

The Head Teacher writes...

Over the past few days, we have spent a great deal of time and thought as a leadership team, with some input from our Wishford Advisors, to put together a Self-Evaluation Form (SEF). Completing this document is something that has to be done in preparation for our next inspection which will assess the Quality of our Teaching and Learning. Initially it seemed a very dry exercise; something that has to be done to get us another tick.

But wow, it turned out to be so much more!

Reflection is a wonderful thing in that it can really focus the mind and help us see what is actually going on around us. Completing our SEF did just that. We began to appreciate, with fresh eyes, what a great school we actually have and how proud we are to celebrate all the amazing outcomes for all our pupils. We have come a long way in the past couple of years, building on the previous traditions and legacies of 90 years of St David's.

Here's to the future, but meanwhile back to the box ticking...

MUSIC UPDATE



Many of you are now aware that we have had quite a few changes within our flourishing music department. We thank you for your patience as new timetables have been sorted and new groups begun.

Mrs Pollard began teaching her new timetable this Monday and will now take all year groups, apart from years 5/6 who will be taught by Mrs Sowter. Over half the pupils from years 1 and 2 attended the new lunchtime choir on Monday and Mrs Pollard hopes that many of them will wish to continue and start their choral journey under her leadership.

Prep school choir restarted this week practising for the Young Voices concert at the O2 in February. Their enthusiastic singing was enjoyed by everyone who was in school early on Wednesday morning.

It would be lovely to continue to build up our orchestra, led by Mr Bryant, so we will be looking for more instrumentalists to join in over the coming months. Or perhaps your child is still considering learning an instrument? Mrs Sowter would love to advise you and arrange a trial taster session and we still have availability in certain instruments. Please contact the school office if they are interested.

PRE-PREP NEWS

At Pre-Prep Assembly on Tuesday, Mrs Grainge brought in a box that she had found under her Christmas Tree when putting away her Christmas decorations. Upon looking inside, we found ten pieces of coloured paper each with a New Year's Resolution written on it. "I will always try and not give up", "I will tidy my bedroom" and "I will try to eat all my lunch" were just some of the resolutions in the box. Mrs Grainge then asked the children to think of something that they would try hard to do (or not do)



for their own New Year's Resolution. After a prayer, we finished with a few verses of "He's got the whole world in his hands" accompanied on guitar by Mrs De Freitas. Live musical accompaniment will be a regular feature at Pre-Prep Assemblies and Hymn Practices from now on.

Quiz Night

The PTA will be hosting a Quiz Night for parents and friends on Saturday 4th March.



As well as a lot of fun and healthy competition, we would like to raise some money towards Mr Hunter's brave challenge of running the London Marathon in April.

As a diabetic himself, he will be raising money for Diabetes UK and it would be great if the whole school could support him in his endeavours.

More details will be sent out nearer the time, but please book the date in you diaries, select your team and get swotting!



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The PTA AGM will be held on Friday 27th January at 9.00am in The Cabin

Please come and support your committee, hear their plans for the coming year and learn how the money raised through last year's events has funded activities for all our children.

OPEN MORNING SATURDAY 18TH MARCH 2017 9.30AM TO 12.00PM

Following on from the success of our Roald Dahl themed open morning in October our Spring Term event theme will be 'Space'. Staff are busy planning and preparing a range of fun and exciting activities for present and prospective pupils to enjoy. We would love as many of you as possible to come and join in the adventure and invite your friends and families who maybe interested in joining our amazing school.

PREPARE FOR LIFT OFF!!

SPRING TERM 2017

January:

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	9.00am PTA AGM in The Cabin Football Years 5 & 6 Braeside (H) Netball Years 5 & 6 Braeside (H)
Monday 30th	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
Tuesday 21st	7.30pm PTA Meeting
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 PTA Quiz Night
Monday 6th	Year 4 National Gallery trip
Wednesday 8th	Life Bus Girls Football ISA London South Virgo Fidelis (A)
Thursday 9th	Life Bus
Saturday 11th	Bromley Schools Cross Country at Crystal Palace Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Monday 13th	Reception to West Wickham library
Tuesday 14th	Quiz Club Competition Bishop Challoner
Saturday 18th	Open Morning
Friday 31st	11.30am Term Ends