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CLASS ONE'S HAPPINESS BOX

Class One have made a box to show everyone what makes them happy.



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

WELCOME

Welcome to the 15 new children who have started in Class 1 this week. They have made an excellent start to life at St Johns and we look forward to having them for full days next week. It is like they have always been here! Welcome also to Helen Duke (Class 2) and Naomi Colledge (Class 3) who are our new teaching assistants. It is lovely to have all the children back with us again.

CHANGES TO ENTRANCES

Due to the congestion on the side path we have needed to change Class 1 to coming in via the front door. Class 2 continue to come in via the Rainbow gates. Thank you for being so accommodating with these changes. We are working hard to try to keep everyone safe.

SOCIAL DISTANCING OF ADULTS

Please can we remind you to socially distance from other parents when you are waiting to drop or pick up your child? Can we ask that only one parent comes onto the playground for dropping and picking up? Please can you drop your child at the allocated time and do not stay on the school premises to wait or chat to other parents. Thank you for your co-operation with this. It is important that we work together to keep our school community as safe as possible.

SCHOOL OFFICE COMMUNICATION.

Can we ask you to email or phone the school office rather than come into the school building if possible. Thank you for your co-operation. If you have a longer query then please can you phone/email the school office and a member of staff will get back to you as soon as we can. We do apologise as the phone lines were down Thursday/Friday morning. An engineer has been called to rectify the problem. If this happens again then please email the school with urgent enquires as the admin email address is monitored during school hours. We apologise for any inconvenience.

STAGGERED STARTS AND FINISHES TO THE SCHOOL DAY

We have put these in place to keep the adults on site at any one time to a minimal. This is to keep everyone as safe as possible. The amount of time that children spend in lessons has remained the same as before Covid. We are now keeping Class 3 children that walk home in school until 3pm as this is the time the lollypop lady starts. If there are any other issues with start or finish times then please let us know. We are happy to work together with parents to resolve any issues.

COVID 19 TESTING

We are aware that there have been some recent problems with access to COVID-19 testing. This is not unique to Devon and is a result of national laboratory capacity being stretched and having to prioritise analysing tests for areas with a higher prevalence of COVID-19 cases.

1. Parents or carers of children attending school or school staff with symptoms of coronavirus should book a test as normal via the government website.
2. However, if they are unable to book a local slot then they can email
3. d-ccg.devon.urgenttesting@nhs.net making clear the test is for either a child attending school or a member of school staff, and they will be supported to access local testing.
4. Please can you let the school know if you think your child or a member of your household has COVID symptoms. If you are struggling to access a test then please inform us.
5. **Individuals should only get tested if they have symptoms of coronavirus.**

PE COACH

Coach Ben is with us on a Thursday. Please can all the children come in to school on a Thursday wearing their PE kits.

FRIEND'S FUNDRAISING PAGE

The Friends of St Johns are setting up a new Fundraising Facebook page just for raising money. There will be no school information or questions answered on it because they are unable to raise vital funds for the school any other way at the moment. They will be running raffles, competitions etc and selling 2nd hand uniform, books and anything else they can think of!

FOREST SCHOOLS

Forest schools will start for all children from Year 1 to Year 6 this coming week with Mrs Hamilton. Foundation children will have some outdoor time in their play area on a Friday afternoon when Year 1 are doing Forest School. They will have a chance in the Summer Term, once they have been in school for a bit longer to access Forest School. Sessions will run once a week for Year 1s and once a fortnight for Class 2 and Class 3. Please can the children come in in old clothes on their allocated day that they don't mind getting muddy. Please can jeans be avoided because if they get wet they stay wet. They will need waterproof jackets and footwear. They will go out in the rain and the sessions will only be cancelled if the weather is very bad. If there are any parents who would like to help for a few hours with Forest schools then please let Mrs Hamilton know. Any questions please ask Mrs Hamilton.

Thursday 17 th Sept	Pm- Year 4 and Year 5
Friday 18 th Sept am	Year 3
Friday 18 th Sept pm	Year 1
Thursday 24 th Sept	Pm- Year 6
Friday 25 th Sept am	Year 2
Friday 25 th Sept pm	Year 1
Thursday 1 st Oct pm	Pm- Year 4 and Year 5
Friday 2 nd Oct am	Year 3
Friday 2 nd Oct pm	Year 1
Thursday 8 th Oct pm	Pm- Year 6
Friday am 9 th Oct	Year 2
Friday pm 9 th Oct	Year 1
Thursday pm 15 th Oct	Pm- Year 4 and Year 5
Friday am 16 th Oct	Year 3
Friday pm 17 th Oct	Year 1
Thursday pm 22 nd Oct	Year 6
Friday 23 rd Oct am	Year 2
Friday 23 rd Oct pm	Year 1