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Newsletter 23-10-20

Attendance figures for week ending Friday 23rd October are as follows:

Year R 98.7%	Year 1 97.1%	Year 2 96.9%	Year 3 96.5%
Year 4 95%	Year 5 89.1%	Year 6 100%	96.5%

Well done to Year 6 for 100% attendance

Whole school attendance this academic year: 96.7%

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Dear Jesus

Help us to be strong like St John the Baptist.

Let us show love, peace and kindness to all.

Encourage us to be the best that we can be and always show your love.

Amen



Lantern making in Activity Club

COMMUNITY CHEST

We have a food bank area in the porch of the school. If any of our families are struggling please feel free to come and help yourself to food. Times are extremely hard for people and we wish to support our school community.

Lunch will be served to children during the half term holiday from Townstal Community Hall Monday to Friday from 11am until 1pm (outside if necessary).

TOYS

From after half term we will be collecting good quality toys. We will isolate these for 72 hours and then pass them onto the Community Chest to help families who are struggling this Christmas. If you are having any clear-outs during half term, please consider donating them. Contributions can come in from Tuesday 3rd November.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to everyone for your very generous food gifts, we will ensure that all food goes to the families that need it.

Thank you also for the mufti donations, a fantastic £79.60 was raised for CAFOD.

COACH BEN'S SPORTS AWARD

Coach Ben gives a Sport's Award each week. This week the 'Saint of the Week' award goes to George in Class 2. Well done George.

COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS FOR ALL CLASSES

On Friday 6th November (weather permitting) Class 1 and Class 2 will have a composting workshop. Class 2 will have a workshop on composting and growing plants in the morning. Class 1 will have a workshop on min-beasts and composting in the afternoon. On Thursday 12th November, Class 3 will have a workshop during the afternoon on composting and habitats. We will arrange their PE session for the morning so they don't miss out. Please can children come in Forest School clothes on these days (Class 3 will also need PE kits).

NOVEMBER FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS (WEATHER PERMITTING)

Thurs 5 th	Years 4 and 5
Fri 6 th	All Class 2
Thurs 12 th	All Class 3
Fri 13 th	Year 3
Thurs 19 th	Year 6
Fri 20 th	Year 2
Thurs 26 th	Years 4 and 5
Fri 27 th	Year 3

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Please could you help this worthy cause by packing a shoebox over the half term holiday, these shoeboxes are distributed to needy children all over the world. More information can be found at: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>

This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to demonstrate the heart of the Christian message that is core to the ethos of our school. All shoeboxes should be returned to school by Friday 6th November. Thank you.

FLU VACCINATIONS - FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

The school nurse has moved the vaccination day to Friday 13th November, please ensure you have signed up for this important immunisation.

<https://schoolsimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "no" consent. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

PARENTS EVENING

If you would like a telephone appointment with your child's teacher then please fill out the parents evening form which went out on Monday

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Don't forget to apply for your chosen secondary school if your child is in Year 6. The easiest way to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline. The closing date for applications is Saturday 31st October. Any applications received after this date may be disadvantaged.

FRIENDS

Thank you from the Friends to all who have supported the raffles, competitions and the new Fundraising page this last half term, £364.50 has been raised. The Rudolph Christmas Fundraising Project information will be sent out today so if you would like some Christmas cards or mugs, bags, teddies etc. designed by your child then please get drawing over the half term holiday.

BAG2SCHOOL

There will be another Bag2School collection on Tuesday 1st December. The Friends are organising one collection per term.

COVID 19 TESTING

We are aware that there have been some significant problems with access to COVID-19 testing. You will have seen on the news that this is not unique to Devon but none the less is of significant concern. DCC and PHE have escalated this regionally and nationally but it is unlikely we will see a rapid improvement.

Individuals should only get tested if they have symptoms of coronavirus which are:

- A high temperature (feeling hot to touch on your chest or back)
- A new continuous cough (coughing a lot, for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours or if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to their sense of smell or taste (noticing you cannot smell or taste anything or things smell or taste different to normal)

Parents or carers of children attending school or school staff with symptoms of coronavirus should book a test as normal via the government website or by calling 119.

If they are unable to book a local testing slot then individuals should complete the appropriate forms by following the links below:

Children under the age of 5:

[Urgent Referral Form - Under 5's](#)

School aged Children (5-18):

[School Aged Children](#)

NHS/Health/Care workers:

[NHS/Health/Care Professionals](#)

All other individuals:

[Urgent Referral Form - Adults](#)

CLASS 3'S SELF-PORTRAITS



HAVE A LOVELY HALF TERM HOLIDAY

SEE YOU ON TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER