

The Head Teacher writes...

At the start of a new year it is often a time to reflect; on what has gone before, but hopefully with a great deal of optimism for all the opportunities and experiences that lie before us in the coming weeks and months. For each of our pupils, from the youngest to the oldest who are preparing to move on, we hope it will be a year filled with good things as we watch them develop and grow into reliable, respectful and resolute Davidians.

The theme of our opening assembly this year was 'putting your best foot forward'. All our Prep pupils have subsequently written and decorated a footprint, outlining something that they wish to improve and persevere at in the coming year. Many of their ideas are funny, optimistic, poignant, inspiring, aspirational and often totally realistic—they know themselves so well!

Do come in and look at the entrance hall display and please encourage your children to achieve their goals this year.

A Happy New Year to you all.

S—Scientific Sleigh Bells

T—Tinselly Technology

E—Elfish Engineering

M—Merry Maths

Prep pupils were fortunate to experience a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) day before we broke up for the Christmas holidays.

As we all know, Christmas is always a busy and challenging time for Santa and his Elves. However, this year disaster struck and threatened to jeopardise their whole present distribution operation! Could St David's pupils come to the rescue? Firstly, Santa's sleigh needed de-icing, then fragile presents (eggs) needed to be loaded. Santa's suit had worn out; what material would keep him warm as he travelled across the world? And as if these problems were not enough, on the approach to London it became evident that London Bridge itself had fallen down and needed replacing!

In mixed-age House groups, the Prep pupils together tackled, tested and solved these and other challenges using a range of junk materials, a great deal of ingenuity, plenty of perseverance and tons of tenacity.

Thanks to Mr Leach for devising the activities and to all the staff who worked so hard to make our first St David's STEM day such a success.



CHESS

Chess Club continues to be a popular activity for many pupils from years 3-6, after school on a Wednesday afternoon. There are many competitive opportunities for players of all standards, both in school and at weekend events.

Last term awards were presented to the following:-

Most improved players - Jesseca (3) and Joshua (4)

Year 6 winners – Ryan and Aaron

Year 4 winner – Harrison

Year 3 winners – Charan, Stefan and Jack

School Champions – Neha (5) and Hollyann (5).

In a recent Champions League Tournament, our team of Neha (5), Hollyann (5), Alex (6) and Michael (3) came a creditable 13th out of 24 teams.

CHARITY AT ST DAVID'S

Our Christmas collections raised a total of £752.23

- Pre-Prep Nativity £180.48 (Demelza House)
- Carol Service £456.75 (London City Mission)
- Staff lunch donation £115.00 (Crisis at Christmas)

Amazingly our total raised over the whole term is **£2,170.23**

plus a share of the £2,700 from the Children in Need concert and your generous harvest gifts.

SUPERSTAR AND EXCELLENCE AWARDS AUTUMN TERM (2) 2016

RECEPTION	Leo A
YEAR 1	Mya B
YEAR 2	Phoenix W
YEAR 3P	Elianna C
YEAR 3G	Charlie I
YEAR 4	Joshua O
YEAR 5	Rahul M
YEAR 6	Darshani P



Class teachers select the recipients at the end of each half term and award them at our Celebration Assembly. The pupils are chosen for a variety of reasons including behaviour, academic progress, perseverance and general attitude in school and to others.

PARENT COUNCIL

A reminder that we will be holding our first Parent Council meeting of this year on Friday 13th January at 9.00am in The Cabin. This is an opportunity for anyone to represent the parent 'voice' and help shape decision making on issues that affect the whole school experience for your children.

This is an open forum, hosted by a member of our leadership team.

Coffee and pastries will be provided

SPRING TERM 2017

January:

Friday 6th	Spotlight begins
Monday 9th	Year 3 Swimming
Tuesday 10th	7.45am Hockey Club
	7.30pm PTA Meeting
Wednesday 11th	Mr Bryant piano and violin lessons
	Cross Country and Chess Club
Thursday 12th	Brass lessons begin
Friday 13th	Parent Council Meeting (The Cabin)
Tuesday 17th	Sensational Science Yrs 1, 2, 3
	Netball Year 4 Braeside (A)
Friday 20th	Football Year 5 & 6 St Olaves (H)
Saturday 21st	ISA Swimming Nationals at Queen Elizabeth Park
Monday 23rd	ISA London South Cross Country at Frewen College
Tuesday 24th	Sensational Science Yrs 4, 5, 6
	Netball Year 3 Braeside (A)
Friday 27th	Football Years 5 & 6 Braeside (H)
Monday 30th	Netball Years 5 & 6 Braeside (H)
	Assembly: Chinese New Year & workshops Yrs 4, 5, 6
Tuesday 31st	Year 3 to National History Museum

February:

Tuesday 7th	Young Voices at O2 Arena
Monday 13th—17th	Half Term
Monday 20th	INSET DAY
Friday 24th	Netball ISA London South U11
	Lingfield Notre Dame (A)
Monday 27th	7.45am Football Club begins
	Parents Interview Week begins
Tuesday 28th	Perform Drama Group
	Reception, Year 1 & 2

MARCH

Thursday 2nd	World Book Day
Saturday 4th	ISA National Cross Country
Monday 6th	Year 4 National Gallery trip
Wednesday 8th	Girls Football ISA London South
	Virgo Fidelis (A)
Thursday 9th/10th	Life Bus
Tuesday 14th	Quiz Club Competition
	Bishop Challoner
Saturday 18th	Open Morning