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## DATE FOR THE DIARY FOR Y5 PARENTS

**11+ Information Meeting at  
8am on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

### Mrs Foulger writes:

Welcome back to everyone and a Happy New Year to all our friends and families. 'Is there a date when it is no longer acceptable to wish someone a happy new year?' This is a question I was asked only this morning by a fellow headteacher. A question to which there probably is no definitive answer, and actually does it even matter?

This week in Prep assembly time, the pupils were given reflection time to consider some 'big' questions. Then, after listening to quiet music they were given the space to pause and ponder and encouraged to pen anonymous responses to some of them. The results make fascinating reading. Many of their views are insightful and profound and I believe they enjoyed having the chance to 'answer' questions that have no right or wrong response. No pressure, no mark scheme, no grade, no verbal feedback or peer marking! Instead the opportunity to think, form an opinion and respond in a safe, calm environment.

Reception have also been considering 'the non-material' aspects of life by sitting quietly, looking at a piece of art work whilst listening to quiet music. Miss O'Sullivan has been blown away by their mature and detailed comments and observations!



We all spend time teaching our children about making healthy life choices, generally focusing on exercise and diet. However, there has been much in the press recently about mental wellbeing. We want all our children at St David's to be prepared in all aspects of life. Giving them the chance to be still, think for themselves and make informed decisions is just a small but hopefully significant part of that.



Well done to Henry, Erin, Sophia, Margaret and Ellie who have now obtained their 'Pen Licences'.



### SPECIAL AWARDS - WELL DONE!

The following pupil has  
received an Excellence

Award from  
Mrs Foulger:

*Ellie D (Y2) for her  
exceptional art work in  
History*



### AUTUMN TERM CHESS RESULTS

#### MOST IMPROVED

Rory (5)

#### 'SUICIDE' CHESS CHAMPIONS

Amelie (2)

Henry J (2)

#### YEAR GROUP CHESS CHAMPIONS

Amelie and Evan (2)

Henry T (3)

George B, Ashley, Jessica T, (4)

Tom Mc and Jack (5)

George J (6)

## NEWS FROM OLD DAVIDIANS

Congratulations to our past pupils who have obtained the following offers for universities in September.

**Libby Hinze** – Archaeology and Anthropology at Hertford College, Oxford University

**Daniel Osahon** – Medicine at Oxford University

**Kiran Pillai** – Law at Oxford University

**Sankalan Bhattacharyya** – Natural Science at Cambridge University

This Wednesday, **YEAR 2** went on a trip to the National Gallery and the National Portrait Gallery to consolidate the work they have been doing on the Victorians in History, and portraits in Art (watch this space for these in the coming weeks!)

The children were fascinated by 'Surprised' by Henri Rousseau, and made sharp observations about how the artist had painted in one direction to convey the tropical rainstorm. After a guided tour of several more famous art works, the children stopped for their lunch, then off round the corner they went to the National Portrait Gallery. Our friendly guide took us on the Kings and Queens tour where children observed several different painting styles, and noticed how royal portraits have changed over the years. They even had the chance to create their own portrait of a King or Queen, and made crowns which they are very proud of and still wearing today!

An ambitious day, and as one parent commented, "I wasn't sure how much he would enjoy the gallery, but he hasn't stopped talking about it!" Year 2 did us proud, and two members of the public stopped to comment on their maturity and superb behaviour. A royally good day all round!



**Whizz-kidz**  
move a life forward

Mr Hunter is again running the London Marathon this time for Whizz-Kids, a charity which helps and supports young children with disabilities. If you would like to support him he would be very grateful. Here is the link :

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=SimonHunter17&pageUrl=1>

## DATES 2019

### Next week:

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

2.00pm Y3 and Y4 Football (H)  
10.00am School Council  
2.00pm Y5 and Y6 Football (H)  
1.30pm Y5 and Y6 Football (H)  
1.15pm Y6 Netball (A)  
At St Christopher's

### JANUARY

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

Y5 Carrot Wood parents' meeting

### FEBRUARY

Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

1.45pm Y6 Hockey (A)  
At St Dunstan's College  
PM Choir to Young Voices concert  
At O2 Arena

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

7.45pm PTA Meeting  
1.30pm Y3 Horrible Histories at The Churchill Theatre  
NO DANCE

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

NO DANCE  
Inter-House Music Day

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Half Term

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

1.45pm Y5 Hockey (A)  
At Braeside School  
Y5 and Y6 Football (H)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

### MARCH

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

Parent Interview week  
2pm Y3 and Y4 Football (H)  
World Book Day  
1.30pm Y5 and Y6 Football (H)  
At Alleen's School  
AM Y3 and Y4 Bromley Cross  
Country Race at Crystal Palace Park  
Y6 The Bugman  
Y1 to National Gallery  
1.30pm Y5 Netball (A)  
Y5 and Y6 St David's Dash (H)  
Cross Country competition  
ISA Cross Country at Oakhurst Grange  
4.30pm Girls Football (H)  
V Blackheath

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

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Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Y6 Boys Netball v Colfe's School  
Y1 The Bugman

9.30am to 12.00pm

### OPEN MORNING – Superheroes

Bromley Festival

PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Y6 Bikeability all day

Y6 Bikeability morning

Y5 to Carrot Wood

Y5 Carrot Wood

Y5 return from Carrot Wood

3.30pm/3.45pm Break-up for Easter holidays. Late room as normal.