# The Head Teacher writes...

Welcome to our first 'new style' weekly letter. We aim to bring you a mixture of news and upcoming events so that the whole St David's community can feel more included and informed. Do please let us know what you think.



We are all getting very excited as preparations are finalised for our Roald Dahl themed Open Morning on Saturday. We hope that as many of you as possible will come along and spread the word amongst family and friends.

We are all proud of our school and want to show others the range of opportunities an education at St David's can offer.

All pupils attending will have the chance to sign a golden ticket and we will pull one out on Monday and award a prize to the lucky holder





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MacMillan Coffee Morning on
FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER between
9.00 and 11.00am.
Hosted by Year 6
Second Hand Book stall
Freshwater Pearl Jewellery
Raffle
We look forward to seeing you!



## PREP SCHOOL INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING GALA FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 6 – 8pm

Come and support your children swimming for their House at Trinity School swimming pool

A combination of competition and great fun, the overriding question will be the outcome of the Year 6 Raft Race – will the girls triumph once again??

All children must be supervised at the swimming pool while changing.

Late Room will finish at 5.00pm

#### **PARENT COUNCIL**

Would you like to have an opportunity to represent the parent 'voice' and help shape decision making on issues that affect the whole school experience for your children?

Then come along to an open forum, hosted by our leadership team on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am. Coffee and pastries provided!

RSVP to office@stdavidscollege.com

#### **TRIATHLON & SWIMMING**

Well done to Alex (5) and Megan (5) who took part in the Hever Annual Triathlon last Saturday. They both swam 100m in the lake, cycled 4km and then ran 1.3km.

**Future Olympians?** 

Megan then took part in a swimming gala on Sunday, alongside Sam L (6) and both successfully increased their medal collections.

### HARVEST - FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCT

Rev'd Liz Lander will be leading our assembly when we will have an opportunity to celebrate all the good things we have. As is our custom we will be asking the children to bring gifts that will be distributed to the Salvation Army Homeless Project in London and Wellspring local food bank. Further details will follow later this week.





#### **RECEPTION**

Mrs Grainge has just returned with the whole of reception class from a very successful visit to Pizza Express in West Wickham. She says they walked up beautifully in their smart uniforms and had great fun making their own pizzas. Thanks to all the accompanying staff and the Pizza team who made them so welcome

# ADVANCED HOLIDAY CLUB DATES 2016/2017

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> October

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Wed 21<sup>st</sup>

December

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July



# Going for Gold at St David's College

(First Impressions from Jenny Burrett -Wishford Advisory Board, Educational Consultant, Former Head of Felstead Prep School)

What an inspiring first visit to the newly refurbished St David's College. Smart and smiling children, all ready for school, arrived

for their second day of term, chatting excitedly to each other or their parents as they were dropped off. Nathan very charmingly showed me where to go and I was immediately struck by the freshness of the paint, the new fover, facilities and classrooms and the beautiful trees and green space that St David's offers. There is still plenty that is very traditional, but that sense of traditional and modern and forward-looking will undoubtedly be St David's renewed hallmark for success.

'Going for Gold' was the theme of the first big assembly, and children were inspired to follow the example of our great British athletes. Head Teacher Julia Foulger encouraged the children to do their personal best this coming year by sharing brilliant stories and celebratory images of cyclists, gymnasts, riders, athletes and swimmers who have been 'respectful, reliable and resolute' and more to achieve what they have in the 2016 Olympics. She clearly knows them all personally and listened and appreciated their thoughts and ideas. It was a lovely and warm exchange that provided a key start to the year.

The staff came forward to present awards and it was apparent there is a tremendous sense of team in this school. Mrs Foulger really focused on this as she introduced 'Team St David's' as a campaign for the year. She asked the children to articulate the difference between a team of champions and a champion team. Oliver was able to explain that it is great to be an individual, but when you want to achieve something together then you need to work as a team and be a champion team. Year 6 had worked on an energy- and enthusiasm-raising school song with Hakka moves. It was an awesome moment to start the term!

> 'At St David's, the great St David's we live by our 3 Rs. We're really reliable, always respectful and resolute through and through. '

(This is where the Hakka moves came in with powerful lion Rs and sympathetic and loving Rs!)

I thoroughly enjoyed my day with Julia Foulger, and look forward to coming back. But after this first visit, I could not resist celebrating St David's! Nor could teacher Amber O'Sullivan, who has been here for just a term:

'I love it here, the children, the support. The children are so willing, confident, so keen! It's their attitude; they just want to learn. '

Have a great term!