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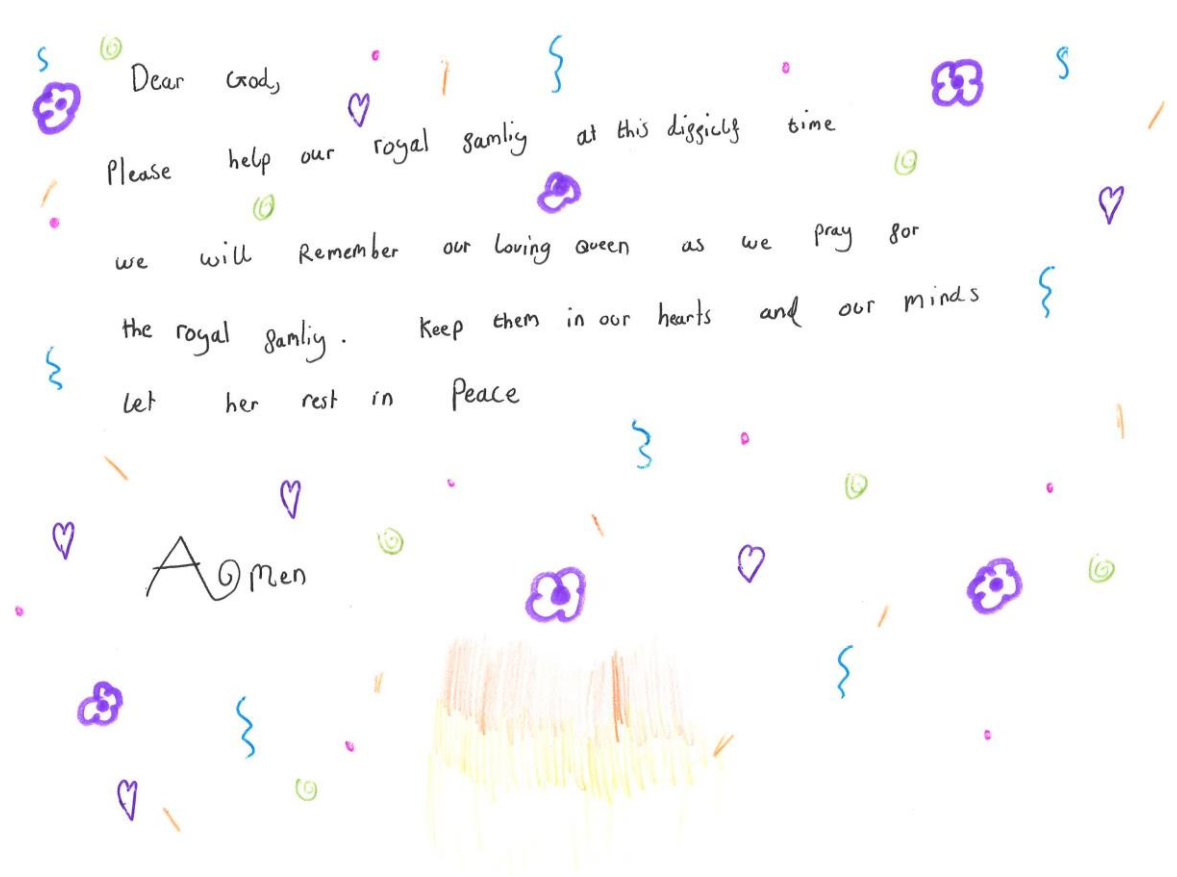
Newsletter 16-09-22



Plymouth CAST is joining with the rest of the country and the commonwealth to mourn the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Dear God,
Please help our royal family at this difficult time
we will remember our loving queen as we pray for
the royal family. Keep them in our hearts and our minds
let her rest in peace

Amen



By
Blaise



The queen was such a special person because she served our country for 70 years without failure and was very special to all of us. I am deeply sorry for the Royal Family.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for week ending Friday 9th September are as follows:

Year R 93.1%	Year 1 83.9%	Year 2 100%	Year 3 96.7%
Year 4 88.5%	Year 5 96.3%	Year 6 76.8%	92.8%

Well done to Year 2 for 100% attendance.

Whole school attendance this academic year: 92.8%

HARVEST

Our Harvest Assembly will be held on Thursday 6th October at 10am. Please feel free to join us.

ATTENDANCE

Please can we remind families that we will be implementing our attendance policy fully this term. Our attendance dropped to 94.5% last year and this is lowest that it has been for several years. The policy can be found <http://www.st-johns-dartmouth.devon.sch.uk>. Holidays are not normally authorised during term time. The EWO (Education Welfare Officer) will be following up any unauthorised absences and fines will be issued. If your child has an attendance below 90% then they are known as a 'Persistent Absentee'. An attendance below 90% means that a child is missing in effect 1 year every 10 years of their education. This is a huge amount of time missed and is detrimental to a child's education. Please see Mrs Hamilton if you have any queries concerning the Attendance policy.

YEAR R PARENTS EVENING

Wednesday 21st September at 3.20pm

This is a chance for new parents of children in the Foundation stage to come and meet the teacher and find out about class routines and ask any questions that you may have.

CURRICULUM EVENING

Tuesday 20th September at 3.20pm

This is for parents of children in Years 1- 6. There will be a chance to meet your new class teacher. There will be a short presentation on the importance of Reading and how to hear your child read. Reading is such an important life skill and when children learn to read fluently it helps them do well across the curriculum. The class teacher will also go through the learning for the term and class routines and homework.

FOREST SCHOOL

Please can children wear own clothes and have adequate footwear and waterproofs when it is their session. Forest school sessions will run for Year 1 to Year 6 for this half term. Foundation children will have their sessions starting later on once they have got used to being in school. They will enjoy outside play this half term in their outside play area.

Friday 23th	Year 5/6 Year 2 Year 1
Friday 30th	Year 4 Year 3 Year 1
Friday 7th	Year 5/6 Year 2 Year 1
Friday 14th	Year 4 Year 3 Year 1
Friday 21st	Year 5/6 Year 2 Year 1

CLUBS

Places will be allocated on a first come basis. Please contact the school office.

Clubs start week beginning 12 th September	
Monday – Ms Knight 3.15-4pm	Maths Club - Years 2, 3, 4 (This will be offered to other Year groups during different terms)
Wednesday – Saints South West	Sports Club – We will email details when we receive them
Thursday –Mrs Cusack 3.15-4pm	FULL Activity Club - A range of different creative and physical activities (Years 1-6)
Thursday – Miss Corey 3.15-4pm	FULL Music and Dance Club (Years 2-6)
LUNCH TIME CLUBS	
Active Club	Each class has an allocated day. No need to sign up.
Story Time Club	No need to sign up. Enjoy a story at lunchtime with Mrs Waiters

We are in the process of recruiting several teaching assistants. There will be more clubs once we have more staff in place.

NEW CATERING PROVIDER

Chartwells is our new catering provider. They will be setting up a payment system called Parent Pay where you can order and pay for your child's meals for the week. They are hoping to have the system up and running after October half term. In the meantime your child can order daily and bring in £2.50 or pay for a number of meals in advance. You can also pay online using the following details:-

Bank Account: 11370262
Sort code: 30-80-37
Account Name: Plymouth CAST
Reference required: 121DIN+Your child's surname

Don't forget that if your child is in Years R, 1 and 2 then the meals are free (paid for by the government). Please also apply for free school meals using the link on the bottom of our School website home page if you think you may be entitled.

READING

We are trying to get our children reading as frequently as possible. Being able to read has huge benefits to them across the curriculum. If you have any spare time (1 hour) in the week and would like to come in and hear readers then this would be greatly appreciated. It can be in another class to where your child is if that is a concern. Please see your class teacher, Mrs Hamilton or Mrs Bridges if you are interested.

TEN TEN MAY NEWSLETTER

TEN TEN is the main resource we use for our acts of worship and assemblies.

They produce a parent newsletter each month for parents to follow at home with their children. The link below will take you to the newsletter.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 19 th September	National Day of Mourning
Tues 20 th Sept 2022	Years 1 to 6 Curriculum Evening 3.20pm
Wed 21 st Sept	Class 1 Parents Evening from 3.20pm
Thurs 6 th Oct	Harvest Assembly 10am
Wed 12 th Oct	Life Skills Year 6
Thurs 13 th Oct	School photos (with siblings) from 8am
Thurs 20 th Oct	Food Festival Class 3 1pm-3.05pm
Mon 24 th to Fri 28 th Oct	Half term
Mon 31 st Oct	Non-pupil day
Tues 1 st Nov	Children back to school
Wed 2 nd Nov	Flu vaccinations (whole school)
Fri 18 th Nov	Children in Need Day
Mon 19 th Dec 2022 to Mon 2 nd Jan 2023	Christmas Holiday
Tues 3 rd Jan	Children back to school