



# NEWSLETTER



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## Tempest Photographer

The photographer from Tempest Photos will be in school tomorrow (Friday 29th March) to take individual and family group photos. If you have any pre-school children who you would like to be included in a family photo please come into school through the office between 8.30 and 8.40.

## Attendance

The Educational Welfare Officer was in this week and she said we are one of very few schools in Plymouth whose attendance rate is on the rise over the last few weeks. Hopefully we have seen the end of the bouts of illness which affected many children and can continue to improve. Overall attendance for the school year is now 95.39%. Our target for the whole year of 96% is still achievable.

	Foundation	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
Authorised	95.1%	94.5%	94.8%	96.9%	95.9%	96.2%	94.3%

## PE Kit

A number of children have not been able to take part in PE lessons this week because they do not have the correct kit, particularly footwear. School shoes should not be worn for PE lessons for health & safety reasons. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit (with their name marked on it) in school each day.

## Stations of the Cross

At 2.00pm on Wednesday of next week (3rd April) Year 6 will be re-enacting the Stations of the Cross for the whole school in St Joseph's Church. The Stations of the Cross commemorate the events of Good Friday, from Jesus' condemnation to his dying on the cross. Children form 'life statues' of each station while other children read out prayers and reflections linking each station to everyday situation. All parents are welcome to attend but the service is particularly meaningful if you see your own child taking part in it. I would urge year 6 parents to attend if possible.

## First Aid Notification

Earlier this year, in order to meet GDPR requirements, we changed the system of notifying parents if their child had received treatment for an injury in school. Unfortunately the new system has some flaws that we need to rectify. As the texting from the office has been successful we will use text messages to inform you if an injury has been suffered. If it is a head injury we will continue to make immediate phone contact if possible. Both of these systems rely upon us always having the correct contact number. If your number changes, or you would like a new 'first contact' person, please let Mrs Way know in the office.

## Football Success

Yesterday two teams from year 3 & 4 played against other Plymouth Catholic Schools in a Football Festival. Our year 4 team won seven games and lost one, while our year 3 team were undefeated. That means sixteen games played with only one defeat. I wonder if Man Utd knew Mr Langley has a better record as manager than Ole Gunnar Solskjaer!

## School Uniform

Hopefully the sun is here to stay and shorts and summer dresses will be worn into school. One parent asked this week if blue gingham play suits are suitable as school uniform rather than dresses. The answer is yes. Any shorts worn will still need to be school uniform type. I previously asked your opinion about trainers being acceptable as part of school uniform. Replies were split down the middle between no trainers and plain black being allowable. It was clear that most were against trainers with white or other coloured markings. Staff who are parents have said that trainers last longer than affordable school shoes. As a trial during next term we will allow plain black trainers to be worn as school shoes.

**Please Remember the Friends Cake Sale on Thursday 4th April**