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Our School Councillors are also our Eco School Committee and this year we hope to gain our Eco Schools Green Flag Award. As part of this work, the children have decided on a number of activities, the first of which is an energy poster competition for saving energy. As Alice, one of our Year 6 children, explains:-

"In school we are trying to earn our Green Flag Award for our environmental work.

We are trying to save energy around the school, so at home we would like the children to design a poster, for a competition, to remind us all to do little things like turn off the lights around the school and turn off the computer if you are not using one.

The children have two weeks to design a poster so the closing date will be on Friday 11th October with the winners being announced on the closing day.

There will be prizes and the winning posters will be displayed around the school."

School Improvement Plan

Today your child will be bringing home a very brief summary of the School Improvement Plan for the coming year. It outlines the key areas that the school will focus on, based on a review of standards, results, current and future initiatives.

If you would like further information, please contact Miss Slack.

Safeguarding

Online safety

Children in all classes have sessions each term to help them to stay safe online. Next week, the children in Fernworthy and Burrator will look in detail at the Acceptable Use Agreement for KS2 and make their own commitment to use the internet responsibly and keep themselves and others safe online.

CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command) have recently produced some new resources which can help to introduce online safety to younger children, and which can be found at:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends>.

Prayer Focus

The focus for the acts of worship and prayers in class next week is:

"God is always with us in many different ways in our lives."

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have designated 2020 as 'The God Who Speaks': A Year of the Word. Therefore, 2020 will be a year of celebrating, living and sharing God's word, through a range of events, activities and resources.

As a school, we will continue to think about the Gospel message through our liturgy, prayers and RE lessons but will try to develop further opportunities to do this over the coming year.

Reminders and Dates

Sunday 29th September – Deadline for Flu Immunisation Consent.

Friday 4th October - Apple Day

Next Friday, 4th October will be Apple Day, organised by the Abbey Education Department.

Monday 7th October – Photo orders deadline

Tuesday 8th October – Flu Immunisation

Thursday 17th October 2.45pm - Fernworthy Curriculum afternoon

Monday 21st October – Half term starts

Tuesday 29th October – Pupils Return

Friday 1st November 9.30am – All Saints Mass

Monday 9th December 2.00pm – Crib Blessing, Burrator, South Brent

Tuesday 10th December 2.00pm – Crib Blessing, Fernworthy, Ashburton

Thursday 11th December 2.00pm – Crib Blessing, Venford, Buckfastleigh

Tuesday 17th December 2.45pm – Meldon Nativity

Wednesday 18th December 3.45pm – Carol Service

Friday 20th December – Last day of term

Monday 6th January – Pupils return

Trim Trail

Our new trim trail on the school field has now been completed. Although the children have been limited in their use of this so far due to the weather, they have enjoyed using it.

Inevitably, some of the children are playing on the equipment after school - please emphasise to your children that they must behave in the same way on the equipment after school as they would during school. All the children have been told how to use the trail correctly, for example, they follow the trail up the hill, they do not climb on top of the poles and they do not distract other children when they are on the equipment.

Thank you for your support with this.

Coats and PE kits

Coats

Now that the weather has turned colder and wetter, please could you send your child in school every day with a coat - even if it is just a lightweight pac-a-mac sort of coat.

PE Kits

Please could you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day. Although they have set days for PE, sometimes plans can change and their kit will be needed on other days.

Attendance Figures

This year's target - 96%

20th - 26th September 2019

Meldon	96.72%
Venford	99.26%
Fernworthy	98.33%
Burrator	95.22%
Whole school	
This week	97.46%
Year to date	96.98%

Christmas Cards

Although we have not even got to the end of September, the children have been working on designing Christmas cards. The reason for this unseasonal activity is that the designs are going to be sent off to be recreated in a Christmas card which will come home later this term. Last year, lots of families bought these and associated items and a percentage of this money will hopefully be a means of raising money for our school again this year.

Get Set Eat Fresh

You may be aware of Aldi's Get Set Eat Fresh Campaign which is committed to improving the healthy eating habits of children. If you shop at Aldi, you can collect a special Team GB sticker which can be sent into school. If we collect enough of them, we will be receive a special sports kit and be entered in a competition to win £20,000.

Achievement Assembly

We celebrated the following successes in our achievement assembly today:



Building Learning Power - Reciprocity - Team Ant!
Meldon - Archie V, Bertie **Venford** - Rebecca, Conrad
Fernworthy - Leon, Isabel **Burrator** - Olivia Y, Imogen



Maths Awards

Meldon - Jack C **Venford** - Mariska, Libby **Fernworthy** - Madeleine, Abigail **Burrator** - Archie S, Oscar

Saints SW

Meldon - Sophia-rose **Venford** - Max **Fernworthy** - Aiden **Burrator** - Katie

Other

Reading Challenge - Marcus, Abi, Winnie, Dexter, Dylan, Riley W, Mariska
Beaver of the Week - Dexter **Swimming Awards** - Cally