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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

Dear Parents / Carers

NEXT WEEK

We have a very busy week next week:-

JOINT TODDLER SESSION WITH MELDON

On **Monday, 1st April**, the toddler group will work with Meldon children to create Easter Bonnets, ready for the parade on **Friday 5th April**.

ROMAN DAY / LEARNING AFTERNOON

On **Tuesday, 2nd April**, Fernworthy will be celebrating all that they have learnt in their latest topic with a Roman Day. If pupils would like to wear a Roman costume they would be welcome to do so, please see Mrs Kerswell if you need any help or further information about this. Parents and carers can join the children for the learning afternoon which will start at **2.45pm**.

NADSAs MUSIC AFTERNOON

On **Wednesday, 3rd April**, we welcome Divertimento String Quartet, who are professional musicians, into St Mary's who will be talking to Fernworthy Class and Burrator Class about being a musician and teaching them a bit more about their instruments. They will be playing at a concert arranged by Newton Abbot and District Society of Arts (NADSAs) on Saturday 13th April if the children would like to see them perform in real life.

SHETLAND PONY VISIT

On **Thursday, 4th April**, we will also be welcoming some Shetland ponies into school. Two of our pupils help to look after, ride and have shown these ponies in competitions, so we are looking forward to being able to meet them in school!

EASTER BONNET PARADE AND EASTER EGG HUNT

On Friday, 5th April, we will be holding our annual Easter Bonnet Parade starting at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome to join us for this annual event. The children will be making their bonnets in school next week. Their bonnets will be judged beforehand and the winners announced at the parade. Thanks to FOSMs, who have provided the prizes, the children will also be able to take part in an Easter Egg hunt during the day. The children can come in non uniform that day, as well, in return for raffle prizes for the FOSMs Bingo (or items which could be used to make up prizes, for example, chocolates, bubble bath, etc.)

BEACH CLEAN

On **Sunday 7th April**, we are going to meet by the ticket machine in the back car park (under the railway bridge) at Dawlish Warren at 1.30pm for a "Beach Clean". Please join us for this event if you can.

SCHOOL LUNCH QUESTIONNAIRE

Mr Hughes has asked if we could remind parents / carers to return the questionnaire about school lunches if they haven't done so already. All feedback will help when planning future menus.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

I am pleased to announce that the following children were voted onto the School Council this week:-

Adele, Poppy M, Hollie P, Caoimhin and Sebastian.

The voting was so close in Burrator and Fernworthy that there was a tie in the voting and both children have joined the Council for the remainder of the school year.

BINGO EVENING – FOSMs

There will be a FOSMs Bingo evening fundraiser on Wednesday April 17th at 7.00pm for 7.30pm at Southpark Community Centre.

END OF DAY COLLECTION – VENFORD

It would be very helpful in easing the congestion on the stairs outside Venford at the end of the day, if parents / carers could queue along the bottom corridor when waiting to collect their child. This would also help Mrs Cherrett and Mrs Hutchinson with handing over children as their parents / carers come to the door rather than the children spotting them on the stairs and making a move towards them without being asked by the class teacher. Thank you.

LIBRARY / SCHOOL BOOKS

Please have a good look at home for any library or reading books and return to school. Thank you.

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be "God loves us and wants us to be sure that he will always be there for us."

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

22nd – 28th March 2019

Meldon	94.68%
Venford	98.33%
Fernworthy	98.52%
Burrator	93.91%
Whole school this week	96.55%
Year to date	96.18%

This year's target – 96%