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### Newsletter 16-10-20

Attendance figures for week ending Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October are as follows:

Year R 94.8%	Year 1 95.7%	Year 2 93.8%	Year 3 97.6%
Year 4 100%	Year 5 99%	Year 6 97.4%	<b>96.4%</b>

Well done to Year 4 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

### SAFETY MEASURES OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Please can we remind parents to socially distance at the end of the school day whilst waiting for your children. Please do not sit at the benches at the front of the school. If you enter the school building please ensure that you are wearing a face covering. Please can parents of Class 1 and Class 2 not come in past the the large rainbow gates. All these measures are to keep the school community as safe as possible. We thank you for adhering to these measures.

### HERALD EXPRESS – FIRST CLASS – WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

The Herald Express likes to celebrate all new reception school children in their picture supplement known as “First Class”. This year the picture supplement will come out on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

If you would like to buy your child's school photo then please could you return the completed forms and monies to the school by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. You can still order them after this date but you will have to pay for postage and packing direct to your address.

### COMMUNITY CHEST

We are now receiving weekly deliveries from Dartmouth Community Chest. We are setting up a food bank area in the porch of the school. If any of our families are struggling with lots of mouths to feed, please feel free to come and help yourself to food. Alternatively, if you have any food that you would like to donate (that is in date) we will gratefully receive any contributions. Times are extremely hard for people and we wish to support our school community.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

### **WEDNESDAY ACTIVITY CLUB WITH MRS CUSACK**

Please could all the children bring 1 or 2 clean, dry plastic milk bottles with lids. 1, 2 or 4 pint empty bottles will be fine. Thank you.

### **HARVEST CELEBRATIONS**

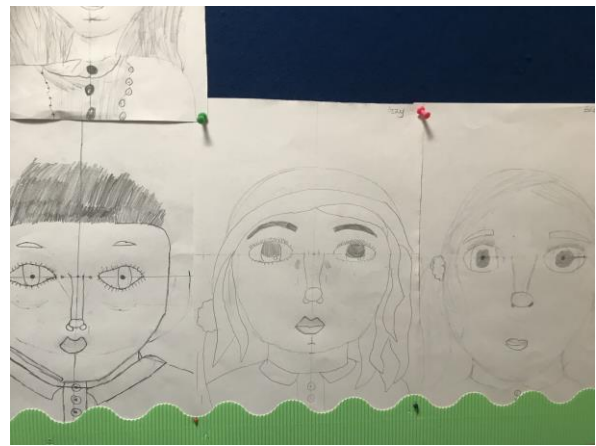
Our children will have a special assembly in their classes on food this Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. The children can wear brightly coloured clothes on this day and contribute £1 for this. All monies raised will go to CAFOD who are currently supporting families impacted by Covid in both our country and around the world.

### **COACH BEN'S SPORTS AWARD**

Coach Ben gives a Sport's Award each week. This week the award goes to Jack in Class 3. Well done Jack.

### **GUESS WHO?**

Can you guess who these self-portraits are of in Class 3?



### **PARENTS EVENING**

Advance notice of parents evening. Letters will come out next week with more information. You will be offered a telephone appointment of 5 minutes. These will run on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Nov after school.

### **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/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline). The closing date for applications is Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Any applications received after this date may be disadvantaged.

### **BAG2SCHOOL**

There will be another Bag2School collection on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](#)