



The Head Teacher writes...

Last Friday morning saw the inaugural meeting of our **Parent Council**. We were delighted that 15 or so parents came along to share ideas from your perspective and generally work with us to develop better links between school and home.

We also enjoyed sharing coffee and pastries!

I am pleased to say that one suggestion has already been acted upon. You may have seen the 'yellow box' that has been painted on the Pre-prep forecourt. The idea being that the children stand with teachers until a parent or carer is sighted and a safe handover can be ensured.

Several other useful suggestions and contacts were shared so listen out for more ideas to come and maybe try and join us for the next meeting on Friday 13th January.

WATERAID UPDATE

Year 6 have been busy in their break times sorting all the coins from the water bottles. We are delighted to say that over £700.00 has been raised for Wateraid - more than 6,500 pennies alone were counted!

We know that this amount is going to make a huge difference in bringing clean water and helping to provide a better quality of life for many children.

Special thanks to Anika (5) who donated £50.00 of her fees from recent earnings. We look forward to seeing her soon in the new advert for Monopoly.

Nina (3) helped out in her Uncle's restaurant over half-term and decided to donate all her 'earnings'.

Well done girls!

The whole project is a marvellous example for all our pupils of how, by working together, we can achieve amazing things and how we can reach out in a

positive way with hearts of compassion to people who we don't actually know.



OUR STARS

At the end of each half-term we make an award to one person in each class. Pupils are chosen by their class teacher for a variety of reasons including overall improvement, kindness, excellent work.

Recent 'stars' were:



PTA DROP OFF DAYS FOR DONATIONS

Wednesday 16th November: Soft Toys

Friday 18th November: Raffle prizes & items for Secrets Room

Wednesday 23rd November: Jolly Jars & Chocolate

Friday 25th November: Own Clothes Day & Bottle Drop

Friday 2nd December & on the day: Cakes



REMINDER FIREWORKS

Last chance for advanced priced tickets

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER
Available from the School Office

YEAR 4

Year 4 enjoyed performing their Electricity play last week to their Parents. They were real *brightsparks* and brought a lot of *energy* to the assembly. The Parents were *fused* to their seats never knowing if they were going to be in for a *shock*. All the children were *switched on* and *beaming* and *conducted* themselves in a *positive* way.

A truly *electrifying* performance. Thank you to their *glowing* teachers who helped them prepare, Mr Leach and Mr Hunter!



PRE- PREP NEWS

Reception had a wonderful Pumpkin party day last Friday. We all came to school dressed in red, yellow and orange clothes with some as actual pumpkins. The morning was spent 'dissecting' an extremely large pumpkin and then designing some lovely ephemeral art work using the seeds. In the afternoon we played some traditional party games and then sat down to a pumpkin banquet. Surprisingly all the food was orange!



UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER

Thursday 10th
Friday 11th

Year 3 & 4 to Churchill Theatre
10.30am Remembrance Assembly
1.30pm St Christopher's
Netball Tournament U10 (A)

Saturday 12th
Monday 14th

PTA Fireworks
Parents evening sheets available for sign up from 3.30pm

Tuesday 15th

Travelling Books
7.30 pm PTA Meeting

Friday 18th

7.30am Children in Need
Rehearsal (St John's Church)
12.30pm Yr 6 Netball Colfe's School (A)
7.00pm (children arrive) for
Children in Need Concert
(St John's Church)

Monday 21st

4 - 8.00pm Parents Evening
4pm & 7pm E-Safety Talks
Year 2 visit to Maritime Museum
Year 5 & 6 Football v Virgo Fidelis (A)

Friday 25th

Year 5 & 6 boys Football
v Virgo Fidelis (H)
Year 4 boys Football v Virgo Fidelis (A)

Saturday 26th
Monday 28th

ISA London South Swimming Gala
Year 5 & 6 boys Football
v Virgo Fidelis (H)

Tuesday 29th
DECEMBER

Year 4 boys Football v Virgo Fidelis (A)

Thursday 1st

Year 6 girls Football v Virgo Fidelis (H)

Friday 2nd

Year 5 & 6 Football v St Olave's (A)

Saturday 3rd

PTA Christmas Fair

Tuesday 6th

Prep School: Flying Pizza Tour—Scrooge

Wednesday 7th

9.30am Pre-Prep Dress Rehearsal

Thursday 8th

9.30am Pre-Prep Christmas Play

Friday 9th

9.30am Pre-Prep Christmas Play
7.00pm Carol Service at St John's Church
(compulsory Years 3 - 6)

Monday 12th

Years 5 & 6 visit to Focus Group

Tuesday 13th

Happy Puzzle Day

Wednesday 14th

Pre Prep Christmas Party

Thursday 15th

Prep visit to Greenwich Theatre
Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

COME AND SUPPORT THE ST DAVID'S CHOIR



CHARITY CONCERT

In support of
BBC's Children in Need Appeal

Friday 18th November 2016

7.30 pm

St. Johns' Church, 251 Eden Park Avenue,
Beckenham, BR3 3JN

featuring

'The Kentones Barbershop Chorus'
Winners of Top Choir in Kent 2016

'St David's College Children's Choir'

'Beckenham Concert Band'

'HeadQuarters Barbershop Quartet'

'SOL Community Choir'

Tickets on the door: £5
(£3 for concessions)
All proceeds go to Children in Need

Enquiries: solchoir@hotmail.com



PARENTS EVENING

MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

Sign up sheets will be available from 3.30pm on Monday 14th
November in the main school entrance hall.

Mr Leach will be running two 30 minute sessions for parents on
e-safety at 4pm and 7pm. He has recently attended a course
and has important information and advice that we feel would
be good to share with as many of you as possible. It is hoped
that much of his knowledge and information will be shared
with the children in an age appropriate way.

Madame Heap will be available between 6—8pm

Mrs Foulger, Mrs Page and Mrs Handy will also be available
throughout the afternoon/evening