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### Newsletter 13-11-20

Attendance figures for week ending Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November are as follows:

Year R 98.7%	Year 1 95.7%	Year 2 96.9%	Year 3 100%
Year 4 100%	Year 5 95.6%	Year 6 97.5%	<b>97.7%</b>

Well done to Years 3 and 4 for 100% attendance

**Whole school attendance this academic year: 96.9%**

### SCHOOL CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Dear Jesus

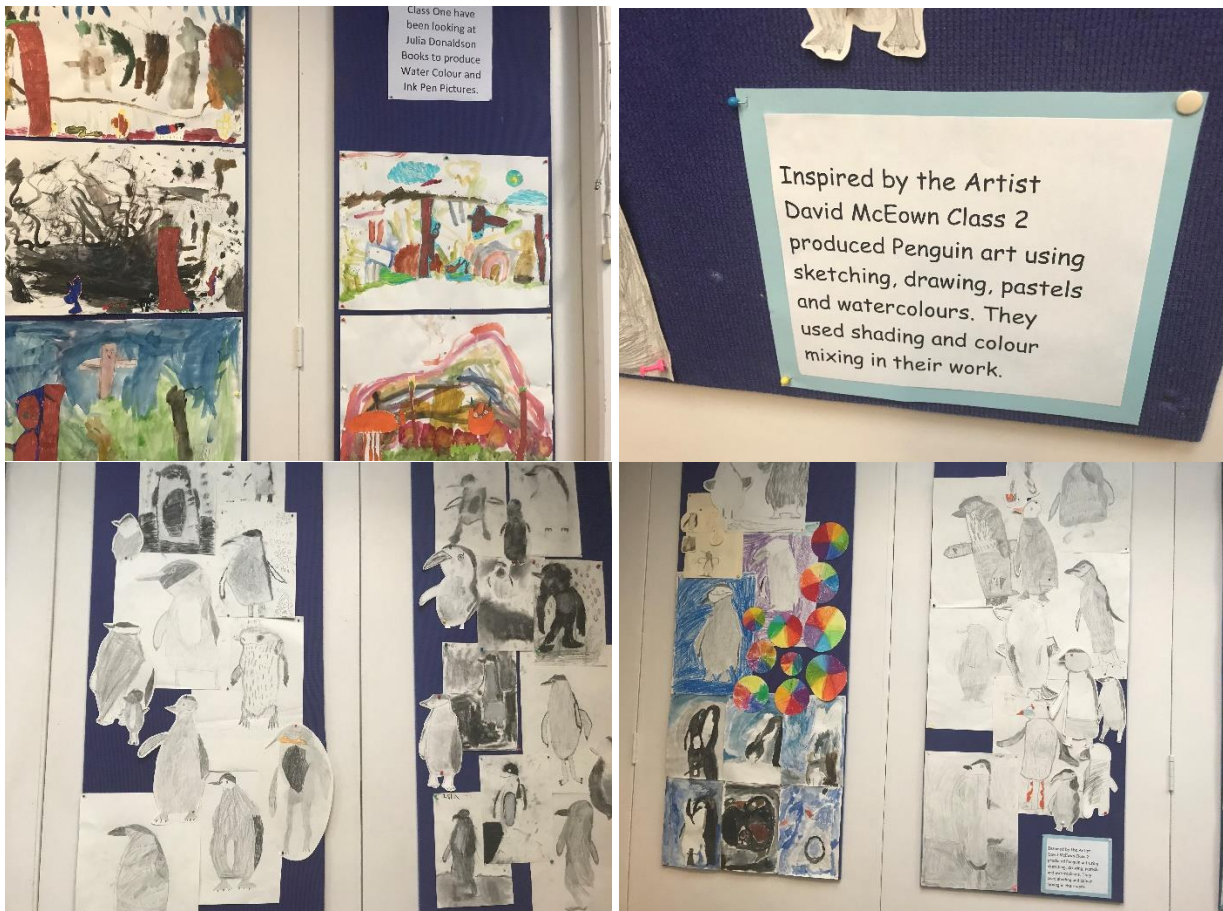
Help us to be strong like St John the Baptist.

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

### CLASS 1 AND 2 ART



### NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Following new Government advice all after school clubs have been cancelled until further notice. After school clubs at the Dartmouth Academy will still run as childcare provision. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

### **COMMUNITY CHEST**

We have a food bank area in the porch of the school. If any of our families are struggling please feel free to come and help yourself to food. Times are extremely hard for people and we wish to support our school community.

### **GIVE A GIFT FOR BEACON HOUSE RESIDENTS**

This year Christmas will be very different for us, especially for the residents of Beacon House who will not be allowed visitors. If you would like to donate a little gift for their residents then please drop it into reception. Thank you.

### **TOYS**

We are collecting good quality toys. We will isolate these for 72 hours and then pass them onto the Community Chest to help families who are struggling this Christmas. If you are having any clear-outs, please consider donating them.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Due to lockdown we are unable to drop off the shoeboxes at a collection point, which means we are still able to collect the boxes until the beginning of December. Thank you.

### **COMPOSTING WORKSHOP**

Class 3 enjoyed their composting and habitats workshop yesterday.



### **NOVEMBER FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS (WEATHER PERMITTING)**

Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 / Year 1
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Years 4 and 5
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 / Year 1

### **BAG2SCHOOL**

There will be another Bag2School collection on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The Friends are organising one collection per term. Please leave your bags under the shelter on the morning of the collection.

### **DARTMOUTH LIBRARY – CHOOSE AND COLLECT SERVICE**

Dartmouth Library offers Choose and Collect Monday to Friday morning 9.30-12.30. Reserve your books online or contact them on 01803 832502 or email them at [dartmouth.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:dartmouth.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk).

All reservations are free until 31/03/2021.

## **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](#)