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NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 17TH MAY 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN – KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

As you may know, it is Mental Health Awareness Week this week (it is a little ironic that it is at the same time as SATS and when GCSEs start!).

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>.

Also, on the BBC there are some clips to support mental health for KS2/3:

<https://www.bbc.com/teach/teach/childrens-mental-health-week-2019/zk37bdm>

SATS

Our Year 6 children were very pleased to have finished their SATs yesterday but now our Year 2 children have made a start on their tests. They are required to do them to support the teacher assessments of their progress to date and they will have finished by the middle of next week. Then all that will be left will be the Year 1 Phonics and end of year assessments for the rest of the children in June!

ST MARY'S TODDLER GROUP

Just a reminder that there will a joint session with Meldon Class for our toddler group this Monday, 20th May.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 19th May – 4pm, Ashburton Choir Festival
Friday 24th May - Achievement assembly / choir performance
Monday 27th to Friday 31st May – Half term
Monday 3rd June – pupils return after half term
Monday 3rd June - 2.15pm, Opening of wellbeing garden
Wednesday 5th June – swimming sessions start for KS2
Monday 10th June – Bikeability - Fernworthy (PM)
Monday 10th to Friday 14th June – Bikeability – Burrator
Friday 14th June – Sports day, starts at 1.30pm
Friday 21st June – reserve Sports Day
Monday 24th to Friday 28th June – Burrator activities week

ACTS OF WORSHIP

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week will be “God has chosen us to be special and wants us to dream our dreams.”

DEVON COUNTY SHOW SCARECROW

Thank you to everyone who sent in items for the scarecrow which we made for the County Show. Also to Mrs Cherrett, Mrs Hutchinson, Mrs Manley and Mrs Owen who worked so hard to bring our lady scarecrow to life! As we write this, she is on display at the County Show – proudly wearing one of our old sweatshirts!

RECYCLING

As you may know, the scarecrow for the County Show had to be created out of recycled items. Mrs Cherrett is continuing to collect, for recycling, crisp packets, toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes and writing implements in the boxes by the front door and by the lift. Please support this initiative if you can. Thank you.

MELDON TRAIN TRIP

Just a reminder that the children in Meldon who are going on the trip need to bring a packed lunch on Wednesday.

KS2 SWIMMING

Your child has brought home a letter about swimming sessions after half term. If they haven't done so already, please could your child return the permission slip to the school office. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

10th – 16th May 2019

Meldon	96.84%
Venford	90.00%
Fernworthy	100.0%
Burrator	100.0%
Whole school this week	96.70%
Year to date	96.22%

This year's target – 96%

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

We did not have an achievement assembly in school today but next Friday, 24th May, families are invited to next week's achievement assembly when the school choir will be performing the songs that they are singing at the Ashburton Choirs' Festival this weekend. The assembly starts at 9.15am.