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# Believe in ourselves, be the best we can be

#### **Newsletter- 14.10.22**

# **Play Equipment**

I wanted to remind everyone, especially those new to the school, that we ask that children do not go onto any of the fitness or play equipment before or after school. We have risk assessments for these areas that state that a member of staff has to supervise when they are used to ensure the safety of our children. Staff are not supervising before or after school and therefore they should not be used. I appreciate your understanding and support.

# A message from Reverand Jane

In 2022, we'll be marking Harvest - an Autumnal seasonal highlight - in the following ways at St John's. You are very welcome to join in with any, some or all of what follows:

- Saturday 15th October 10-12.30 coffee morning, children's seasonal crafts & Mouse Hunt [50p to enter & plenty of prizes!]
- Sunday 16th October 10.30am Village Worship Harvest Thanksgiving: donations are welcome for HITS foodbank [Homeless in Teignbridge] 12 noon: Pot luck Harvest lunch – hot drinks provided but please bring a plate of food to share.

### **Supervision of Children Around School**

There have been several parents and some neighbours sharing concerns about the children outside of the school gates at the end of the day. The roads are particularly busy at this time and adults have been concerned about children not being monitored closely when they are crossing the road or running along the path next to the road. We wanted to pass on these concerns as none of us want to see an accident or a child hurt around our school.

#### Communication

We have been reflecting on how we communicate more urgent messages, such as short notice club cancellations, with parents.

Sending a notice via the School Jotter APP is the quickest way for us to get the message to parents so this will be our first step. However, we will also aim to follow this up with an email to affected families.

#### **Bounce Off Success**

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Sponsored Bounce Off. Together you raised £2352.18! Thank you for supporting this event and making it such a great success. This money will ensure we can keep the children's Forest School sessions going for another year. FANTASTIC!

The top two fundraisers and winners of an iBounce pass for 2 adults and 2 children are:

KS1 - Noah - Investigators

KS2 - Ella C - Inventors

# **Preschool- Crowd Funding**

THANK YOU to those that have contributed so far to our crowd funding page. We are adding this again to this newsletter in the hope that we may raise some more vital funds for our preschool.

As previously communicated, a number of factors beyond our control have meant that funding for the preschool has significantly reduced and the long-term future of the setting is uncertain. We are not able to use school funds to support the preschool. We hope to restart some fundraising activities which were halted by COVID and our Governors are working hard on a marketing strategy to increase the numbers of children attending.

To help further, we have also set up a Go Fund Me page, which we hope will be an easy way for people to donate and help to secure the future of the setting. As the saying goes "Every Little Helps!" and we would be very grateful if you could donate anything you can and share the link more widely.



https://www.gofundme.com/f/2xkgr-support-our-preschool

#### **Preschool Update**

At Preschool we have been having a go at turn taking with our friends, mark making, messy play and enjoying snack in the sunshine around the camp fire.

Christie Tribble- Preschool Supervisor





# **Pupil Voice**

The week before our brave Y6 children go on their residential week in Brixham, we thought about what it feels like when we come out of our comfort zone, why some people choose not to come out of it and which of our values relate to what is so positive about trying new things. Some more fantastic reflections-

'When you leave your comfort zone it can feel amazing because it's like you have achieved a target that you've wanted for a long time but you can't do it and eventually you do it! Lots of people don't leave their comfort zone because they could be afraid to and sacred because they have never done it before.' Billy B- Y6

'Some children don't leave their comfort zone because they want to keep it easy but this means they won't learn new things or skills. - Phoebe B Year 3

'When you leave your comfort zone you can be nervous and excited, when you achieve something out of your comfort zone you feel really proud and want to do it again. Lots of people can be worried to leave their comfort zone but then you feel proud and your comfort zone grows bigger as you try new things as you won't be scared to do it again next time.' Theo- Y5

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Dave Killoran (Headteacher)

# FUTURE DATES FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 24th October-	Autumn Half Term
Friday 28th October	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> and	Parent/Teacher Meetings (more information to
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	be sent out after half term)
November	