

School Newsletter – 8th January 2024



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Attendance

Last week: 94%

Year to date: 94.6%

National average: 94.4%

Target: 96%

Dates

- Year 6 Netball League starts - **8th January**
- Reception Vision Screening - **10th January**
- Year 5 Geography Field Trip - **15th January**
- Year 5/6 Rail Safety Talk - **17th January**
- Year 3/4 Kents Cavern - **18th January**
- Year 3 Tag Rugby Festival - **24th January**
- Reception/Year 1 Teeth Visit - **24th January**
- Whole School Author Visit - **1st February**
- Year 5 Exeter Mosque Visit - **1st February**
- Parents Evening - **5/6/7th February**
- Half term - **12-16th February**

Mr Jenkins' Message:

Welcome to 2024! It's lovely to see everyone back after the break, over this term we will continue to build on our lunchtime OPAL play. Don't forget Tesco's blue tokens to get the school more money, for more information see our new OPAL Newsletter. If you have a child who you want to start in Reception this year don't forget you need to register by Monday 15th January (next week!). I will also continue to run choir on a Friday morning at 8.45-9am for children in years 2-6.

Year 6 Netball

The year 6 netball league starts on **Monday 8th January**. Due to the number of children that wanted to take part, we have split them into 2 groups. Please check your Dojo messages for details of if/when your child is playing.

Reception Vision Screening

All children in reception will have received a letter regarding vision screening in school. If you **do not** wish for your child to have a vision test, you must complete and return the form to the school office.

Year 5/6 Rail Safety Talk

Years 5 and 6 will receive a rail safety talk on **Wednesday 17th January** from Network Rail. We feel that this is a valuable lesson for our older children as they start to become more independent.

Year 3 Tag Rugby Festival

Year 3 will attend a tag rugby festival on **Wednesday 24th January** from **9.15-12pm**, hosted by Mrs Blackburn from West Exe School. This is intended to be a relaxed introduction to the sport and the children will be accompanied by staff members from St Thomas.

Reception/Year 1 Teeth Visit

A small number of children in reception and year 1 will have received a letter regarding a teeth check visit in school. If your child was one of those selected, **you must please consent** (send the letter back) for them to have their teeth checked.

Saints Southwest Sports Clubs

Saints Southwest will be continuing to run our sports clubs after school (**3.15-4.15pm**) in the Spring term. These are part-funded by the school to make them more affordable and cost **£2.40** for a session. Due to current take-up, there is a slight change to the schedule:

Monday - KS2 Multi-sports (years 3-6)

Tuesday - KS2 Gymnastics (years 3-6)

Wednesday - KS2 Football (years 3-6)

Friday - KS1 Football (Reception, year 1 and year 2)

The link to book is available now and places are limited.

<https://saints-southwest.classforkids.io/term/116>