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NEXT WEEK'S DINNER MENU – WEEK 1

Attendance figures for week ending Friday 17th January are as follows:

Year R 92.1%	Year 1 95.7%	Year 2 98.7%	Year 3 100%
Year 4 98.3%	Year 5 85.7%	Year 6 100%	95.6%

Well done to Years 3 and 6 for 100% attendance

Whole school attendance this academic year: 95.1%

PRAYER

Father God

Thank you that you invite us to be part of your family

Help us to know how much you love us

Amen

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 27th 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.

BREAKFAST WEEK AT ALFS

Alfs are hosting their annual Breakfast Week, next week 27th - 31st January.

They are inviting all school children to become a breakfast champion with free porridge or waffles for all school children every morning before school, during breakfast week, to give them a winter warming, energy boosting start to their day before they head off to school.

Children can also take part in their 'Design your Best Breakfast' Competition with a prize for the most innovative healthy breakfast and help themselves to the free fruit on offer.

They'll also have other (adult) breakfast specials throughout the week including a special porridge menu, homemade cereals, breakfast muffins and smoothies, to eat in or to take away.

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 7th February at 9am. A second collection will be made during September.

NEW YEARS DISCO

The Friends are running a New Year's Disco on Friday 31st January, straight after school from 3:30pm to 5pm. The cost is £2 per child and this includes unlimited drinks, a packet of crisps or fruit and a wristband. There will be sweets available to purchase and prices range from 1p to £1 (please put spending money in a named purse or envelope). Permission slips were handed out last Friday, these need to be handed in with payment by the morning of the Disco please.

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 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 31 st Jan	New Year Disco 3:30pm – 5pm
Fri 7 th Feb	Bag2School Collection Day
Mon 17 th Feb to Fri 21 st Feb	Half term
Mon 24 th Feb	Non-Pupil Day