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Friday 13th September

DO YOU FANCY JOINING THE
PREP CHOIR?

All children in years 3 to 6 are
welcome to a trial session on
Wednesday 18th September at
7.45am. It's great fun!

Headteacher writes:

One of the things that makes St David's so special and popular with prospective parents is our genuine 'family feel'. So often when Mrs Handy is showing people around, she stumbles across totally unrehearsed interactions between pupils, usually from different year groups and totally spontaneous. These daily acts of random kindness, care and interest do not go unnoticed and frequently become our shared moments of awe and wonder. Like all families, we also have 'our moments' and it would be unrealistic to pretend that everyone gets on with everybody all of the time. However, we are relentless in our teaching of tolerance and respect amongst all the pupils from the very youngest to the oldest. As staff, we aim to model and, in turn, expect the very highest standards of manners and treatment of others.

This week, we welcomed our new Pre-Reception pupils to St David's. Having had the pleasure of watching many of them arrive, I was reminded what a big deal it is for the whole family when someone starts school. I wonder how many pictures of children in pristine new uniform have been taken in front of gleaming front doors in the past couple of weeks? One more for the family album!

For one of our families it certainly has been a big deal. Oliver in Pre-reception is following, not only in his mother's footsteps by becoming a pupil at St David's but Grandad, Michael Donovan, started some 65 years ago! He remembers winning The Davidian Cup in 1955 as well as being something of a master of the 'slow bicycle' race! Oliver's mum and uncle were also pupils and have fond memories of playing with friends on the field around 'the big log', which incidentally does not seem quite so big now as adults! The annual firework night was another highlight for them, as we hope it will become for Oliver too. Uncle Jack is still in touch with 12 of his peers, some 21 years after leaving St David's! Family Donovan, we welcome you back and trust that Oliver will build memories as each of you have and maybe we'll look at reintroducing the 'slow bicycle' race...

We welcome all our new families across the year groups and hope you enjoy being part of the wider St David's family for many years to come.



THE DONOVAN
FAMILY

Mrs Page

School is not quite the same at the moment as we are missing a valuable member of our team! On the very day staff returned to school after the summer, Mrs Page had planned surgery on her eye and is currently recovering at home. Several of us have visited and kept her up to speed on all that is happening at school. She is doing well and looks forward to being back amongst us before too long. I know you will want to join me in wishing her all the best. Meanwhile, I am enjoying filling her morning slot greeting everyone at the gate, until it gets cold...

WELL DONE & CONGRATULATIONS to

Renata (6) who will be representing England in the Junior US Open Squash Championships in December in Boston.

Naomi (6) Grade 2 singing (Distinction)
Olivia (6) Music Theory Grade 2 (Merit)
Carys (6) Music Theory Grade 2 (Distinction)
Nina (6) Music Theory Grade 1 (Merit)
Ashley (5) Music Theory Grade 2 (Distinction)
Cello Grade 1 (Distinction)
Piano Grade 1 (Pass)
Nalani (5) Music Theory Grade 1 (Merit)
Mya (4) Grade 1 Clarinet (Distinction)

Kairav (3) Chess – Most Improved Player
Medal 2019
Esha (3) Chess – Most Improved Player
Medal 2019
Rayanna (4) Chess – Most Improved Player
Medal 2019
Ashley (5) Chess – Tournament Champion 2019

IMPORTANT PTA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FIREWORKS

Saturday 9th November

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 7th December

DATES AUTUMN TERM 2019

SEPTEMBER

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 Oct at 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 2pm 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