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NEXT WEEK'S DINNER MENU – WEEK 1

Attendance figures for week ending Friday 7th February are as follows:

Year R 100%	Year 1 92.9%	Year 2 97.3%	Year 3 95%
Year 4 98.3%	Year 5 97.1%	Year 6 100%	97.2%

Well done to Years R and 6 for 100% attendance

Whole school attendance this academic year: 95.6%

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Dear Jesus

Help us to be strong like St John the Baptist.

Let us show love, peace and kindness to all.

Encourage us to be the best that we can be and always show your love.

Amen

GOOD LUCK MISS BASTIN

We say a fond farewell to Miss Bastin. We wish her well in the world of fitness and would like to thank her for all that she has done.

NEW READING AND PHONICS SCHEME

The Friends are fund raising for a new reading and phonics scheme for the school. There will be a number of events coming up over the next term to raise money for this, so watch this space.

RAINBOW READING CHALLENGE

The school introduced a Rainbow Reading Challenge on Monday 3rd February. The children will earn rewards for the amount of times that they read with an adult at home. Please find the time to read with your children.

CARNIVAL CRAFTS AT DARTMOUTH LIBRARY

On Tuesday 18th February, 10-11.30am, the Library will running Carnival Crafts. They will be making Venetian masks, Russian Dolls, Brazilian rain sticks and snake rings. There will also be a snow ball (which is a Russian winter doll game) and a 'carnival around the world' treasure hunt. The cost is £1 per child to cover all the feathers and sequins. Please drop in and enjoy the event.

COMMUNITY HUB @ THE HALL

The Community Hub is back at Townstal Community Hall every Friday from 11am to 3pm until 27th March (including school holidays). There will be tea, coffee, hot meals and warm welcomes. There will also be the use of laptops and a phone and support for access to services, form filling, information and a community swap shop.

FUNDRAISING CREATIONS

Could all templates and orders be handed into the office with payment on Tuesday 25th February please.

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MUSIC CLASSES

There is an opportunity of a peripatetic music teacher if there is enough interest. They will offer guitar or ukulele lessons for Years 3 and upwards. Individual guitar lessons will cost £9.50 for 20 minutes or £9.50 each for 2 children for 30 minutes. The ukulele lessons will cost £4.00 and can be run as a lunchtime club. The children would need to bring in their own instrument but there are a limited number of ukuleles available. Please see Mrs Brown for more information.

ST JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE

The Friends have a St John's Facebook page for last minute reminders and information. Please join the group at 'St Johns School Dartmouth'.

SCHOOL SHOES

If your child has outgrown their school shoes and they are still of good quality, then please could you consider donating them to school. Thank you.

THE GIVING MACHINE

Please don't forget to use the 'giving machine' website when shopping, simply go to the site at www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk and choose our school before you shop. Thousands of shops take part from Amazon, Argos and Asda etc. to Zooplus, Zavvi and Zest. Every time you shop the retailer makes a donation to your chosen cause.

PANCAKE PARTY ON SHROVE TUESDAY

On Tuesday 25th February between 4.30pm and 6pm St Clement's Church are hosting a pancake party. Join them for pancake making, pancake races, fun and games. A donation of £1 is suggested for children and adults. A retiring collection will also be held for the ongoing youth work of the Parish. All are very welcome!

NEW TEACHING ASSISTANT

We have appointed Mrs Anne Marie Rowden as the new teaching assistant for Class 3. Some of you may know her as she has taught for many years at Dartmouth Academy and has also worked at Stoke Fleming and Kingswear schools. Anne Marie is keen to develop Art and Music in the school, so we look forward to some exciting projects in this area.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 17 th Feb to Fri 21 st Feb	Half term
Tues 18 th Feb	Carnival Crafts at the Library 10-11.30am
Mon 24 th Feb	Non-Pupil Day
Tues 25th Feb	Back to school
Tues 25 th Feb	Pancake Party 4.30pm to 6pm at St Clements