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Attendance figures for week ending Friday 1st October are as follows:

Year R 100%	Year 1 100%	Year 2 92.9%	Year 3 91.4%
Year 4 92.9%	Year 5 100%	Year 6 82.2%	93.9%

Well done to Years R, 1 and 5 for 100% attendance

Whole school attendance this academic year: 94.7%

PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD

Powerful God,
You hold us and everything you have
made in your loving care.
Teach us to care for life and for
beauty.
Help us to care about people and the
Earth.
Show us how even small things
matter,
help us see that we are all connected
to each other and to the earth.
We thank you God for being with us
each day,
fill us up with wonder and light,
and help us to bring peace to our beautiful world.
Amen



HARVEST ASSEMBLY

Thank you to all those that attended our 'Go Green for Harvest Assembly' It was lovely to see so many of you. Attached to this newsletter is a 'Go Green Pledge'. We are asking if you can think of a pledge that you can make as a family to do something (doesn't matter if it is something small) and fill this out with your child and return the leaves to school. There are lots of things you could do - how about a cycling challenge, going vegetarian, plastic-free or trying to reduce food waste in your house. We can then add the pledges to 'Our Live Simply' display in school. Please visit the CAFOD site (Go Green campaign) if you need more ideas. The children raised £64 for CAFOD today by wearing mufti and this will go to support their climate projects across the world.

CATHOLIC LIFE SURVEY

Please follow the link and complete our Catholic life survey. We are due our S48 Catholic Life inspection and the feedback from parents greatly helps us identify areas that we are doing well on and also areas for development. It only takes a few minutes

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PPTC5F2>

READING RIVER HOMEWORK

Thank you for all those who took part in our reading challenge. Mrs Waiters has created a lovely display of all the reading examples returned.



LITURGIES/ASSEMBLIES FOR OCTOBER

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/>

This is the address if you would like to follow what we are doing in school for our assemblies/Liturgies for the month of October with your child.

BIRD FEEDERS

The children have been making bird feeders (during Forest school time) to feed the birds in the winter. They have been learning about the proteins, carbohydrates and fats that birds need to keep warm and have energy during the winter. This part of our science curriculum.



SCHOOL DISCO

Next Friday 15th October the Friends will be holding a school disco straight after school until 4.30pm. The children can come to school dressed in their party clothes. The entrance fee is £1.50 (to be paid during the week). Free drinks will be provided at the disco and there will also be a tuck shop for the children to buy crisps and sweets. All monies raised go directly to the Friends.



TEACHING ASSISTANT VACANCY

We have a Teaching Assistant vacancy available with a contract initially for 1 year finishing on 31st August 2022 to support SEND and deliver interventions. Please speak to Mrs Hamilton if you are interested.

TELEPHONE LINES

We are still waiting for BT to replace our telephone system for a Cloud based system. If you are experiencing difficulties phoning in then please email admin. Mrs Bridges is very good at getting back to people promptly. Alternatively we have a mobile number that the school can be contacted on which is 07852 514377. This number is also displayed on our website. Apologies for any inconvenience caused by this.

CURRICULUM EVENING

Thank you to everyone who attended the Curriculum evening. Information from the evening is available on the school website in the Parents section under 'Reading with your child at home'. <http://www.st-johns-dartmouth.devon.sch.uk/website/parents/390971>

PE COACH

Coach Ben is with us on a Wednesday. Please can children bring in their PE kits on a Monday and bring them home on Fridays for washing unless your teacher has specified otherwise. Year 5/6 have PE first thing on a Wednesday and Mrs Brown has asked if they can come in already dressed for PE to save time. They will need their school uniform to change back into afterwards. Apologies for any confusion. Please speak to the class teacher if you need further clarity.

Classes 2 and 3 will also have PE on a Friday afternoon.

Friday afternoon PE for Class 3

15 th Oct	Year 5/6
22 nd Oct	Year 4

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please don't forget that when your child moves up from Year 2 to Year 3 you will have to start paying for dinner, which is currently £2.50 per day.

FOREST SCHOOLS

Monday 11 th Oct	Am - Year 5/6
Friday 15 th Oct	Am - Year 3
	Pm - Year 1
Monday 18 th Oct	Am - Year 5/6
Friday 22 nd Oct	Am - Year 2
	Pm - Year R

Children should wear their own clothes for the day when they have a Forest School session. Please can they avoid wearing denim as this is very uncomfortable when wet. They also need to have waterproof clothing and footwear. Please contact the school office or speak to Mrs Hamilton with any queries.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Places are limited and will be given on a first come basis. There is a charge for the Saints Southwest Club and you will have to sign up online.

Wednesday - Years Reception, 1, 2 and 3 - <https://saints-southwest.class4kids.co.uk/info/904>

Friday - Years 4, 5 and 6 - <https://saints-southwest.class4kids.co.uk/info/915>

Monday	Activity Club Class 1 and Class 2 3.15 - 4pm Mrs Cusack
Wednesday	Saints South West PE club Sign up on their site Class 1 and Class 2
Friday	Mrs Rowden Art Club 3.15 - 4pm
Friday	Saints South West PE club Sign up on their site Years 4-6

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 13 th Oct 8.30am	School individual photographs and with siblings
Fri 15 th Oct	School Disco 3.15pm to 4.30pm
Thurs 21 st Oct	Food Festival
Mon 25 th Oct – Fri 29 th Oct	Half term
Mon 1 st Nov	Non-pupil day
Tues 2 nd Nov	Children back to school
Thurs 18 th Nov	Bag 2 School Collection Day 9am