



## Pupil Progress Meetings

Just a reminder that our Pupil Progress "Meetings" with parents / carers are starting next week. Therefore, Mrs Hutchinson and Mrs Cherrett will be ringing the families of Avon Class children from Monday onwards to have a brief chat about progress.

The other class dates are as follows:-  
w/c 16.11.20 - Burrator  
w/c 23.11.20 - Fernworthy  
w/c 30.11.20 - Venford  
w/c 7.12.20 - Meldon

If there is anything you would like to discuss in the meantime, please contact the school via the admin email or phone, or speak to Miss Slack at the gate, and your child's teacher will get in touch with you.

## Sports' Clubs

Unfortunately, the guidance for the current lockdown specifies that schools are unable to hold after school clubs which are not run primarily to provide childcare. Therefore the clubs for KS1 (Meldon, Venford and Avon) have been cancelled until further notice.

## Diary Dates

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – National School Meals Week – please note there is a different menu for this week only

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need Poster Competition - Entry Deadline

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need Non Uniform Day, £1 donation

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Admissions Portal opens for Reception pupils for September 2021

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas lunch – Devon Norse

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – End of Term

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January** – Pupils return

## Support through lockdown

The impact of the coronavirus pandemic is continuing to put a huge financial strain on some people.

To find out more about the support available in Devon, including how to access local financial support, where to find foodbanks and community larders and what to do if you're on a low income and need to self-isolate, please visit their website:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/support-for-people-and-families/>

## Reading Records - KS1

Just a reminder to please record if you hear your child read in their Reading Record and make sure that it comes back into school each day with their current reading book.

Children in Fernworthy and Burrator Classes will continue to keep their Reading Records at school for the time being.

## Safeguarding

### Internet of Toys

As Christmas is on the horizon, it may be a good time to do some research on the risks associated with the Internet of Toys. Whether it's playing with the latest robotic toy or talking to a smart speaker, more children are using devices that connect to the internet. Connected devices and toys can be found in most homes and have changed how many of us go about our daily lives and how children interact and play.

Similar to the Internet of Things, these toys can be controlled using a smartphone app, voice commands or using a Bluetooth connection. Connected toys are different from other toys because they collect, use and share data via the internet. Examples of the Internet of Toys include connected action figures and dolls, robotic toys such as drones and learning development toys that aim to teach children a new skill.

For more information go to:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-the-internet-of-things-iot/>

## Prayer Focus

This week's chosen word is 'wisdom' and this Sunday's Gospel reading comes from St Matthew, Chapter 25, verses 1-13. It reminds us that God loves us and wants us to grow in wisdom. Wisdom is a gift from God which helps us to see things more clearly and to make the right choices in life.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/wisdom?pid=MTA101634&v=8.80>

Our prayer this week is:

Dear Lord Jesus

Please help us to grow in wisdom, to be kind and loving, and so one day to share with you in all the joys of heaven.

Amen

## Mini Vinnies - Foodbank

We held our first Commissioning Service for the Mini Vinnies from Fernworthy Class yesterday, for which Father Francis kindly joined the children via Zoom. The group has met and started work on some projects. One of the children's first tasks has been to design posters to support the local Foodbank at Buckfastleigh. We would like to ask parents / carers to donate to the foodbank - any tinned or long life goods will be very gratefully received. If you would like to make a donation, please bring these into school from next week until the end of November. These will be collected from parents in the car park or can be taken into school by pupils.

## Samaritan's Purse

Thank you to everyone who donated money towards the preparation of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas child.

## Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Poppy Appeal this year. We will continue to offer the merchandise for sale until next Wednesday, Remembrance Day. Each 'bubble' has their own set of items in class available for children to purchase. We would remind pupils **to take home the items** (in particular the slapbands!) this year and not bring them back into school each day (unless it is a poppy pinned to their jumper). On Remembrance Day, after the two minutes' silence, each class will read special prayers written for the occasion by our Pupil Chaplains.

## Children In Need

This year, the BBC's Children in Need appeal takes place next Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, when we are inviting pupils to wear their own clothes ('mufti') in return for a £1 donation on the day. The deadline for the children to design a poster and send it in to school to advertise Children in Need 2020 is on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November. Prizes will be given out on Children in Need day.

If anyone is taking part in their own fundraising activity for this charity out of school, please let us know so that we can celebrate your child's achievements in the newsletter.



## Congratulations!



### Building Learning Power - All Stars

Meldon - Toby J  
Venford - Hazel  
Avon - Kyree  
Fernworthy - Peter  
Burrator - Oscar

### Witness of the Week

Meldon - Maia  
Venford - Adsie  
Avon - Matilda  
Fernworthy - Sebastian  
Burrator - Dylan