



The Head Teacher writes...

Welcome back to the second part of the Autumn Term. It's a frightening thought that the next holiday will be Christmas! Preparations are already underway in school with great excitement mounting amongst Pre Prep pupils who have begun practising for their Christmas play, whilst this morning the angelic voices of Prep pupils could be heard singing carols. Christmas certainly comes early to St David's.

Yesterday Mrs Page and myself met with the other Wishford Heads and Deputies following an early morning drive to St Faith's of Ash on a glorious morning. We enjoy sharing and learning from the other schools and it is good to know that we have the support and encouragement from the whole group.

Come along to the Cabin at 9.00am on Friday for a coffee and a pastry as we launch our new Parent Council. Everyone is welcome and I look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow.

Charity Focus

HARVEST

Following the distribution of your very generous harvest gifts donations we have received letters of thanks from both Living Well Foodbank and The Salvation Army. *Living Well say 'thanks to your generosity, we will be able to continue to support people through difficult times in the weeks and months ahead'.*

As Mrs Sowter was delivering the gifts during half term, three new 'guests' were registered with the scheme in the short time she was there.

Your gifts really do make a difference

WATERAID

Thank you to all the families who have returned their water bottles full of coins. Counting is well under way and we hope to bring you a total soon. Watch this space! It is not too late to bring your bottle in. Special thanks to Daisy (6) and Holly (4) who made cakes and sold them to their neighbours raising an amazing £48.75 to add to our total. Well done girls.

We love to celebrate sporting success ...

Mr Hunter plays cricket for a local team who play in the Kent league.

Amazingly he finished the season with the best bowling figures (9/40) and has been awarded the Bert Roebuck Bowling Trophy.

An England call up?

We are pleased to announce that Miss Scarlett Clark has joined us as Midday Supervisor this week and is quickly becoming a favourite with many of the children.

If you think you've seen some other 'unfamiliar' faces around the school lately it could be a clean shaven Mr Kale. Alongside Mr Hunter and Mr Leach he is taking part in the 'Movember' challenge raising money for Prostrate UK. More on this to come.



FIREWORKS

Don't forget to get your Firework tickets for **SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER**
Forms available from the School Office

YEAR 3 (Giraffes)

Miss O'Sullivan writes...

Thank you so much to all the Year 3 children (and their parents) who completed fantastic half term diaries. I have loved reading about your super holiday antics and was impressed with the way you were keen to share your adventures with the class. Holiday destinations ranged from New York to Center Parcs and trips to cathedrals—what interesting lives you lead! All the diaries were different and the quality of the work was superb.



Pre Prep



Pre Prep were very excited this week to find out all about the Nativity they would be performing at Christmas!

They will be putting on a production of 'Babushka'. This traditional story has a multi-cultural flavour and a big 'aah' factor, as well as songs that are uplifting and memorable.

The children were all delighted with their parts and have already had great fun practising a few of the songs! 'Wipe Your Feet' being a firm favourite!

Rehearsals will begin in earnest next week.

UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER

Friday 4th

9.00 am Parent Council (Open Meeting)
2.30pm Yrs 5 & 6 Netball match v Bishop Challoner (H)

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

Friday 18th

Travelling Books
7.30 pm PTA Meeting
7.30am Children in Need Rehearsal (St John's Church)
7.00pm (children arrive) for Children in Need Concert (St John's Church)

Monday 21st

Friday 25th

Saturday 26th

Monday 28th

4 - 8.00pm Parents Evening
Year 2 visit to Maritime Museum
ISA London South Swimming Gala
Year 5 & 6 boys Football v Virgo Fidelis (H)

Tuesday 29th

DECEMBER

Thursday 1st

Saturday 3rd

Tuesday 6th

Wednesday 7th

Thursday 8th

Friday 9th

Year 6 girls Football V Virgo Fidelis (H)
PTA Christmas Fair
Prep School: Flying Pizza Tour—Scrooge
9.30am Pre-Prep Dress Rehearsal
9.30am Pre-Prep Christmas Play
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7.00pm Carol Service at St John's Church (compulsory Years 3 - 6)

Monday 12th

Wednesday 14th

Thursday 15th

Friday 16th

Years 5 & 6 visit to Focus Group
Pre Prep Christmas Party
Prep visit to Greenwich Theatre
Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
11.30am Term Ends

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HOLIDAY IMPROVEMENTS

During the half term the Year 4 classroom was brightened up with a fresh coat of paint as part of our on-going programme of refurbishment.

You may also have noticed the new double doors in our entrance hall and the main court on the field has been remarked for a variety of sports.