

The Head Teacher writes...

NEWSLETTER

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The theme this week is about support.

On Saturday parents and staff supported Mr Hunter at the PTA Quiz Night and he was greatly encouraged by their efforts on his behalf. We know it is reassuring to have support, whatever our age or situation and it helps make us feel valued.

Over the past few weeks we've been asking the children in form time to consider some 'big' questions, relating to their learning journey here at St David's. Sharing some of their responses with the staff is illuminating and often very encouraging; it would appear there are many occasions when we actually achieve what we set out to do!

Last week's big question was about 'support' and the children were asked where they get support from when they find things difficult or challenging in school. They came up with a range of suggestions, including teachers helping in different ways, working collaboratively in class, being shown again how to do something, using the class 'worry box' and talking things through with friends. It is good to know that our children all understand where to get support, where to seek help and then actually have the confidence to do so.

I frequently witness examples of parents supporting each other; just yesterday I heard someone offering to drop off another child, quite some distance out of her way, when pupils were delayed after a sports fixture. St David's has always fostered a caring and supportive culture and it is great to see, day by day that this spirit thrives, in our staff, our parents and best of all, our pupils.

Long may it continue!



We are looking forward to our second interactive Open Morning this time with a 'Space' theme.

The hall will be home to a Space Dome for the morning and we hope many of you will come along and participate in all the activities we have on offer.

Don't forget to bring your friends and family.

**OPEN MORNING
SATURDAY 18TH
MARCH 2017
9.30—12.00pm**

WORLD BOOK DAY

We celebrated World Book Day this year with a visit from Annabel Claridge, a children's author who has written a series of books set in different periods of history.

The day started with a special assembly and a parade of costumes. Although the staff were nowhere to be seen, the children were spotting dubious versions of red-and-white-stripy-T-shirted 'Wally' lookalikes everywhere all day!

We thank all of you for your support in providing such a diverse and fabulous range of costumes for your children. A good time was had by all.

Some of the classes have produced fantastic historical stories, inspired by the talks that Annabel gave to each year group.

If you have not returned your book orders, please do so by the end of this week. Annabel will sign and dedicate each one of her books ordered through school.



MATHLETICS

	BRONZE	SILVER	HOUSEPOINTS
JUSTIN	36	3	1050
OAK	41	2	1125
SCHOVE	47	6	1475
WAGSTAFF	32	6	1100

Year 4—Trip to the National Gallery

The sun shone as we set off to London. In Trafalgar Square the excited pupils contemplated the fourth plinth sculpture, before enjoying their lunch. Once in the Gallery, we were met by our inspiring and informative guide. The first picture she showed us was 'Penelope and her Suitors' and explained the story that inspired it. We then moved on to be captivated by Constable's 'The Hay Wain' and Seurat's 'The Bathers', Van Gough's 'Sunflowers' and Henry Rousseau's 'The Surprise'. The pupils spotted no end of details and were buzzing with inspiration by the time we left the Gallery.

Another great visit!



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Our Christmas collections this year were generously given in support of London City Mission Men's Webber Street Homeless Centre.

The money has been used to purchase items of clothing to be given out when required to people living on the London streets.

Thanks to Mrs Sowter and her husband for arranging this and for transporting the boxes of clothing to the centre.

PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to all the parents, staff and friends who supported the Quiz Night on Saturday. During the evening Mr Hunter did some 'training' (6.1km) on a treadmill and was delighted with the amount of money (@£375.00) raised which is to go towards his chosen charity, Diabetes UK, when he runs the London marathon in April. If you would like to support Mr Hunter please visit his justgiving page at



www.justgiving.com/simonhunter

SPRING TERM 2017

MARCH:

Friday 10th	9.00am Parent Council Life Bus
Saturday 11th	Bromley Schools Cross Country at Crystal Palace Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Monday 13th	West Wickham library— Reception
Tuesday 14th	Quiz Club Competition at Bishop Challoner
Thursday 16th	3.30—5.30pm Dance Show Rehearsal All years
Saturday 18th	9.30am—12.00pm Open Morning
Monday 20th	Bikeability—Year 6
Tuesday 21st	Bikeability—Year 6
Thursday 23rd	3.30—5.30pm Dance Show Rehearsal All years
Friday 24th	Inter-House Cross Country—Prep
Tuesday 28th	PTA Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday 30th	9.30am Dress Rehearsal Dance Show 4.30pm Dance Show
Friday 31st	11.30am Term Ends

SUMMER TERM 2017

April

Tuesday 25th U7 ISA Football at Virgo Fidelis (A)

May

Wednesday 3rd	Royal Russell Maths Challenge—Year 5
Friday 5th	9.00am Parent Council 1.30—3.30 Athletics Practice at Norman Park, Bromley—Years 4, 5, 6
Friday 12th	PTA Prep Disco
Monday 15th—19th	School Journey—Year 6
Tuesday 23rd	Luke Temple visit
Monday 29th	Half Term—one week

JUNE

Tuesday 6th	ISA London South Meeting at Norman Park
Saturday 10th	Summer Fair
Friday 16th—18th	Wishford Weekend—Year 6
Monday 19th	ISA National Athletics at Birmingham
Wednesday 21st	Year 6 & 5 Production Dress Rehearsal
Thursday 22nd	Year 6 & 5 Production—6.30pm
Friday 23rd	Year 6 & 5 Production—6.30pm
Tuesday 27th	Pre-Prep & Prep Sports Day