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### Newsletter 08-09-22

#### PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF TERM

Lord God

At the beginning of this new term, teach us to  
have kind hands and kind feet to do your work

At the beginning of this new term, teach us to  
show love to everyone

At the beginning of this new term, teach us to  
pray for the unfortunate, sick and sad

At the beginning of this new term, teach us to  
use our talents to be the best that we can be.

Through Jesus' name

Amen



By Beau and Millie (School Chaplains)

#### WELCOME

Welcome to our new children in Foundation. They have all settled in really well this week. All the children in all the classes seem to be enjoying getting back into work. It is lovely to see all our families again.



Class 3 focussing hard on new science knowledge

Class 2 learning to draw penguins in art



Class 1 making a 'Mondrian' collage using primary colours in art.



### **REMINDER**

The school day starts at 8.45am. Please can children arrive on time to ensure that there is no lost learning time.

### **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.

### **CURRICULUM EVENINGS**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **READING**

We are trying to get our children reading as frequently as possible. Being able to read has huge benefits 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.

## 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 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Year 2 Year 1
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Year 3 Year 1
Friday 23 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Year 2 Year 1
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Year 3 Year 1
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Year 2 Year 1
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Year 3 Year 1
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5/6 Year 2 Year 1

## CLUBS

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

<b>Clubs start week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	
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	Activity Club - A range of different creative and physical activities (Years 1-6)
Thursday – Miss Corey 3.15-4pm	Music and Dance Club (Years 2-6)
<b>LUNCH TIME CLUBS</b> 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.

### **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 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Class 1 Curriculum Evening 3.20pm
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Years 1 to 6 Curriculum Evening 3.20pm
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2022	Life Skills Year 6
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School photos (with siblings) 8am
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Food Festival Class 3 1pm-3.05pm
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half term
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Non-pupil day
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Children back to school
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Flu vaccinations (whole school)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need Day
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 to Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2023	Christmas Holiday
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Children back to school