



The Head Teacher writes...

A lovely start to the morning today as Miss Slim and I welcomed a group of parents into the cabin for our first Parent Council meeting of the school year. Over coffee and pastries, we chatted, discussed and shared ideas in a very relaxed setting. For you as parents, these meetings provide an opportunity to bring suggestions and ideas to our attention as well as being a chance to air any worries or concerns you may have in an open, friendly forum. For us, it is a chance to hear from your 'side of the fence.' It is all very well for us to introduce ideas or, in some cases, carry on the way things have always been, without viewing things from your point of view. Ultimately, we all want the same thing: happy, nurtured children who are growing and progressing to be the best a St David's education can provide. We are constantly reviewing and assessing what we do and try to offer as wide a range of opportunities as practicable, both within the curriculum and as co-curricular activities. It is also great for us to look back and see what a difference some of the previous suggestions from parents have already made, as well as getting affirmation that we do sometimes get things right!

We know we will never please everyone all of the time but we will keep trying. Please keep coming to Parent Council – your voice matters and is important to us! If you find attending difficult, then please drop your suggestions or comments into the box in Prep entrance area.

Our next meeting is Friday 24th November at 8.45 in the cabin. I look forward to seeing you there.



Open Morning

Planning and preparations are well underway for our International themed Open Morning next week. We do hope that you are spreading the word and encouraging all your contacts to come along and witness some of what St David's has to offer their children. We happily acknowledge that our pupils and parents are our best ambassadors in promoting the school and would therefore love to see as many of you as possible joining in the fun next Saturday alongside the many visitors we hope to welcome.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

As a whole school, we gathered in the hall to witness an amazing demonstration of kindness and generosity as the full extent of donations was revealed. From gorgeous biscuits to nutritious soups via cereals and rice pudding, toilet rolls to toothpaste via razors and warm socks, the Salvation Army and Living Well foodbank will be extremely grateful to receive each item. Our challenging assembly was led by Revd Liz Lander and we sang poignant songs, chosen by Mrs Pollard. Year six demonstrated excellent role-modelling as they brought each class to the hall with their gifts, they used their initiative whilst sorting the goods for display and later for onward delivery. They worked diligently as a team to achieve their goal and did so with enthusiasm and generosity of spirit; bountiful enough to put Alan Sugar's latest hopefuls to shame. They certainly won't be fired!



Jottings from Parent Council Meeting

- Concern expressed over parking and road sense when dropping off and picking up. Some parents not considerate to neighbours (parking over driveways and on corner of roads) and generally causing disruption and danger to others (Mr Mutti to go out and monitor from time to time)
- Loving Art club! (Thank you Mrs Merritt)
- Can there be an opportunity for Pre-Prep choir to perform to parents? (JF to speak to Mrs Sowter)
- Felt a Lego club would be popular (Will look at spaces/ timings)
- Parents would like to see pictures of school lunches on newsletter (JF/SH to action for next week)
- Could a link to BYMT (Bromley Youth Music Trust) be on website and taster days for trying instruments highlighted? (JF to speak to Mrs Sowter)
- Discussion around Sports Day and awards made to Pre-Prep pupils and possible fun races for Parents and Staff (Staff already alerted, parents get training!)



Year 1 had a visitor in class and really enjoyed finding out all about "Mr Bones". They were amazed to discover that there are 206 bones in our bodies.



As a result of your generosity and the fantastic efforts made by the team who organised the Macmillan Coffee Morning, we have been able to send the magnificent total of £670.00 to the charity. Anika in Year 6 very kindly donated £50.00 towards this sum from earnings she received over the summer when she undertook some film and other media work. Well done to all and thank you, Anika.

NEXT WEEK

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 9th

Pre-Prep to The Gruffalo at Churchill Theatre

Tuesday 10th

Yrs 5 & 6 Netball at Royal Russell
7.45pm PTA Meeting

Friday 13th

U11 Football tournament at Alleen's

SATURDAY 14TH

OPEN DAY INTERNATIONAL DAY

October

Tuesday 17th

Junior Transport Ambassador Meeting

Friday 20th

STEM Morning

6 – 8pm Prep Swimming Gala

Half-Term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 3rd November

HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 30th – Friday 3rd November 2017

November

Saturday 11th

Bromley Primary School Cross Country
Year 5 & 6

PTA Fireworks

Tuesday 14th

Travelling Books for 1 week

Friday 17th

Children in Need at St John's Church

7.30am Rehearsal

7.00pm Concert

U11 ISA London South Football

Monday 20th

Parents Evening

Friday 24th

Year 2 Maritime Museum

8.45am Parent Council

Flu vaccination R, 1, 2, 3, 4

Wednesday 29th

December

Saturday 2nd

PTA Christmas Fair

Wednesday 13th

Prep Cinderella at Greenwich Theatre



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