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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**DON'T FORGET TO BOOK  
YOUR FIREWORK TICKETS  
FOR SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER**

## Mrs Bishop writes...



As the end of my first half term at St David's approaches, it is a pleasure to have been given the opportunity to properly introduce myself to you all, and to share all the exciting developments that have taken place in the Library over the past few weeks.

My name is Holly Bishop, and even though I have only been at St David's for a short time, I already feel very much at home, due to the amazingly warm and friendly team of both pupils and staff I have joined. I have been teaching for 17 years, with the vast majority of my career spent at Dulwich College. As my own children have started school locally, I made the decision to leave Dulwich to work closer to home, and luckily found my way to St David's.

I have the privileged job of working predominantly in the Library and sharing my love of reading and literature with your children. I am available throughout the day to help them choose their reading books, show them

where to find the books that they are looking for and gently guide them towards trying new authors and genres. When not found in the library, I also spend time working in Year 1 and Year 5, teaching and supporting lessons. I feel very proud that I have learnt so many names and got to know so many pupils over the past few weeks!

As some of you may have seen at our recent Open Day, the Library has been transformed in recent weeks. From the addition of cushions to sit on during Guided Reading sessions, to the colourful ribbons which hang from the board and the windows, we hope that we continued to provide a space in which the children can relax and allow their love of books to flourish. I am extremely grateful to the PTA for their generous donation of funds which allowed us to purchase a set of 'Dogman' books as requested by the children. It has been wonderful to experience the buzz these have created, with children queuing in the mornings for the next book to be returned! There is already another long 'Wish List' on the Library wall, and I hope that we will soon be able to buy more of the books the children are looking forward to reading.

The week after half term sees the arrival of 'Travelling Books' and the Book Fair. Hopefully you received a flyer for this earlier in the week, and that you and your children will have a chance to look at some of the wonderful books on offer. I will be taking each of the classes to look at the books in the first week back, and I will also be available during Parents' Evening to help sell the books and to point you in the right direction if you are looking for some new authors to try. We really appreciate your support with this event. Firstly, it encourages the children to read but also we earn commission on all the books you purchase. The money raised will allow us to purchase even more books for the Library!

I look forward to meeting you during Parents' Evening but for now I hope you all have a lovely half term and enjoy sharing stories!

### **HOLIDAY CLUB**

Please note that due to the popularity of our Holiday Club this half-term, we are fully booked and to ensure adequate staff cover we will not be able to accept any additional children who turn up on the day. Enjoy everyone!



## HALF TERM AWARDS



RECEPTION B	ROMA	For being reliable and a friendly face.
RECEPTION O	LILY	For settling in so well and always trying her best.
YEAR 1	MELEK	For her increasing confidence and 'I can do it' attitude.
YEAR 2	MIA J	For consistent hard work and self-motivation.
YEAR 3	LEO O	For positive attitude and staying focused.
YEAR 4	KAI	For exceptional contribution to class.
YEAR 5	NALANI	For her effort in taking responsibility for her learning.
YEAR 6M	NINA	For constantly trying her best and her great effort.
YEAR 6S	TILLY	For always being ready to learn, producing best work and striving for excellence.

### SPECIAL AWARDS – WELL DONE!

The following pupils have been awarded Excellence Awards from Mrs Foulger:

*Thendral (1) – Excellent fact-file on Bees*

*Emily (1) – Excellent work in late room*

*Nell (1) – Excellent work in late room*

*Mia (6) – Excellence in Reading Group*

*Naomi (6) – Excellent response to maths feedback*

*Mrs Campbell – Excellence in preparing for LAMDA!*

### SCHOOL UNIFORM AND LOST PROPERTY

All children **MUST** have wellington boots, tracksuit bottoms and a play coat when we return from half term to use at playtimes.

Please can you also check all items are named clearly and that your child hasn't accidentally picked up another pupils' clothing or shoes.

**Thank you!**



### JTA Competition

Elianna and Charan, our Year 6 Junior Transport Ambassadors, launched the latest competition in assembly this week. The pupils have been asked to design a fun, active 'be bright' mascot that represents our school. Templates for the competition will be emailed home today. Entries need to be returned to school by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November when our JTAs will judge and award prizes.

**Get designing – Be creative!**

## HARVEST FESTIVAL



A massive thank you for all your generous gifts towards our Harvest Appeal. Mrs Sowter took all the foodstuff to 'Living Well' Foodbank and we know your donations will already be making a tangible difference to the lives of many local families.

We have also received a lovely letter from the Salvation Army homeless drop-in centre in Regent Street where we sent the toiletries and clothing items. Please read the following extract,

*'Life on the streets isn't easy and is often cold, wet and even a scary place to be. Please thank the children and let them know that through their kindness life will be made a little brighter for those for whom life isn't easy.'*

**Together we can make a difference...**