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PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF TERM

Lord God

At the beginning of this new term, teach us to have kind hands and kind feet to do your work At the beginning of this new term, teach us to show love to everyone

At the beginning of this new term, teach us to pray for the unfortunate, sick and sad At the beginning of this new term, teach us to use our talents to be the best that we can be. Through Jesus' name

Amen

By Beau and Millie (School Chaplains)



WELCOME

Welcome to our new children in Foundation. They have all settled in really well this week. All the children in all the classes seem to be enjoying getting back into work. It is lovely to see all our families again.



Class 3 focussing hard on new science knowledge

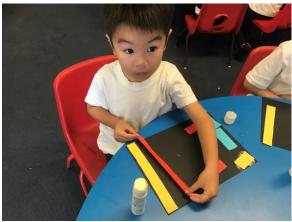
Class 2 learning to draw penguins in art





Class 1 making a 'Mondrian' collage using primary colours in art.





REMINDER

The school day starts at 8.45am. Please can children arrive on time to ensure that there is no lost learning time.

ATTENDANCE

Please can we remind families that we will be implementing our attendance policy fully this term. Our attendance dropped to 94.5% last year and this is lowest that it has been for several years. The policy can be found http://www.st-johns-dartmouth.devon.sch.uk. Holidays are not normally authorised during term time. The EWO (Education Welfare Officer) will be following up any unauthorised absences and fines will be issued. If your child has an attendance below 90% then they are known as a 'Persistent Absentee'. An attendance below 90% means that a child is missing in effect 1 year every 10 years of their education. This is a huge amount of time missed and is detrimental to a child's education. Please see Mrs Hamilton if you have any queries concerning the Attendance policy.

CURRICULUM EVENINGS

Monday 19th September at 3.20pm

This is a chance for new parents of children in the Foundation stage to come and meet the teacher and find out about class routines and ask any questions that you may have. Tuesday 20th September at 3.20pm

This is for parents of children in Years 1- 6. There will be a chance to meet your new class teacher. There will be a short presentation on the importance of Reading and how to hear your child read. Reading is such an important life skill and when children learn to read fluently it helps them do well across the curriculum. The class teacher will also go through the learning for the term and class routines and homework.

READING

We are trying to get our children reading as frequently as possible. Being able to read has huge benefits them across the curriculum. If you have any spare time (1 hour) in the week and would like to come in and hear readers then this would be greatly appreciated. It can be in another class to where your child is if that is a concern. Please see your class teacher, Mrs Hamilton or Mrs Bridges if you are interested.

FOREST SCHOOL

Please can children wear own clothes and have adequate footwear and waterproofs when it is their session. Forest school sessions will run for Year 1 to Year 6 for this half term. Foundation children will have their sessions starting later on once they have got used to being in school. They will enjoy outside play this half term in their outside play area.

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Friday 9 th	Year 5/6
	Year 2
	Year 1
Friday 16 th	Year 4
	Year 3
	Year 1
Friday 23th	Year 5/6
	Year 2
	Year 1
Friday 30th	Year 4
	Year 3
	Year 1
Friday 14th	Year 5/6
	Year 2
	Year 1
Friday 7th	Year 4
	Year 3
	Year 1
Friday 21st	Year 5/6
	Year 2
	Year 1

CLUBS

Places will be allocated on a first come basis. Please contact the school office.

Clubs start week beginning 12th September	
Monday – Ms Knight	Maths Club - Years 2, 3, 4 (This will be
3.15-4pm	offered to other Year groups during different
	terms)
Wednesday – Saints South West	Sports Club – We will email details when we
	receive them
Thursday –Mrs Cusack	Activity Club - A range of different creative
3.15-4pm	and physical activities (Years 1-6)
Thursday – Miss Corey 3.15-4pm	Music and Dance Club (Years 2-6)
LUNCH TIME CLUBS	
Active Club	Each class has an allocated day. No need to
	sign up.
Story Time Club	No need to sign up. Enjoy a story at
	lunchtime with Mrs Waiters

We are in the process of recruiting several teaching assistants. There will be more clubs once we have more staff in place.

NEW CATERING PROVIDER

Chartwells is our new catering provider. They will be setting up a payment system called Parent Pay where you can order and pay for your child's meals for the week. They are hoping to have the system up and running after October half term. In the meantime your child can order daily and bring in £2.50 or pay for a number of meals in advance. You can also pay online using the following details:-

Bank Account: 11370262 Sort code: 30-80-37

Account Name: Plymouth CAST

Reference required: 121DIN+Your child's surname

Don't forget that if your child is in Years R, 1 and 2 then the meals are free (paid for by the government). Please also apply for free school meals using the link on the bottom of our School website home page if you think you may be entitled.

TEN TEN MAY 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/

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 19th Sep Class 1 Curriculum Evening 3.20pm Tues 20th Sept Years 1 to 6 Curriculum Evening 3.20pm

Wed 12th Oct 2022 Life Skills Year 6

Thurs 13th Oct School photos (with siblings) 8am Thurs 20th Oct Food Festival Class 3 1pm-3.05pm

Mon 24th to Fri 28th Oct Half term Mon 31st Oct Non-pupil day

Tues 1st Nov Children back to school

Wed 2nd Nov Flu vaccinations (whole school)

Fri 18th Nov Children in Need Day

Mon 19th Dec 2022 to

Mon 2nd Jan 2023 Christmas Holiday
Tues 3rd Jan Children back to school