



## The Head Teacher writes...

We're almost at the mid-point of this half term—how did that happen?? A time perhaps to reflect on how hard the children have worked and how much progress they have already made this year. I know the staff are looking forward to meeting with you on Monday evening for Parents Evening, the first 'official' update of the year.

We are, of course, heavily into Christmas preparations and have a lot to look forward to in the next few weeks, but rest assured that there is still plenty of learning still to be done. After all, we are only at the mid-point...

### FIREWORKS



The rain stopped and the fireworks began. Last Saturday saw the school field filled with excited adults and children as the annual display got underway. Once again 'Knights of Fire' did not

disappoint and sounds of awe and wonder could be heard reverberating around the site. Thanks to all the parents and staff who worked together before, after and during the evening to make the whole event so memorable. And of course we are once again indebted to Nick Chase and his team for providing such a professional display.

### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This week is anti-bullying week and we will be talking to the children in assembly around the whole topic of bullying. It is something we take very seriously at St David's but realise that we are extremely fortunate in having very few incidents on record. Bullying can, of course take many forms and we feel it is important to make our pupils aware of these and the effects bullying can have on individuals. To this end we have produced an 'in-house' booklet that we will be giving out to all Prep School pupils this week. We would love you to read it through with them and discuss any issues that they may have.



### TRAVELLING BOOKS

This week we have a range of books available for the children to buy in school. The display cases are available to view after school each day until next Monday when you have the opportunity to take a look during parent's evening. We receive a large percentage in commission for every book sold. This then enables the school to choose new books that benefit all our pupils. Our thanks to Mrs Stock who efficiently organises this for us.

### REMEMBRANCE

It has become a St David's tradition for Year 6 pupils to lead us in an Act of Remembrance.

This year they presented a play, Archie Dobson's War and they did themselves proud. They sang and acted the moving story with sensitivity, leaving their audience in stunned silence at the end.

The significance of the subject and the true effect of war on ordinary families touched us all.



## An interview with ...

### OSCAR (Year 6)

We are extremely proud of Oscar, who earlier this year was awarded a Wakeham Chorister Scholarship. Having undergone both an academic and a choral assessment, he has gained an automatic place to St Olave's Grammar School for Boys to begin next September. Oscar has already begun to fulfil his chorister duties at the Queens Chapel of the Savoy.

*He says, 'I am thoroughly enjoying the choir and recently got a letter from the Queen to invite me, along with the rest of the choir, to a service for the Royal Family followed by a Reception. I have two rehearsals a week, including an hour and half on Sundays before the actual church service.'*

With a total of 9 carol services to sing at before Christmas, Oscar is going to be very busy!

## PRE-PREP

Pre-Prep would like to welcome three new children to St David's. Mya and Teddy have joined the Year 1 class and James started in Reception. They have all settled really well and have made some good friends already!

Year 1 have been reading some Julia Donaldson books and were delighted to act out 'A Room On A Broom' in a whole school assembly on Monday. We were entertained by a squawking bird, a cute cat, a helpful dog, a bouncy frog, a scary dragon and a very kind witch. There was some great acting and all the children projected their voices really well. They even carried on like true professionals when the end of the broom fell off, improvising well!

The rehearsals for the Pre-Prep Christmas Production 'Babushka' are now in full swing. The children are having great fun learning all the songs and are also very busy learning and practising their lines.

## UPCOMING DATES

### NOVEMBER

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	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 21 <sup>st</sup>	4 - 8.00pm Parents Evening 4pm & 7pm E-Safety Talks
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 visit to Maritime Museum Year 5 & 6 Football v Virgo Fidelis (A)
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	ISA London South Swimming Gala
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6 boys Football v Virgo Fidelis (H)
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Parents to see Archie Dobson's War

### DECEMBER

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 girls Football v Virgo Fidelis (H)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Football v St Olave's (A)
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Prep School: Flying Pizza Tour—Scrooge
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Pre-Prep Dress Rehearsal
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Pre-Prep Christmas Play
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Pre-Prep Christmas Play 7.00pm Carol Service at St John's Church (compulsory Years 3 - 6)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 & 6 visit to Focus Group
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Puzzle Day
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pre Prep Christmas Party Prep visit to Greenwich Theatre
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am Term Ends
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> —21 <sup>st</sup>	8am—6pm Holiday Club

### JANUARY

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Prep School returns
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-Prep School returns
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Parent Council
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm Year 5 & 6 Football v St Olave's

## PTA DROP OFF DAYS FOR DONATIONS

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November:  
Raffle prizes & items for Secrets Room

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November:  
Jolly Jars & Chocolate

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November:  
Own Clothes Day & Bottle Drop

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December & on the day:  
Cakes



Next week, Miss O'Sullivan will be taking a break from the Year 3 classroom as she takes to the outside. We have been considering for sometime the possibility of running Forest School at St David's and Miss O'Sullivan has nobly volunteered to undertake the extensive training required to enable us to do so. It's a very exciting concept for us and we hope something that many of our pupils will be able to enjoy in the future.