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Come Holy Spirit
and fill our hearts with your love.
Work through us to bring Jesus
to those who do not know him
so that we may share this love with Jesus.
Amen



CHAPLAINS

The chaplains this week delivered a Pentecost Liturgy to the whole school. We are hoping to invite parents to another Liturgy delivered by the Chaplains for St John the Baptist Day on 23rd June at 9.15am.

We are hoping to recruit new Chaplains from Year 4 and Year 5 to start in September. We are asking that any interested child applies by writing a letter to Mrs Hamilton. In the letter they need to say what skills they would bring to the Chaplain role. This leadership role involves writing action plans, attending meetings, leading charity work, assemblies and Liturgies both in class and for the whole school. Sometimes the Chaplains show visitors around the school and need to be able to talk confidently about how we live our Mission statement of 'Live, Love, Learn in a Caring Catholic Community'.

Letters need to be with Mrs Hamilton by Friday 24th June.

SWIMMING FOR YEARS 1 TO 6

Swimming will start next Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has a swimming costume or trunks, a towel and a £2 contribution. Alternately you could pay £12 for the full six sessions. Details for payment are as follows:

Bank Account: 11370262
Sort code: 30-80-37
Account Name: Plymouth CAST
Reference required: 121SWIM+Yoursurname

PARENT HELP

Now that restrictions have eased, we are looking for any parents who would be willing to give up some of their time to hear children read in school. Reading is the most important life skill and it would help immensely if we had parent volunteers to hear children read. If you are interested please could you give your name and the time you are available to either a class teacher or the office.

READING DIARIES

All children have reading diaries which record the school book they are reading and a book for pleasure they might have chosen to read. Please could all parents ensure that they are hearing their children read and please could you make sure that you are recording this in your children's reading diary. Write down the number of pages you have heard them read together with a signature. If your child has read another book from home this can also be recorded in the diary. Thank you for your assistance.

TRANSITION

Transition afternoons for children starting school in September start on Monday 20th June and run for four weeks. They are for children only so they get used to being in Class 1. They are from 1.30pm to 3.05pm. We very much look forward to having them in school.

FOREST SCHOOLS

Forest School Sessions will run on a Friday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in suitable clothes on a Friday that can get dirty and wet (not denim) and appropriate waterproofs and footwear.

1st Session - 9am to 10.30am

2nd Session - 10.45am to 12.15pm

3rd Session - 1.30pm to 3pm

Friday 10 th June	Year 4 Year 1 Year 3
Friday 17 th June	Year 5/6 Year R Year 2
Friday 24 th June	Year 4 Year 1 Year 3
Friday 1 st July	Year 5/6 Year R Year 2
Friday 8 th July	Year 4 Year 1 Year 3
Friday 15 th July	Year 5/6 Year R Year 2
Friday 22 nd July	Year 4 Year 1 Year 3

CLASS THREE DISPLAYS



SCHOOL OPENING TIMES

Please don't forget that school doesn't open until 8.35am. Children left on the playground before this time will be unsupervised.

SAFEGUARDING

When is it legal to leave a child home alone?

A child who isn't old enough or who doesn't feel comfortable should never be left home alone. If this is the case, it's best to look into childcare options that might work for your family. There's no legal age a child can be left home alone, but it's against the law to leave a child alone if it puts them at risk¹. Every child matures differently, so it would be almost impossible to have a "one size fits all" law.

While every child is different, we wouldn't recommend leaving a child under 12 years old home alone, particularly for longer periods of time.

Children in primary school aged 6-12 are usually too young to walk home from school alone, babysit or cook for themselves without adult supervision. Although children do often start to walk home from school by the top end of primary school to help prepare them for the move to secondary school. If you need to leave them home, it's worth considering leaving them at a friend's house, with family or finding some suitable childcare. For further advice visit the NSPCC page

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/in-the-home/home-alone/>

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

Tues 14 th June	Swimming starts (outdoor pool) for Year 1 upwards (every Tuesday afternoon)
Mon 20 th June	Transition afternoons start for new Sept 22 intake (4 Monday afternoons) 1.30pm to 3.05pm
Wed 29 th June	Music/Catholic life day at Buckfast Abbey for Class 3 Joint with St Marys Buckfast.
Tues 12 th July	Year 6 (RDYC) sailing day
Wed 13 th July	Sports Day
Thurs 21 st July	Year 6 Leaver's Trip (TBC)
Mon 25 th July	Leaver's Assembly
Mon 25 th July	Last day of term