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Newsletter 24-09-21

Attendance figures for week ending Friday 17th September are as follows:

Year R 91.4%	Year 1 95.6%	Year 2 100%	Year 3 97.1%
Year 4 95.3%	Year 5 100%	Year 6 85.6%	95.4%

Well done to Years 2 and 5 for 100% attendance

Whole school attendance this academic year: 95.2%



SEASON OF CREATION

**‘Praise to you, My Lord, through
Sister Mother Earth who sustains us
And governs us and who produces varied fruits with
Coloured flowers and herbs’
(St Francis of Assisi)**

Pope Francis asks us to reflect on the way we live and turn “towards lifestyles that are simpler and more respectful of the environment.”

The school Chaplains will be leading on the ‘Live Simply Award’ which are ways as a school that we can live life more sustainably. All the children in the school are making a ‘Live Simply’ pledge.

COVID 19

Local rates in Dartmouth have remained fairly high during September. Unfortunately we have seen this start to impact on one or two of our families who have a connection to other schools. Please can we ask you to remain vigilant and if your child displays any symptoms then please book a PCR test and let the school know. Our School Outbreak plan is on our website and it outlines the procedures that we could take should numbers escalate. At the moment staff are testing twice a week with a lateral flow test. Rooms are well ventilated with windows and doors open, staff are wearing face coverings in indoor communal areas (toilets, corridors). We have continued with enhanced cleaning and handwashing.

LINK TO SEX AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION CONSULTATION

The following is a link to our Sex and Relationship education programme which runs from the Early Years to Year 6 which is now a statutory requirement. If you want to know more about the programme then please go onto the consultation tool which explains more and complete the short questionnaire.

Access the Parent Consultation Tool here:

www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-primary

- You will need the following login credentials for our school:

Username: st-jtb-tq6

Password: wild-white

Parent Portal <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

Parent Consultation Tool <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-tool-primary/>

- Undertake the Parent Consultation course provided.
- Complete the following questionnaire: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/V9RKDP8>
- Please send us your feedback by Friday 1st October.

Please feel free to raise any additional questions at the Curriculum workshop on 29th September.

HARVEST

Harvest Festival will be on Thursday 7th October at 10am. More details to follow.

WHOLE SCHOOL READING HOMEWORK

This week's homework is a 'whole school homework' centred around reading for pleasure and making everyone aware that 'reading is everywhere'. Could we please ask children (and staff are doing this as well) to record all the reading they do in a 24-hour period. They can record what they read by taking photographs, drawing what they have read, or collecting items they have read. Reading can be reading anything, not only books, it could be road signs, the back of crisp packets or shampoo bottles, online reading, tourist information, magazines, the time, letters, newspapers, shopping lists, the list of reading in the environment is endless. Could the children then bring in their photographs, pictures or items so they can be displayed in our school library.

DEVON LIBRARIES BOOK AMNESTY

Devon Libraries will be taking part in a Book Amnesty from 8 Sept - 8 Oct 2021: this means that if you or your children have overdue books and return them during this period they can have their fines for those books wiped (they do have to do it in person with a librarian rather than on a machine though). Very handy for anyone who has taken out books during lockdown and only now found them after a tidy-up!

SCHOOL START TIME

Please be prompt and arrive before 8.50am in time for registers etc. so lessons can start at 9am. Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please could you ensure that all uniform and PE kit is labelled as clothes can get mislaid when changing for PE.

LITURGIES/ASSEMBLIES FOR SEPTEMBER

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/>

This is the address if you would like to follow what we are doing in school for our assemblies/Liturgies for the month of September with your child.

TELEPHONE LINES

We are still waiting for BT to replace our telephone system for a Cloud based system. If you are experiencing difficulties phoning in then please email admin. Mrs Bridges is very good at getting back to people promptly. Alternatively we have a mobile number that the school can be contacted on which is 07852 514377. This number is also displayed on our website. Apologies for any inconvenience caused by this.

CURRICULUM EVENING

We will be having a Curriculum evening on Wednesday 29th September at 3.30pm It will be a chance to meet your child's class teacher and they will talk through the curriculum that your child will be covering this year, classroom routines, homework and reading. If you want to see the Curriculum that your child is covering then please visit the school website

http://www.st-johns-dartmouth.devon.sch.uk/website/curriculum_overviews/402063

When you go onto the link, Class 1 is following Year B, Class 2 is following Year B and Class 3 is following Year A. The curriculum evening will be held in your child's classroom.

PE COACH

Coach Ben is with us on a Wednesday. Please can children bring in their PE kits on a Monday and bring them home on Fridays for washing unless your teacher has specified otherwise. Year 5/6 have PE first thing on a Wednesday and Mrs Brown has asked if they can come in already dressed for PE to save time. They will need their school uniform to change back into afterwards. Apologies for any confusion. Please speak to the class teacher if you need further clarity.

Classes 2 and 3 will also have PE on a Friday afternoon.

Friday afternoon PE for Class 3

1 st Oct	Year 5/6
8 th Oct	Year 4
15 th Oct	Year 5/6
22 nd Oct	Year 4

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please don't forget that when your child moves up from Year 2 to Year 3 you will have to start paying for dinner, which is currently £2.50 per day.

FOREST SCHOOLS

Monday 27 th Sept	Pm - Year 5/6
Friday 1 st Oct	Am - Year 3
	Pm - Year 1
Monday 4 th October	Pm - Year 4
Friday 8 th October	Am - Year 2
	Pm - Year R
Monday 11 th Oct	Am - Year 5/6
Friday 15 th Oct	Am - Year 3
	Pm - Year 1
Monday 18 th Oct	Am - Year 5/6
Friday 22 nd Oct	Am - Year 2
	Pm - Year R

Children should wear their own clothes for the day when they have a Forest School session. Please can they avoid wearing denim as this is very uncomfortable when wet. They also need to have waterproof clothing and footwear. Please contact the school office or speak to Mrs Hamilton with any queries.

BAG 2 SCHOOL

Thank you for all your Bag 2 School donations. £39 has been raised for the Friends.

GLASSES

A pair of black Specsavers glasses in a green case have been handed in. Please let the office know if you think they may belong to your child.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Places are limited and will be given on a first come basis. There is a charge for the Saints Southwest Club and you will have to sign up online.

Wednesday - Years Reception, 1, 2 and 3 - <https://saints-southwest.class4kids.co.uk/info/904>

Friday - Years 4, 5 and 6 - <https://saints-southwest.class4kids.co.uk/info/915>

Monday	Activity Club Class 1 and Class 2 3.15 - 4pm Mrs Cusack
Wednesday	Saints South West PE club Sign up on their site Class 1 and Class 2
Friday	Mrs Rowden Art Club 3.15 - 4pm
Friday	Saints South West PE club Sign up on their site Years 4-6

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 29 th Sept 3.30pm	Curriculum Evening
Wed 13 th Oct 8.30am	School individual photographs and with siblings
Thurs 21 st Oct	Food Festival
Mon 25 th Oct – Fri 29 th Oct	Half term
Mon 1 st Nov	Non-pupil day
Tues 2 nd Nov	Children back to school