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WELCOME BACK TO ALL THIS TERM

Attendance figures for week ending Friday 21st January are as follows:

Year R 90.9%	Year 1 88.6%	Year 2 100%	Year 3 89.1%
Year 4 88.8%	Year 5 100%	Year 6 97.8%	92.6%

Well done to Years 2 and 5 for 100% attendance

Whole school attendance this academic year: 95%

PRAYER FROM THE CHAPLAINS

Dear Loving God

Please help us to take care of each other

And not let anyone feel left out

Give us the courage to spread our love to everyone

Through our actions and what we say

Amen

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAINS

26th February until 6th March is Fairtrade fortnight

The Chaplains will be running some assemblies on Fairtrade and having a fairer world.

At half term, we will be running a Fairtrade cooking competition. Please can you cook something with at least 1 Fairtrade ingredient. Send your photographs into school at admin@st-johns-dartmouth.devon.sch.uk

There will be Fairtrade prizes for the best entries. Happy Cooking!

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Next week is Children's Mental Health week. Please visit the link from our website for mental health resources to support your child at

http://www.st-johns-dartmouth.devon.sch.uk/website/mental_health/540093

We will be doing some work in school on positive mental health. On Friday it is 'Wear a Scarf to school day' to celebrate our uniqueness. If the children would like to, they can wear a scarf to school.

COVID

We have had some cases of Covid amongst pupils. We have attached another copy of the letter that was sent out earlier in the week which gives clear advice on testing regularly. This is particularly important to pick up asymptomatic cases where there are no symptoms but someone may be carrying Covid. If you or your child tests positive then please can you notify the school. Thank you.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day falls on Thursday 3rd of March. Children can come in dressed as their favourite book character and there will be a range of activities on the day to promote a love of reading.

EWO (EDUCATION WELFARE OFFICER)

The EWO has visited the school and asked us to write to a number of parents concerning attendance. Where your child's attendance is below 90% (persistent absentees), then you may receive one of these letters in the next week. Where there are a lot of medical absences we have been advised to request medical certification of this if we don't already have it on file. This may be an online consult, prescription bottle etc. Attendance of 90% is like a child missing 1 year of education for every 10 years. Attendance of 80% is like missing 1 year every 5 years. As you can imagine, this has an adverse effect on how well your child does in school as they are missing vast amounts of their education. Once a child's attendance drops below 90% they are known as persistent absentees. The EWO looks very closely at these children (as does Ofsted) and becomes involved if attendance does not improve. We have attached the School's Attendance Policy which is also available on our website. We take Covid absences into account when we look at children's attendance levels. Please do not worry if your child has had Covid but outside of this, they have good attendance. Holidays are not normally authorised and the EWO will be monitoring holidays taken during term time. Holiday forms should be filled out for all holidays taken during term time. Please feel free to come and discuss anything to do with attendance with us.

TEN TEN FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

TEN TEN is the main resource we use for our acts of worship and assemblies.

They produce a parent newsletter each month for parents to follow at home with their children.

The link below will take you to the newsletter.

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

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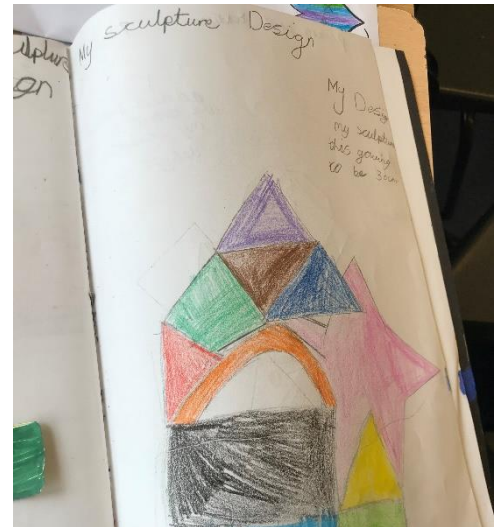
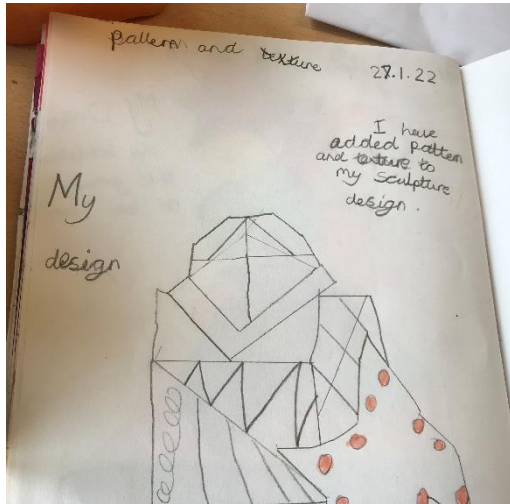
Places are limited and will be given on a first come basis. There is a charge for the Saints Southwest Club and you will have to sign up with them online.

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	Homework Club - Class 3 3.15 - 4pm Mrs Alison Dixon Spaces available
Monday	Activity Club 3.15 - 4pm Mrs Cusack
Thursday	Lego Club - Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 3.15 - 4pm Miss Sarah Knight Full
Friday	Board Game Club - Class 2 and 3 3.15 - 4pm Miss Corey Naidoo Spaces available
Thursday	New! Dance Club – Years 4,5 and 6 (Class 3) 3.15 - 4pm Mrs Dixon Starting Thursday 10th February
Lunchtimes	Storytime Club with Mrs Waiters (Children enjoy a story) Active Play Club – Ms Knight (No need to sign up) Recorder Club - Mrs Brown (Class 3)

CLASS 2 SCULPTURES IN ART AND DESIGN



READING CHALLENGE

Mrs Waiters will be sending home a reading challenge over half term for your child to engage in. Being able to read and enjoy books is such an important skill that benefits learning across the whole curriculum. More details will follow.

GUITAR LESSONS

Guitar lessons happen on a Tuesday with Joe Dostal. If you would like your child to learn to play the guitar then please email Joe directly on Joe@JoeDostalMusic.co.uk



WHITE ROSE MATHS APP

Free APP to download to practice addition and subtraction for KS1 pupils (Class 1 & Class 2).

- 1) Excellent 1 minute practice
- 2) Easy for children to use
- 3) No login or internet needed to run. Just download and play.
- 4) Enjoyable and motivating- how many can they get right in 1 minute?
- 5) Brilliant for building confidence
- 6) The APP is completely free!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 7th to 13th Feb

Fri 11th Feb

Mon 21st to 6th Mar

Mon 21st to 25th Feb

Mon 28th Feb

Thursday 3rd March

Thurs 10th Mar

Friday 18th Mar

Fri 8th April

Children's Mental Health week

Wear your scarf to school day

Fairtrade fortnight

Half term

Non-pupil day

World Book day

Bag2School Collection day

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

Last day of Spring Term