



## The Head Teacher writes...

I have spent Prep assembly time this week talking to the children about 'PRIDE'. They each wrote down their understanding of the word and gave me examples of when they had felt proud of themselves. Responses ranged from learning new skills, completing tasks, working neatly, winning competitions to learning to cook an omelette, planting a flower and looking after a sick mum!

It is great that each child had something they could think of and were able to share a time when they had felt proud of themselves. It is so important for all our children to feel good about themselves, recognise that they are all different and have a chance to celebrate their individual skills, talents and personality traits.

On Wednesday, we hosted 'New Parents' evening where we had the opportunity to welcome some of our new families. It was with a great feeling of pride that I was able to introduce our staff team, many of them new to the school this term. There is a real buzz around the school as all the staff, new and old, work together to prepare and deliver the very best lessons and activities for all our pupils.

St David's is a very happy place to be and a school that we can all feel proud of. Look out for our 'Pride in St David's' entrance hall display as it takes shape over the coming weeks.

### HOLLYANN, YEAR 6 writes:

I love art and was very excited to win an art competition over the summer holiday. I won the Bloomsbury Harry Potter 20th Anniversary schools competition.

<https://harrypotter.bloomsbury.com/uk/a-national-schools-competition/>

I had to design a magical library.

I did a train track made of words, with a steam train called the Bibleotheca Express running along it.

Here is a photo of me with my prizes, wearing my Hermione dress. I also won prizes for St David's: a trunk of the Harry Potter books from Bloomsbury, along with a school library makeover.



Faye Willingale, a director of Spotlights Theatre Company, will be coming in to run a Drama Club for Years 4 to 6 at 7.45am on a Friday morning. She says, '*Drama club is lots of fun; the children will develop their self-confidence as they discover how to act for the stage and screen through fun improvisations and script work.*' This term they will be working on the theme, 'A Night at the Movies'.

Faye is happy to offer a free trial session to any pupil who might be interested.

Book a place now and join in the fun!

### YOUNG LEADERS

Year 6 are settling into their roles of responsibility with enthusiasm and dedication. We are delighted to announce that this week we have awarded two further Prefect badges to

**Hannah and Anika.**

Well done girls!

### YEAR 1 say ...

This term we have welcomed 3 new children into our class: Ellie, Kairav and Abi. All three have really enjoyed their first full week and have made lots of new friends. Their favourite things about St David's so far, are playing outside on the field, PE lessons with Mr Hunter and meeting lots of new classmates.



### Year 3 say ...

We have had a fantastic week and really knuckled down in our Maths lessons. We have been working on place value and enjoyed playing lots of group games and taking part in activities to help with our understanding. Everyone has been trying their absolute best and challenged themselves to do work that they previously found tricky.



### NEXT WEEK

#### September

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Class & Individual School photos  
School Council  
U11 A & B Football (A)  
House Meetings

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Years 2 – 6 Chess Club

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

MacMillan Coffee Morning

#### October

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Harvest Festival

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

Parent Council

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

**Pre-Prep to The Gruffalo at Churchill Theatre**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

7.45pm PTA

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

Open Morning: International Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

STEM Morning

6 – 8pm Prep Swimming Gala

Half-Term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

#### HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November

PTA Fireworks

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

PTA Christmas Fair

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**Prep to Cinderella at Greenwich Theatre**

Mrs Campbell enlisted the help of the Year 6 Computing Monitors to set up and try out the Lego robotics this week. We are not sure who enjoyed it more.



### REMINDER

School Photos on **TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**.  
Winter uniform and blazers for everybody please  
(no cross country)



Please come and join us on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September between 9.00am and 11.00am hosted by Mr Hunter and Year 6.

Any donations of cakes or raffle prizes will be most welcome.

To make it easier when organising clubs and activities we have decided to operate a six term school year i.e. six half terms.

Autumn

Terms 1 and 2

Spring

Terms 3 and 4

Summer

Terms 5 and 6

Please remember we do encourage you to take your holidays in line with our term dates. New Government guidelines expects a minimum attendance rate of 96%.