

NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER

As some of you may already be aware, Mr Kale, Mr Leach, Ms O'Mahony, Mrs Neill and Mrs Tuxworth are leaving us at the end of term; we will of course miss them and wish them all well in the future.

However, we are delighted to say that we have been working hard recruiting new staff who we feel confident will carry on the academic rigour and nurturing ethos of St David's. We thought that we would take this opportunity to update you on the staffing position as it stands to date.

Senior Leadership Team

Mrs J Foulger

Mrs S Page

Mrs S Handy (PA/Business Manager)

Mr L Mutti (Site Manager)

Mrs D Wright (SENCO)

Designated Safeguarding Officers

Mrs S Page

Mrs J Grainge

School Secretary

Miss C Slim

Form Tutors

Year 6: Mrs R Sowter

Year 5: Miss E Bonner

Year 4 S: Mrs N Skelton

Year 4 B: Mrs A Blaza

Year 3: Miss A O'Sullivan

Year 2: Mrs D Wright

Year 1: Mrs L Kinnes

Reception: Mrs Grainge

Subject Teachers

Computing: Mrs Campbell

Games: Mr Hunter, Miss Bonner, Miss O'Sullivan and Mrs Page

Music: Mrs Pollard and Mrs Sowter

Art: Mrs J Thorpe and Mrs D Merritt

MFL: Mrs A Blaza and Mrs N Skelton

Librarian

Mrs S Stock

Teaching Assistants

Mrs L De Freitas

Mrs D Merritt

Mrs J Thorpe

Mrs P Woodhouse

Mrs H Younger

Transition Meetings:

Please note that children may be taken to the early room in the hall for parents to attend 8.00am meetings (no charge will be made)

Tuesday 20th June - Reception to Year 1 Come and meet Mrs Kinnes in the Cabin at **8.00am**

Tuesday 27th June – Year 2 to Year 3 Come and meet Miss O'Sullivan in current Year 3 classroom at **8.00am**

Tuesday 27th June – Year 5 to Year 6 Come and meet Mrs Sowter in the Year 6 classroom at **8.00am**

Tuesday 4th July – Year 4 to Year 5 Parents and pupils are invited to meet Miss Bonner at **5.00pm**

All year groups will be provided with a transition booklet to provide you with as much information as possible ahead of the new academic year.

UNIFORM CHANGES

PE KIT:

For the past few weeks our games staff have been looking exceptionally smart!

It has been increasingly noticeable that we are one of the last schools to provide a corporate look for our PE staff. This has frequently been commented upon by parents when our pupils take part in external events and mix with other schools. This move has been endorsed and funded by Wishford.

After a great deal of thought and trialling we have decided upon a new look that we can now roll out to our Prep pupils. Exciting times!

Yesterday Graduates, the uniform shop, delivered a mannequin dressed in a full set of the 'new look' PE kit. Please come and take a look or see the image below. The materials and style are much more in line with current sportswear trends and we hope the pupils will enjoy wearing it. Obviously we are not expecting everyone to purchase the new kit immediately and are prepared for a period of transition. However, the uniform shop will only be selling this range with immediate effect. They also have plain navy base layers available to purchase and only these will be allowed to be worn for games. White trainers are also in stock.

Please note the football/hockey shirts are unchanged. However, the socks have been updated and will hopefully be much easier to pull on and off!



Other Changes:

Whilst the majority of our pupils look smart in their uniform, there are an increasing number who have become a little casual. We would ask for your support in encouraging them all to look tidy and to take pride in their uniform.

Top buttons are a constant issue; they must be done up and covered by a properly tied tie!

- From September we are introducing a grey, pleated skirt for girls in Prep and a grey pinafore dress for the girls in Pre-Prep. This will bring them more in line with the boys' uniform. These skirts and pinafore dresses must be purchased from the school shop
- Grey tights or socks should be worn with the new skirts and pinafore dresses.
- Black shoes (not patent or slip on styles) to be worn by both boys and girls

Timings of the School Day from September 2017

From the new academic year, in an effort to maximise teaching and learning time for all pupils, we are making some adjustments to our working day.

7.45 - Early Room Opens

7.45/8.00 - Before School Clubs (TBA)

8.35 - Gate and Pre-Prep door opens for all pupils

8.45 - Gate and Pre-Prep door closes and Registration

8.50 - Lessons Begin (children will be marked late)

3.30 - End of Day for Pre-Prep

3.45 - End of Day for Prep

6.00 - Late Room Ends