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**Newsletter 13-03-20**  
**NEXT WEEKS DINNER MENU: WEEK 2**

Attendance figures for week ending Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March are as follows:

Year R 97.1%	Year 1 98.6%	Year 2 94%	Year 3 100%
Year 4 98.3%	Year 5 100%	Year 6 92%	<b>97%</b>

Well done to Years 3 and 5 for 100% attendance

**Whole school attendance this academic year: 95%**

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

HELPLINE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19 RELATED TO EDUCATION

Staff, parents and young people with questions about COVID-19 related to education can contact the helpline as follows:

- phone: 0800 046 8687
- email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

The opening hours are 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).

The [latest guidance for education settings](#) is available on GOV.UK.

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE

The Government announced yesterday that schools will stay open for now. Please be assured that we will continue to closely monitor advice from the Department of Education and Public Health England and do everything we can to keep our community safe. Please can you remind your children about safe hand washing and go through this with them. In the event of school closures in the future, staff would be expected to work from home and set work for the children in their classes. Please can you make sure that we have up to date parental email contacts if this situation should arise. Email addresses have to belong to parents and cannot be children's own addresses. If your child develops any of the symptoms such as a cough or temperature then they will need to remain at home for 7 days. Thank you for your ongoing support and sensible approach to all of this.

RAINBOW READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Brodie on reaching Red and Orange level and Joshua for reaching Red level in the Rainbow Reading Challenge.

LIVE SIMPLY IDEA FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Remember to turn off the lights when you leave a room.

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.

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### EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS AND COMPETITION

One book of raffle tickets will be in your child's book bag today, if you need any more tickets there are spare tickets in the office and we will also be selling tickets at the bazaar. Our Decorate an Egg/ Colouring Competition picture and information are also in your child's book bag today, there will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes for each class.

### BOOK DONATIONS

The Friends would still really appreciate any donations of good quality second hand books please.

### THE FRIENDS FRIDAY BOOK, SWEET AND CAKE SALE

The Friends will be working with Classes 1, 2 and 3 to help raise money for the Reading and Phonics scheme. Every Friday after school we will be selling sweets, books and also cakes. Each week we will be asking a different class and their parents to help us by making or donating cakes please. Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March will be Class 2.

### EASTER BAZAAR DONATIONS

The Friends of St Johns would really appreciate any donations of Easter Eggs for their raffle at the Easter Bazaar please. If you would like to donate an Easter egg or a box of chocolates then please could they be handed into the office. Thank you.

### COMMUNITY HUB @ THE HALL

The Community Hub is back at Townstal Community Hall every Friday from 11am to 3pm until 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ST JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE

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

### 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](http://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.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Sweet, Book and Cake (Class 2) Sale from 3pm
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bazaar 1:30pm – 3:15pm
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Non-pupil day
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Non-pupil day
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term