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Attendance figures for week ending Friday 11th September are as follows:

Year R 100%	Year 1 98.6%	Year 2 98.5%	Year 3 100%
Year 4 95%	Year 5 92%	Year 6 100%	98.1%

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

Whole school attendance this academic year: 98.1%

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

FOREST SCHOOLS

Some Year 4 and 5 children have had great fun fire lighting and more importantly putting fires out safely. Years 1 and 3 children have enjoyed cooking marshmallows, making small mammal shelters and playing the pans! Isla and Annie made a squirrel house. Brodie, Luke and Charlie made a brass band while Riley and Millie toasted their marshmallows.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Next Tuesday 22nd September the Tempest Photographer will be coming in for individual photographs only. No other adults or siblings are allowed in the building.

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Next Thursday 24th September there will be a Bag2School collection at 9am. Please leave your bags under the front shelter by the out-of-use picnic tables.

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: [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](#)

‘INCIDENT AT SCHOOL’ SCAMS

We have received reports in the Devon area of parents of being called on the phone, allegedly by their school, to say their child has been involved in an incident or taken ill. An example has been where a parent was called to say the child was ill and asked to dial 1 to be connected to right person to speak to. This child was at home that day so they knew it could not be correct so they attempted to ring the school but discovered the phone line had been held open reportedly to a high cost phone line. In another example the parents were asked to contact the school on the number provided, which again turned out to be a high cost phone line. School will normally contact you on the school line which is 01803832495. You can always call the school number back on this number if you are unsure or email the school.

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.

FOREST SCHOOLS- Reminder of sessions

Forest schools has started for all children from Year 1 to Year 6 this week with Mrs Hamilton. Foundation children will have some outdoor time in their play area on a Friday afternoon when Year 1 are doing Forest School. They will have a chance in the Summer Term, once they have been in school for a bit longer to access Forest School. Sessions will run once a week for Year 1s and once a fortnight for Class 2 and Class 3. Please can the children come in in old clothes on their allocated day that they don't mind getting muddy. Please can jeans be avoided because if they get wet they stay wet. They will also need waterproof jackets and footwear. They will go out in the rain and the sessions will only be cancelled if the weather is very bad. If there are any parents who would like to help for a few hours with Forest schools then please let Mrs Hamilton know. Any questions please ask Mrs Hamilton.

Thursday 17 th Sept	Pm- Year 4 and Year 5
Friday 18 th Sept am	Year 3
Friday 18 th Sept pm	Year 1
Thursday 24 th Sept	Pm- Year 6
Friday 25 th Sept am	Year 2
Friday 25 th Sept pm	Year 1
Thursday 1 st Oct pm	Pm- Year 4 and Year 5
Friday 2 nd Oct am	Year 3
Friday 2 nd Oct pm	Year 1
Thursday 8 th Oct pm	Pm- Year 6
Friday am 9 th Oct	Year 2
Friday pm 9 th Oct	Year 1
Thursday pm 15 th Oct	Pm- Year 4 and Year 5
Friday am 16 th Oct	Year 3
Friday pm 17 th Oct	Year 1
Thursday pm 22 nd Oct	Year 6
Friday 23 rd Oct am	Year 2
Friday 23 rd Oct pm	Year 1

Have a good week.