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### Newsletter 02-10-20

Attendance figures for week ending Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October are as follows:

Year R 94.2%	Year 1 97.1%	Year 2 92.3%	Year 3 100%
Year 4 100%	Year 5 94%	Year 6 100%	<b>96.4%</b>

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

**Whole school attendance this academic year: 96.4%**

### 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 PHONICS SCHEME

Here are some pictures of children using the new phonics scheme (Read, Write Inc.) which the Friends donated over £2000 towards. The school secured a grant of £3500 which covered the rest of the costs. It is being used by Class 1 and Class 2 and some of Class 3.



## **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.

## **SEATING AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL**

You are welcome to stand under the shelters in the playground in very wet weather but please can we ask you to avoid sitting on the benches with other families. Please do your best to socially distance. Thank you for your co-operation.

## **FOREST SCHOOLS**

Forest schools will not go ahead in very wet weather. Please can your child come dressed appropriately for the session. Wellington boots need to come in a carrier bag as the children will need shoes to change into when they come in doors. As the weather gets colder they may need gloves and hats. Please also check the gallery on the school website for more pictures.

## **BAG2SCHOOL**

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

## **HOME LEARNING**

You should have received a log in for IXL Learning from your class teacher. We will be using this for home learning as much as possible to avoid paper coming into and out of school. If you do not have online access at home then please let your teacher know and we will put alternative arrangements in place for you.

## **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 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](#)