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

GLOCKENSPIELS

We are looking for glockenspiels! If you have any at home that you would like to donate, Mrs Manley will be very grateful!

She will put them to very good use in her music sessions with each class.



ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be “God asks us to care for others the way we want them to care for us.”

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

1st – 7th March 2019

Meldon	96.77%
Venford	95.42%
Fernworthy	99.23%
Burrator	97.83%
Whole school this week	97.38%
Year to date	96.02%

This year's target – 96%

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

We celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly today:

Building Learning Power – Top Scorers!

Meldon – **Jonathan, Nia** Venford – **Max, Grace**
Fernworthy – **Herbert, Olivia Y** Burrator – **Adele, Beatrix**

Maths Awards

Meldon – **Braxton** Venford – **Rumer, Riley AJ**
Fernworthy – **Lolly, Dylan** Burrator – **Alice, Jack P**

Other

Saints SW – **Rainn, Harrison, Leyton, Aidan C-W**

