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PRAYER

HAPPY ST DAVID'S DAY! (FIRST DAY OF SPRING)

Dear Jesus

Thank you for the life of Saint David.

Thank you for giving him such courage and wisdom.

Help us to remember all the remarkable things he did in his life and during Lent help us all to do the 'little things' that make a really big difference.

Amen



ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for week ending Friday 25th February are as follows:

Year R 100%	Year 1 97.5%	Year 2 97.5%	Year 3 100%
Year 4 98.2%	Year 5 87.5%	Year 6 90.6%	96%

Whole school attendance this academic year: 93.8%

Above 95% is considered 'good' attendance.

The government is running a campaign to improve national attendance from January to March this year. It is called 'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'.

Its aim is to try and improve avoidable absences where possible.

Some information from the government campaign is printed below:

- In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children (those whose attendance is below 90%) in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.
- 36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs, compared with 84% of regular attenders.
- Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.



SMALL TOYS/PEOPLE/ANIMALS

If anyone has any old wooden or plastic small toys/people/animals that your child has grown out of and no longer wants, please would you donate them to the school. We are trying to create a therapy space that children can go into when they are experiencing fall out with friends or anything that is upsetting them or making them feel sad. Thank you.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Next Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. Children can come into school dressed as their favourite book character.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRUFFALO

A big thank you to Miss Todd and Luke who arranged a 'Happy 25th Birthday Party' for the Gruffalo with Class 1.



FRIENDS EVENTS

Sponsored reading challenge starts next week - Mon 4th March and finishes Mon 11th March. You should have all received this information via book bag.

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

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

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

POLICE VISIT CLASS 3

Class 3 enjoyed a visit from PCSO Jessica to learn about our community and their Rights and Responsibilities. The lively and informative afternoon was finished off with a visit to the police car!



George, in C3 asking PCSO a question about her role in the community.

CLASS ONE TREE REMOVAL

Next week a couple of the light-blocking conifers in Class 1's outside area are being removed. This has to be done before nesting season so we are unable to delay until the Easter holidays. All necessary precautions will be put in place (areas cordoned off etc.) but the play area outside Class 1 will be out of action for a few days. We are sorry for the inconvenience but it will make for a much brighter and enjoyable area.

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH - RED NOSE DAY DONATIONS PAGE

Friday March 15th is Red Nose Day. Children can come in mufti.

Instead of bringing in your £1, please donate to Comic Relief using the donations page on ParentPay. The link is as follows:-

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13947>

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 FULL	Thursdays 3.15pm to 4pm Yrs 4, 5 and 6 Max 10 pupils Mrs Cusack

PE KIT

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 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
Fri 17 th May	Bag2School Collection 9am