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Newsletter 18-12-20

Attendance figures for week ending Friday 18th December are as follows:

Year R 94%	Year 1 100%	Year 2 96.9%	Year 3 94.1%
Year 4 100%	Year 5 100%	Year 6 100%	97.1%

Well done to Years 1, 4, 5 and 6 for 100% attendance.

Whole school attendance this academic year: 97.4%

Congratulations to the following 37 children who have all achieved 100% attendance this term

- Class 1: James, Joseph, Maahir, Lilly, Arthur, Cohen, Thea, Michalina, Dylan, Chase, Ioan, Elliott and Arabella
- Class 2: Brodie, Bethany, Conor, Blake, Freddie, Jessica, Jessica F, Bailey, Annie, Riley, Charlie, Beau, Jesse, Millie
- Class 3: Emelia, Molly, Robyn, Lottie, Tom, Lilly, Libby, Evie, Amber and Charlie

ADVENT PRAYER

God Our Father,
as we look forward to Christmas
the excitement is growing.
just as the light from the Advent wreath
grows brighter,
we pray that the light of Jesus
will grow brighter in our lives too.
Amen

CHANGE OF BUBBLE TIMES IN JANUARY 2021

We have made slight changes to Bubble times in January. These are to reduce adults mixing outside of school. Please ensure you stick to these times. If you need to make special arrangements then please phone the office or speak to your Class teacher. We have made Class 3 time much later as several children walk to and from school and there has been an issue with the lollypop lady not being there for road safety.

Class 1 – 8.30am to 2.50pm

Class 2 – 8.40am to 3pm

Class 3 – 8.50am to 3.10pm

CLASS 1 NATIVITY

Class 1's Nativity is available on the school website in two parts. Please be patient as they take a few seconds to download as they are large files.

<http://www.st-johns-dartmouth.devon.sch.uk>

TOYS FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST

We would like to thank all our families who have donated new or good quality second hand toys for Dartmouth Community Chest. The toys will be isolated for 72 hours before distributing to families for Christmas. Thank you so much for donating so much, they will bring a smile to so many children this Christmas.



SINGING AT BEACON HOUSE

Luckily the weather kept fine for Class 3 to go and sing outside Beacon House. The children provided lots of festive cheer to the residents who were waving out of the windows.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

DCC have now put in place arrangements to provide supermarket vouchers to children across Devon who currently receive free school meals. The vouchers are for £30 per child (£15 per week) and can be used in a variety of supermarkets including Sainsburys, Tesco, Morrisons, Asda, M&S Food and Waitrose. Anyone who is eligible should ensure they look out for a letter or email from Devon County Council next week for details about how to access your vouchers or an alternative food box.

If you think you may be eligible due to a change in circumstance then please apply online through the [Devon Citizen's Portal](#) to check if you are eligible as soon as possible. This is the quickest and easiest way for your eligibility to be assessed and they will give you an instant decision. Alternatively, you can call the education helpline on **0345 155 1019**. To ensure that you receive the free school meals holiday vouchers for this Christmas period you must apply by Friday 18 December 2020 (today).

Please note that this is a different arrangement to the Universal Free School Meals scheme where the children get a free meal in school years Reception, 1 and 2 because of age (not income).

CHRISTMAS READING CHALLENGE

It is really important that children are reading daily and develop a love of Reading. How many books can your children read before the New Year? Children can read books from home or e-books (Oxford Owl link on website). When they have a read a book record it on the sheet attached and email it to Mrs Waiters (dwaiters@st-johns-dartmouth.devon.sch.uk) in the New Year. There will be certificates and rewards for those who take part.

FRIENDS NEWS

Thank you for all your support this term. The Friends have raised a massive £748 just in December with the raffle (£590), the colouring competition (£53) and the December Bags 2 School (£105).

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](#)

If you need to contact the school during the holidays please use admin@st-johns-dartmouth.devon.sch.uk.

YEAR 6 HAVE MADE CHRISTMAS WREATHS



SAINTS SOUTHWEST AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Saints Southwest will start up their extracurricular club in the Spring Term. Please sign up using the following link.

<https://saints-southwest.class4kids.co.uk/info/517>

We wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.

