## The Head Teacher writes...



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'People think that stories are shaped by people. In fact, it's the other way round' - Terry Pratchett

We are now into our second year of being part of The Wishford Group of schools and this week Mrs Handy, Mrs Tuxworth and myself had the privilege of visiting Heywood Prep in Corsham, a beautiful market town in Wiltshire. Heywood was the first Wishford school; the beginning of the story. A story that now includes us at St David's. Like all good stories, it has started well, with a certain degree of intrigue. Like all good stories, Wishford is certainly full of interesting and colourful characters, fortunately we've yet to encounter the 'baddie'!

I personally love being part of the Wishford story and very much look forward to the next few chapters ...

# YEAR 4 VISIT WEST WICKHAM LIBRARY

'The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library'

## Albert Einstein



Year 4, accompanied by Mr Hunter and Mrs Stock, walked to West Wickham library this week where they met Sue, the Children's Librarian. She explained how books in the library are categorized and how they can be located. Sue then read several books to the class including Charlie and Lola's 'That's My Book' which explained, in a different way, how a library works. The children then had an opportunity to put their new knowledge



to the test as they were challenged to find some books themselves. The enjoyable and informative session ended with a final story before the class walked back to school. Mrs Stock was delighted to report that all the children sat 'enthralled' as they listened to the stories.

#### **REMINDER**

# **Book Day—Thursday 2nd March**

Do not forget costumes on Thursday, when we will be welcoming the author Annabel Claridge to St David's.

### **PRE-PREP**

Year 1 had a fabulous time meeting all sorts of rainforest creatures today when the 'bug man' turned our cabin into a jungle! The children all had the opportunity to handle lizards, cockroaches, spiders and snakes.

Some even dressed as native warriors.

However, Mrs Kinnes was only brave



Year 5 had their turn in the afternoon.

### UNIFORM 'Clothes make the man.' - Mark Twain

'Many of our pupils look very smart and are a real cedit to the school. However, we are aware that some children find the requirement to look neat and tidy a little more of a challenge!

We respectfully ask that you help teach your children to do up top buttons, tie ties, tuck in shirts and put on shoes properly. All boys may now wear long, grey trousers for the rest of the spring term but should only wear their tracksuit bottoms for games or PE lessons. Girls with long hair must have it tied back at all times whilst in school and the wearing of earrings is strongly discouraged for the safety of everyone.

Thank you for your co-operation.

'It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings' - Ann Landers

### **QUIZ NIGHT—SATURDAY 4TH MARCH**

Bring your brains, select your snacks and mobilise your mates as you prepare for the quiz of the year.

Remember all money raised is going to Diabetes UK, Mr Hunter's chosen charity when he runs the London marathon in April.

Let's get behind him!



## St David's Day

As spring approaches, we look forward to celebrating St David's Day which is on Wednesday 1st March. We will start the day with an assembly about St David and we are encouraging everyone to bring in

daffodils to brighten up the classrooms.
Our Chef is helping us to celebrate with a special welsh-themed menu.

## **SPRING TERM 2017**

**FEBRUARY:** 

Monday 27th 7.45am Football Club restarts

Parents Interview Week

Tuesday 28th Perform Drama Group—Pre-prep

Cross Country Relay at

St Dunstan's College—Years 3 and 4

**MARCH:** 

Thursday 2nd World Book Day (Dressing-up day)

Friday 3rd 2.45pm Uniform Sale
Saturday 4th ISA National Cross Country

PTA Quiz Night

Monday 6th National Gallery trip—Year 4

Tuesday 7th 2.00pm Year 4 Football (A)

Virgo Fidelis

Wednesday 8th Girls Football ISA London South

Virgo Fidelis (A)

Thursday 9th Life Bus

Friday 10th 9.00am Parent Council

Life Bus

Saturday 11th Bromley Schools Cross Country at

Crystal Palace Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Monday 13th West Wickham library— Reception

Tuesday 14th Quiz Club Competition at

Bishop Challoner

Thursday 16th 3.30—5.30pm Dance Show Rehearsal

All years

Saturday 18th 9.30am—12.00pm Open Morning

Monday 20th Bikeability—Year 6
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Thursday 23rd 3.30 –5.30pm Dance Show Rehearsal

All years

Friday 24th Inter-House Cross Country—Prep

PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 30th 9.30am Dress Rehearsal Dance Show

4.30pm Dance Show

Friday 31st 11.30am Term Ends

Tuesday 28th

#### **Advance Dates:**

Friday May 5th—School Disco—Prep pupils
Saturday 10th June—Summer Fair

Fri 16th—Sun 18th June—Wishford Weekend—Year 6