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### Newsletter 09-10-20

Attendance figures for week ending Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October are as follows:

Year R 91.8%	Year 1 100%	Year 2 98.4%	Year 3 100%
Year 4 100%	Year 5 100%	Year 6 100%	<b>98.3%</b>

Well done to Years 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 for 100% attendance

**Whole school attendance this academic year: 96.8%**

### 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

### NEW RECEPTION CHIDREN



### HERALD EXPRESS – FIRST CLASS – WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

The Herald Express likes to celebrate all new reception school children in their picture supplement known as “First Class”. This year the picture supplement will come out on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Next Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October the school photographer will be in to take individual pictures only. Hopefully in the New Year we may be able to allow siblings and family in.

## COACH BEN'S SPORTS AWARD

Coach Ben gives a Sport's Award each week. This week the award goes to Arthur in Class 1. Well done Arthur.



## HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Our Harvest celebration will be a bit different this year. Instead of a whole school assembly we will have a class based assembly on a Harvest theme and thinking of those who have less than us. We ask you to bring in tins, packets, dried foods and biscuits which we will give out to families that we know are struggling and donate the rest to the food bank. We ask you to bring in tins and packets next week. Your child can bring their goods into class where they will be placed on a table to isolate for 72 hours before being distributed. We will hold our Harvest assemblies on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. The children can wear Mufti on this day and contribute £1 for this. All money will go to CAFOD.

## YOGA

Yoga will be on Tuesday next week instead of Monday due to staff training. Apologies for any inconvenience.

## PARENTS EVENING

Advance notice of parents evening. Letters will come out next week with more information. You will be offered a telephone appointment of 5 minutes. These will run on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Nov after school.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Don't forget to apply for your chosen secondary school if your child is in Year 6. The easiest way to apply is online by visiting [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline). The closing date for applications is Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Any applications received after this date may be disadvantaged.

## **FACE COVERINGS**

Apologies for any confusion regarding the wearing of face coverings. We are all getting used to these new measures. We ask if you come into the building that you wear a face covering. This is to keep everyone as safe as possible. Staff will be wearing coverings in public spaces and when we hand over the children to you. They are not being worn in the classroom. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

## **BAG2SCHOOL**

There will be another Bag2School collection on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The Friends are organising one collection per term.

## **FRIEND'S FUNDRAISING PAGE**

The Friends of St Johns have a new Fundraising Facebook page and they currently have a raffle running 'Scentual Aromas Devon' and a guess the amount of lego competition for the children.

## **COVID 19 TESTING**

We are aware that there have been some significant problems with access to COVID-19 testing. You will have seen on the news that this is not unique to Devon but none the less is of significant concern. DCC and PHE have escalated this regionally and nationally but it is unlikely we will see a rapid improvement.

Individuals should only get tested if they have symptoms of coronavirus which are:

- A high temperature (feeling hot to touch on your chest or back)
- A new continuous cough (coughing a lot, for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours or if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to their sense of smell or taste (noticing you cannot smell or taste anything or things smell or taste different to normal)

Parents or carers of children attending school or school staff with symptoms of coronavirus should book a test as normal via the government website or by calling 119.

If they are unable to book a local testing slot then individuals should complete the appropriate forms by following the links below:

Children under the age of 5:

[Urgent Referral Form - Under 5's](#)

School aged Children (5-18):

[School Aged Children](#)

NHS/Health/Care workers:

[NHS/Health/Care Professionals](#)

All other individuals:

[Urgent Referral Form - Adults](#)