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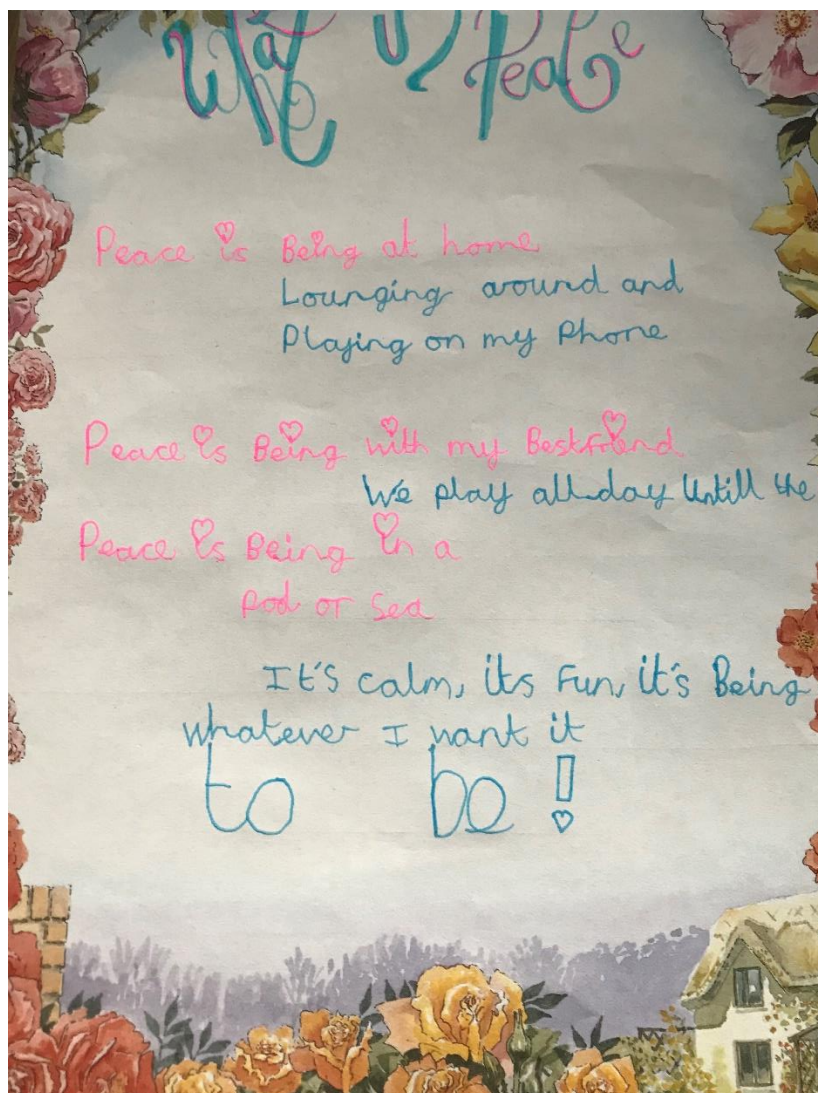
Newsletter 25-09-20

Attendance figures for week ending Friday 18th September are as follows:

Year R 94.7%	Year 1 95.7%	Year 2 87.7%	Year 3 97.5%
Year 4 100%	Year 5 94.2%	Year 6 92.5%	94.3%

Well done to Year 4 for 100% attendance

Whole school attendance this academic year: 96.1%



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

CHANGE TO POLICY ON FACE COVERINGS IN SCHOOL

From Monday 28th September, Trust policy will be that all staff in our primary schools should wear a face covering whilst outside the classroom in communal areas/corridors etc in the same way that they would in a shop or on public transport.

For the moment, face coverings will **not** be routinely worn in classrooms when teaching.

Primary pupils should **not** wear face coverings in school. If a face covering is brought to school by a pupil (because the pupil travels by public transport for example) then they will need to double bag it and hand it to a member of staff. After touching the face covering children will need to wash their hands.

All staff will wear face coverings when talking to parents inside or outside the school building.

Parents/visitors who are entering the school premises must wear face coverings in the same way that they do in shops and on public transport. This includes the playground outside.

Should you be entering the school building please can we remind you to use the hand sanitiser at reception. Please remind your child about the importance of hand washing and good respiratory hygiene in keeping us all safe. We thank you for co-operation with this.

FOREST SCHOOLS

Please can we remind you that in severe weather conditions the Forest School sessions will not go ahead. As the weather changes please can you ensure that the children have waterproofs and wellington boots for these sessions as we will still go out in light rain. Please check the gallery on the school website for more pictures.



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.

SCHOOL OFFICE

As restrictions tighten, please can we minimise visitors into the school office. Please hand any dinner monies or notes for the office to the adult that meets your child in the morning. All money should be placed in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name. Please email or ring the school office with any queries if possible. We now have to account for visitors into the school office and schools are getting spot inspections from the HSC. It is important that we all do our bit to keep our school community as safe as possible.

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who brought in a bag for collection – the Friends raised £90 for the school.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please remember that if your child has moved up to Year 3 you will have to start paying for school dinners which currently cost £2.50.

SOCIAL DISTANCING OF ADULTS REMINDER

Please can we remind you to socially distance from other parents when you are waiting to drop or pick up your child? Can we ask that only one parent comes onto the playground for dropping and picking up? Please can you drop your child at the allocated time and do not stay on the school premises to wait or chat to other parents. Thank you for your co-operation with this. It is important that we work together to keep our school community as safe as possible.

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:	<u>Urgent Referral Form - Under 5's</u>
School aged Children (5-18):	<u>School Aged Children</u>
NHS/Health/Care workers:	<u>NHS/Health/Care Professionals</u>
All other individuals:	<u>Urgent Referral Form - Adults</u>

FRIEND'S FUNDRAISING PAGE

The Friends of St Johns have now set up a new Fundraising Facebook page just for raising money because they are unable to raise vital funds for the school any other way at the moment. They currently have 3 raffles running, Build a Bear, Lego and Salcombe Dairy at £1 per number and they have also had a very generous donation from a brilliant local business 'Scentual Aromas Devon' which will be added soon.

Have a good weekend.