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Thank you for the positive feedback we received following our information piece last week on 11+ preparations. Mrs Foulger is always happy to discuss any concerns or answer any questions you may have in the future.

Mrs Foulger writes:

On Monday, Mrs Blaza led an inspiring and challenging assembly, closely linked to the recent Global Citizenship competitions that she set the children as an optional task over half-term. She talked about the difference that we can all make and reminded us of ordinary people who have brought about change in our world. The 'I wonder' question that I posed to the children at the end was what one thing each of them would like to change and whether, when Mrs Blaza bumps into them in West Wickham High Street in twenty years' time, they will have made any sort of difference.

This reminded me of an occasion last week when, by chance, I switched on Breakfast TV and was immediately confronted by one of our ex pupils sitting on the Breakfast sofa being interviewed. Neil Peters has worked for several years for The Samaritans and he was being asked about their new campaign 'Small Talk Saves Lives'. He has certainly gone on to make a difference in the job he does and I know he holds dear the St David's values of Respect, Reliability and Resoluteness. Keep up the great work, Neil!

SPECIAL AWARDS

The following pupils received an Excellence Award certificate on Monday from Mrs Foulger.

Dannique (Y1) for her handwriting

Esha (Y2) – for maths division

Orlando (Y3) – for his engineering project

Ava and Margaret (Y3) for their singing

Lily (Y5) for her spelling

WELL DONE!

Thankfully, many of you were persuaded to buy books last week from our Travelling Books selection. Hopefully, some of those books are already being shared and enjoyed at home; money well spent! The reason Mrs Stock runs the book fair each year is two-fold: at St David's we love reading and cannot emphasise enough the importance of sharing and enjoying books together.

However, the second reason is that your purchases contribute towards the overall total sales that this year have amounted to over £871, a new record! This means that we are given commission of £462 to spend on books for the classroom – amazing! So, a win-win situation!

Thank you.



Well, I've been at dryer firework nights... However, spirits were anything but dampened as those of us who braved the elements enjoyed a spectacular display that played to all the senses. The sights and sounds were amazing, whilst the food and drinks, superbly cooked, stirred and mixed kept us all warm and fed. Huge thanks to everyone who helped but special thanks to Mrs Garratt for masterminding the whole event and organizing her troops! A brilliant early evening and home and dry for Strictly!

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TERM DATES 2019/2020

AUTUMN TERM

(Tuesday 3rd September – Inset Day)

Wednesday 4th September – Wednesday 18th December

Half Term: Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November

HOLIDAY CLUB Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2019

Thursday 19th and Friday 20th December 2019

SPRING TERM

(Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th January 2020 – Inset Days)

Wednesday 8th January – Friday 27th March

Half term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

(Inset Day – Monday 24th February)

HOLIDAY CLUB Monday 30th March to Friday 3rd April 2020

SUMMER TERM

Monday 20th April – Thursday 9th July

Half term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

HOLIDAY CLUB Monday 13th to Friday 17th July 2020

Monday 24th to 28th August 2020

In our endeavours to keep everyone looking smart and coordinated in their uniform, please note that we will only allow pupils to wear the navy school hats, gloves and scarves to and from school and on trips, outings and for swimming lessons. However, for playing on the field, any coloured hats, gloves or scarves can be worn and remember to send in a pair of old tracksuit bottoms.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This morning, we welcomed two visitors from the Salvation Army based in New Addington. They spoke to the children about the work they do locally to support families who are struggling and will be unable to celebrate Christmas with their children as many of us are able to do. I am sure the children will tell you all about what we are hoping to do but please read the flyer below and consider your response as a family. It would be terrific if 'St David's family' could once again show their generosity and prove that a little from everyone can really make a difference to those around us. Such acts of kindness are a great model for all our children and support our school values and ethos.

A decorated box will be in the entrance hall to receive the children's gifts – let's fill it!

The Salvation Army New Addington Christmas Toy Appeal



We are looking for people to help us provide toys for children whose families are in crisis this Christmas. Are you able to drum up some support from your family, friends or colleagues? Many of the children we help would otherwise receive nothing.

We provide **NEW** toys/gifts for children of all ages from newborn to 18 years and also a small gift for their parents. We are always especially short of toys for babies/toddlers and gifts for teenagers but are grateful for all donations! Some ideas for you:

Babies/Toddlers: stacking toys, wooden bricks, teething rings, basic games/puzzles



Teenagers: Pens, notepads, hats and scarves, bags, costume jewellery, smellies, gadgets, pencil cases, mugs, socks, quizzes, games, wallets/purses

General: craft sets, family/board games, stocking fillers, puzzles, books, dressing up/role play, action figures/dolls, sensory toys, vehicles, construction toys (like Lego), balls



Two years ago, Nick Bryant, a former pupil, came into school to share his experience as a member of the Collaborative Orchestra that appeared on Britain's Got Talent. We got chatting and, as the saying goes, 'the rest is history'. He left his City job to pursue a career in music full time and quickly became a valued and inspirational member of our teaching team. Since then, he has got married and moved down to the West Country, travelling up to us for two days a week. Sadly, this method of working is no longer sustainable and he will, with a heavy heart on both sides, be leaving us at Christmas. We would like to thank Mr Bryant for all he has done, working alongside Mrs Sowter and all the other music staff. He is always so positive in outlook and has brought joy, encouragement and inspiration to our young musicians. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Nick then please do so via the school office.

The good news is that we have plans in place to cover all of Mr Bryant's lessons, groups and orchestra session. Mrs Sowter has developed links with Bromley Youth Music Trust (BYMT) and therefore has access to the very best teachers, helped by the fact that the Head of BYMT is actually one of our Reception parents! If your child is currently taught by Mr Bryant, you will be informed shortly of the new arrangements.



Well done to our **CROSS COUNTRY TEAM** who took part in the Bromley Schools' Cross Country Race at Crystal Palace on Saturday. Eliz (Y6) has written an account of her experience.

'This was my first time taking part in the Crystal Palace race and it was amazing. At first, I felt very daunted at the start of my race but the experience was so exciting. There were so many other schools taking part – over 300 children in my age group alone. I tried really hard and was so happy with where I came. It was one of the best days of my life and I was so grateful to Mr Hunter, Miss Bonner and Miss O'Sullivan who were very supportive and encouraging.'

Well done to our **SWIMMING TEAM** who took part in the ISA Regional Gala on Sunday. Mr Hunter was extremely proud of them all on what was a long afternoon. They showed true sportsmanship in the way they supported and cheered for one another. A special mention for Oliver (Y5) who won his backstroke race, meaning he will be representing London South at the ISA Nationals in December.

CHARITY UPDATE

- We have received letters of thanks from Living Well and Salvation Army Homeless for our Harvest gifts and donations
- Today we are taking two car loads of surplus uniform and books to a container in Croydon, stage one of their journey to Malawi
- Our charity monitors, Grace and Isobel will be running a charity stall at the Christmas Fair for Rainbow Trust

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT