



Pupil Progress Meetings

Mrs Kerswell will be ringing the families of Fernworthy Class children from Monday onwards next week to have a brief chat about progress.

The remaining dates are as follows:-
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.

Christmas Cards

We know that many of our children are keen to send Christmas cards this year. To ensure that this can be done safely and in accordance with COVID 19 risk assessments, each "bubble" will have a post box into which children can put their Christmas cards. There will be a collection on a Tuesday and any post will be quarantined until Friday when the cards will be given out. There will be a second collection on a Friday and then another "delivery" made to classes on a Monday. Our last "collection date" will therefore be Tuesday 15th December.

Diary Dates

Thursday 3rd December - Flu Immunisation, Reception - Year 6

Friday 4th December - RE Poster deadline

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas lunch - Devon Norse

Friday 18th December - End of Term

Monday 4th January - Pupils return

Monday 15th February - Half term starts

Tuesday 23rd February - Pupils return

Avon Class - Topic Learning

Just a reminder that Mrs Hutchinson and Mrs Cherrett have asked their class to think about famous people in history this half term and talk to parents / carers at home about this. If you could encourage your child to write down some facts about their chosen person, or record it in any way that they wish, and bring or email it in, that will be much appreciated.

Children In Need

Thank you to all who supported Children in Need last week, we raised nearly £100 as a school. Also congratulations to Dylan and his family who raised £178.63 for the charity with the stall outside their home, mentioned last week, and a sponsored run.

RE Poster Competition

South Dartmoor Community College are running a poster competition for children in local primary schools. Please see the attached poster for further details and please note that the closing date is Friday 4th December.

Safeguarding

Ollee - children's emotional wellbeing

Ollee is a digital friend for children aged 8-11, created by Parent Zone and funded by BBC Children in Need's "A Million & Me" initiative, which aims to make a difference to children's emotional wellbeing. It is designed to help children reflect on how they feel and to process their experiences with the support and help of their parents and carers.

It does this by offering them advice about a range of subjects: school, family, friends, their body, the internet and the world. For each of these subjects, children can choose an emotion that matches how they feel about it: happy, angry, sad, confused, frustrated, stressed or worried.

You can get more information and download the Ollee app here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/Ollee>.

Prayer Focus

This week's word is "kindness", which links with the Gospel reading taken from St Matthew, Chapter 35, verses 31-46. This reading is very apt with lots of discussion in the media about how little acts of kindness are so important at the moment in our communities. The reading also reminds us that every act of kindness that we do for someone else, is also done for Jesus.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/kindness?pid=MTA101634&v=10.10>

Our prayer this week is:

Dear Lord Jesus

Please help me to see you in everyone I meet, and be kind to all, especially to those whom I sometimes find it difficult to love.

Amen.

Financial Support

District councils in Devon are providing small emergency grants to people in financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. For information covering a wide range of support, go to the following website:

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

Best Start - Devon Survey

Devon Local Authority area have asked parents / carers with children aged 5 and under to take part in a survey, to ensure that their services to families are as good as they possibly can be. The survey can be found by clicking the link: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BestStart/> The results of the survey will be used to help inform how services are run.

Catholic Children's Society

We have been sent details of a fundraiser to promote the Catholic Children's Society sponsored "Sleep on the Floor for One Night" over the Christmas holidays. This will be shared with all parishes next week, and will be detailed in their newsletters, encouraging anyone interested to help raise essential funds over the Christmas holidays. All other fundraising events have been cancelled, at a time when the Catholic Children's Society are receiving more requests than ever for financial help, as more vulnerable children and their families are affected by Covid-19. Please see attached a poster and sponsorship form if you are interested in taking part.

Foodbank Donations

Just a reminder that our Mini Vinnies are collecting for the local foodbank. One of our parents, Mr Rice, is volunteering there and he has told us that they would welcome donations of tinned carrots and spaghetti.

Well done to Cally who is collecting selection packs, sweets and chocolates for the foodbank as well.



Congratulations!



Building Learning Power - All Stars

Meldon – Ted
Venford – Ava Y
Avon – Emmeline
Fernworthy – Abi
Burrator – Sophia

Witness of the Week

Meldon – Ava W
Venford – Kaiyah
Avon – Cally
Fernworthy – Neo
Burrator – Hollie P