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PRAYER

Next Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday (Pancake day) and Wednesday marks the start of Lent. Lent marks the start of Springtime, a time of year when new life begins and everything starts to grow.

Dear Jesus
During Lent, help us to make a fresh start too
And try extra hard to be good
To work hard, to try our best
And be a good friend
There will be times when we find this difficult
But with your help
We can keep on trying
Amen



ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for week ending Friday 2nd February are as follows:

Year R 82%	Year 1 98%	Year 2 77.8%	Year 3 98.1%
Year 4 97.1%	Year 5 87%	Year 6 93.8%	91.8%

Whole school attendance this academic year: 93.8%



LIBRARY

A big 'thank you' to Mrs Todd and Luke for all their hard work in making our library a beautiful space. The library recently was awarded 'runner up' in a winter reading challenge competition. It is definitely an inspiring space to develop a love of reading which is so important for our children's learning across the curriculum.

DETAILS OF FRIENDS EVENTS

A message from the Friends about upcoming events this term.

Well done and thank you to everyone who contributed a bag for Bag2School. A wonderful £85 was raised for the Friends.

The Valentines Disco was enjoyed by all and raised £258.92.

After school cake/ sweet sale, Friday 9th Feb- donations of cakes appreciated.

Friends meeting- Friday 23rd Feb @ 2pm - new members welcome.

Second hand book sale, Friday 1st March (after school) - please have a clear out and donate any good quality second hand books.

Sponsored reading challenge starts Mon 4th March and finishes Mon 11th March (more information to follow after half term).

Usborne Book Fair, Thursday 14th March, school hall from 3pm

Easter Bazaar, Friday 22nd March, 2pm-4pm in the school hall.

Easter Competition, information will be sent out before half term break.

Please keep an eye on the Friend's Facebook page for updates and online events.

In the last 12 months the Friends have contributed towards school trips to the Butterfly Sanctuary for 2 classes, Plymouth Aquarium, Paignton Zoo, Year 6 Leavers trip to Plymouth (Summer 23) and Dartington (Summer 24) and also purchased Accelerated Reading books for the school.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support and to the Friends for all their hard work that helps make all these experiences possible for the children and to fund valuable resources for the school.

ILLNESS

As normal for this time of year we have had a number of infections circulating. Please can we remind you that for any sickness or diarrhoea, the NHS guidance is that the child should be off school for 48 hours. Please see below the poster which lists a range of common illnesses:

The poster is from the UK Health Security Agency and NHS. It features a young girl in a green plaid dress jumping joyfully. The title 'Should I keep my child off school?' is in large green letters. Below the title is a table with two columns: 'Yes' and 'Until...'. The table lists various illnesses and the duration of school absence. At the bottom, there is a 'No' section with a QR code and a 'SCAN ME' button. The QR code links to 'Advice and guidance' for health protection in schools, with the URL <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Yes	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Typhoid
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

CLASS 3 TRIP TO DARTMOUTH MUSEUM

Class 3 enjoyed a trip to Dartmouth Museum where they learned about the resident ghost! The museum were full of praise for how well the children behaved and how curious and interested they were.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

It was National Safer Internet Day this week, with the theme of 'Inspiring change?' Further information about this year's theme and online safety can be obtained from; saferinternet.org.uk/saferinternet-day/safer-internet-day2024/parents-and-carers

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Please sign up as soon as possible as spaces are limited.

New sign-up required each half term to allow everyone to have a chance.

Music and Singing	Mondays 3.15pm to 4pm Miss Todd All year groups
Stretch and Mindfulness	Tuesdays 3.15pm to 4pm Yrs 2 to 6 Max 12 pupils Miss Abraham
Saints Southwest	Wednesdays 3.15pm to 4.15pm Yrs 2 to 6 https://saints-southwest.classforkids.io/term/97
Art	Thursdays 3.15pm to 4pm Yrs 4, 5 and 6 Max 10 pupils Mrs Cusack

Please could Class 2 come to school wearing their PE kit (with their uniform in a bag) on Wednesday mornings as they are first to do PE. Everyone else should come in uniform with their PE kit in a bag.

There will be no Forest School. It will resume when the weather is warmer.

TEN TEN 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 2024

Mon 19 th Feb	Non-pupil day
Tues 20 th Feb	Children back to school
Fri 23 rd Feb	Friends meeting in the staffroom at 2pm
Fri 1 st Mar	Second hand book sale (straight after school)
Mon 11 th Mar	Class 1 Paignton Zoo trip
Thurs 14 th Mar	Usborne Book Fair in the school hall from 3pm
Tues 19 th Mar	KS2 Torbay Symphony Orchestra Workshop
Fri 22 nd Mar	Easter Bazaar in the school hall 2pm to 4pm
Mon 25 th Mar	Class 2 Plymouth Aquarium trip
Wed 27 th Mar	Stations of the Cross Liturgy 10.30am Led by the Chaplains - Parents welcome
Thurs 28 th Mar	Last day of school
Mon 15 th April	Back to school

Wishing you a restful half term holiday.