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Friday 6th September 2019

Please make a note of the date and time of both the Prep swimming gala and Carol Service as these are both compulsory events for children in Y3 to Y6

Headteacher writes:

Welcome back to a new year at St David's

It's been great to have the children back in school, all looking so smart in the new uniform – a sea of navy and gold, so much brighter and fresher with no brown in sight! It's also lovely to listen to their chatter as they catch up with friends and welcome new pupils to the school.

Monday will herald the start of a St David's journey for our new Pre-Reception pupils and we can't wait to greet a host of new families. Our Early Years department has now expanded, becoming increasingly popular in the local area. Miss O'Sullivan has therefore taken on the extra role of Head of Early Years and is delighted to have Mrs Sinead Tierney and Mrs Gemma Hughes join the team, working alongside Mrs Grainge, Mrs Jackson and Miss Brabham.

In other staff news, we have welcomed Mrs Holly Bishop who has joined us after a number of years teaching at Dulwich Prep. She is now in charge of our revamped library and we believe she will carry on the strong legacy and love of reading from Mrs Stock. In addition, Mrs Bishop will be teaching humanities to several year groups and we know we are fortunate to have her wealth of experience and skills to further strengthen our staff team. As Mrs Woodhouse decided not to return after the summer, Mrs Merritt, when she is not teaching art, and Mrs Page will be supporting Mrs Skelton in Year 4. The staff we have are always so willing to use their individual skills and knowledge to give the very best experience for each of our pupils.

I do hope you took time over the summer to read our Inspection Report, either in full or the 'highlights' booklet we sent to each family. We are immensely proud of all that the inspection team discovered for themselves during their time in our school; as staff, we believe they absolutely captured the essence of St David's. Rest assured that we will not be 'taking our foot off the pedal' or 'resting on our laurels'! Having been pronounced EXCELLENT, we will continue to build on all that has been established and strive to look for ways to improve further.

In this morning's assembly, we thought about making choices from the simple ones we make each day to some of the bigger issues we may be faced with. As parents, you made the choice to send your child to St David's. We are glad you did and, in the years, ahead we hope you congratulate yourselves for making that choice!

Unity is strength. When there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.
Mattie Stepanek



"Every choice you make has an end result."

Zig Ziglar

I CAN DO THINGS YOU CANNOT, YOU CAN DO THINGS I CANNOT; TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS.

MOTHER TERESA



DATES AUTUMN TERM 2019

SEPTEMBER

- Monday 9th Pre-Reception starts
 Wed 18th Y3 & 4 Football
 Sidcup Rugby Ground (A)
 Thursday 26th School photos
 WINTER UNIFORM
 Friday 27th 9am – 11am
 MacMillan Coffee Morning
 Please bring along friends and family

OCTOBER

- Thursday 3rd Y2 Scooter Training
 Friday 4th Harvest Festival
 Y5 Royal Observatory, Greenwich
 SATURDAY 12th 9.30AM – 12.00PM
 ROALD DAHL OPEN MORNING
 Thursday 17th LAMDA Exams
 Y2 to Y6
 Friday 18th Inter-House STEAM day
 5.30 – 7.30pm Prep Swimming Gala

HALF TERM

Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November

HOLIDAY CLUB

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER – FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER

- Tuesday 5th Travelling Books
 Thursday 7th Parents Evening
 (sign-up sheets Thurs 17th 8.45am)
 Friday 15th 9am Parent Council
 Saturday 16th Y5 & Y6 Crystal Palace Cross Country
 Monday 18th 2pm St David's Dash Y3 and Y4

DECEMBER

- Tuesday 3rd Pre-Reception and Reception
 Christmas Production
 Friday 6th 6.30pm Prep Choir Charity Concert
 At St John's, Eden Park
 Monday 9th 2pm Y1 and Y2 Christmas Production
 Tuesday 10th Reception – Y6 flu nasal spray
 Wed 11th Pre-Prep Christmas Party
 2pm Prep – theatre trip
 Friday 13th 6.30pm Prep Carol Service
 At St John's, Eden Park
 Tuesday 17th Christmas lunch
 Wed 18th 3.30pm/3.45pm End of Term

NO LATE ROOM

HOLIDAY CLUB

THURSDAY 19TH AND FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER

CLUB DATES AUTUMN 2019

MONDAY

- 7.45AM FOOTBALL Y3 & Y4
 9th, 16th, 23rd, 20th September
 7th, 14th October
 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November

TUESDAY

- 7.45AM HOCKEY Y4, Y5 & Y6
 10th, 17th, 24th September
 1st, 8th, 15th October
 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th November
 3.45PM to 4.30PM ZUMBA Y4, Y5 & Y6
 Starts 10th September

3.10PM PICKUP/3.30PM LESSON

SWIMMING RECEPTION/Y1

Starts 10th September

WEDNESDAY

7.45AM PREP CHOIR

- 11th, 18th, 25th September
 2nd, 9th, 16th October
 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November
 4th, 11th December

*Choir will continue into the spring term, up to the Young
 Voices O2 Concert (date TBC)*

3.45PM to 4.45PM

CHESS Y2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

- 18th, 25th September
 2nd, 9th, 16th October
 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November

THURSDAY

8.00AM ORCHESTRA

Starts 12th September

DANCE

- 2.00pmm – 3.15pm (PR/R)
 3.15pm – 4.00pm (Y1 & 2)
 4.00pm – 4.45pm (Y3, 4, 5, 6)
 19th, 26th September
 3rd, 10th, 17th October
 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th November
 5th, 12th December

FRIDAY

7.45AM FOOTBALL Y5 & Y6

- 13th, 20th, 27th September
 4th, 11th, October
 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th November
 6th December

7.45AM (Prep) 3.45 – 4.30PM (Pre-Prep)

SPOTLIGHTS

- 13th, 20th, 27th September
 4th, 11th, 18th October
 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th November