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### Newsletter 31-01-20

#### NEXT WEEK'S DINNER MENU – WEEK 2

Attendance figures for week ending Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January are as follows:

Year R 100%	Year 1 98.6%	Year 2 94.7%	Year 3 100%
Year 4 94.2%	Year 5 100%	Year 6 100%	<b>97.6%</b>

Well done to Years R, 3, 5 and 6 for 100% attendance

**Whole school attendance this academic year: 95.3%**

#### SCHOOL CHAPLAINS

Our school chaplains ran a fantastic assembly on their role as chaplains to the whole school. They have written a school prayer.

*Dear Jesus*

*Help us to be brave and strong like St John the Baptist.*

*Let us show love, peace and kindness to all.*

*Encourage us to be the best we can be and always show your love.*

*Amen*

#### LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCHOOL STANDARDS

Today we received a letter from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb, congratulating us for exceeding the expected standard in reading at the end of Key Stage 2, which puts us in the top 1% of all primary schools in the country. Congratulations everyone!

#### RAINBOW READING CHALLENGE

The school are introducing a Rainbow Reading Challenge starting from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The children will earn rewards for the amount of times that they read with an adult at home. Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

#### CARNIVAL CRAFTS AT DARTMOUTH LIBRARY

On Tuesday 18th February, 10-11.30am, the Library will running Carnival Crafts. They will be making Venetian masks, Russian Dolls, Brazilian rain sticks and snake rings. There will also be a snow ball (which is a Russian winter doll game) and a 'carnival around the world' treasure hunt. The cost is £1 per child to cover all the feathers and sequins. Please drop in and enjoy the event.

#### BOOKS FOR PLEASURE

Every week your child will be bringing home a book to read for pleasure in their book bags alongside their normal reading book band book. Please take the time to share this book with your child as they may not be able to read this book independently. This will help your child to develop a love of reading, a life skill that will help them develop their language skills and broaden their minds and imagination and give them wider opportunities in the workplace when they become adults. Books will be kept for a week and a new book will be issued once the current book has been returned. Please ensure that child looks after these books and does not draw in them or damage them in any way.

### 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.

### SCHOOL SHOES

If your child has outgrown their school shoes and they are still of good quality, then please could you consider donating them to school. Thank you.

### BAG 2 SCHOOL

You should have received your Bag 2 School bags by now. Please collect your old clothes, shoes, unwanted linen etc. as the more the bags weigh the more money the Friends will receive. The Bag 2 School collection day is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 9am. A second collection will be made during September.

### EARLY YEARS TEACHER TRAINING

There is an opportunity for us to provide an Early Years Teacher training program. If you already have a degree and are interested then please see Mrs Bridges in the office.

### CLASS 3 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the trip to Dewerstone Cottage this year due to lack of interest. If you have already paid a deposit then please see Mrs Bridges in the office for a full refund. Thank you.

### CLASS 1 READERS

If anyone has any spare time to hear Class 1 read then please could you let Mrs McClounnan or Mrs Lang know. Thank you.

### MUSIC CLASSES

There is an opportunity of a peripatetic music teacher if there is enough interest. They will offer guitar or ukulele lessons for Years 3 and upwards. Individual guitar lessons will cost £9.50 for 20 minutes or £9.50 each for 2 children for 30 minutes. The ukulele lessons will cost £4.00 and can be run as a lunchtime club. The children would need to bring in their own instrument but there are a limited number of ukuleles available. Please see Mrs Brown for more information.

### ST JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE

The Friends have 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 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bag2School Collection Day
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Half term
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Carnival Crafts at the Library 10-11.30am
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Non-Pupil Day