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Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**DON'T FORGET TO  
BOOK CHRISTMAS  
HOLIDAY CLUB**

## Mrs Foulger writes...

It's the little things...

Over the weekend, our hall gained some curtains and what a difference they have made! The windows have been looking somewhat bare since it was decided that the old ones were not going to survive being re-hung after the repainting of the walls in the summer. We are immensely grateful to Mrs King for making and hanging the new curtains and to our marvellous PTA for funding the project.

Having mentioned our PTA, it would seem an appropriate time to give them a 'shout out' this week. The core team work tirelessly throughout the year, not only doing the more glamorous jobs of planning and arranging events, such as next week's Christmas Fair, but they spend hours in cold storage sheds sorting through all manner of bits and pieces hastily stowed away after previous events. They also, of course control the money! Raising thousands of pounds each year, the PTA are very generous in supporting many of the requests made by staff. Mrs Campbell has been delighted with the additions to the IT resources – she loves a 'Bee-Bot'. The PTA also pay for many events and experiences that enhance learning and enjoyment for all our pupils. We have a 'Happy Puzzle Day' to look forward to in the next few weeks, as well as the Pre-Prep Christmas party and a subsidy for the Prep Lion King outing. The new year will bring visits from the 'Bug Man' and Sphero. 'Sensational Science' and the 'Life Bus', to name just a few!

Back to our new curtains – 'the little things'. The hall is looking good, Mr Walker worked hard to freshen it up last summer, ready for the new term. However, the curtains have made the difference; they add a feeling of warmth and cosiness, as well as looking incredibly smart! A bit like all the contributions from the PTA, the extra bits, the experiences, the treats – 'the little things...'

So, thank you, PTA team for all you do. If you are someone who would like to become more involved with the PTA, then please email Miss Slim, in the school office who will gladly pass on your details.



## **BE PREPARED FOR WINTER**

### **TO AND FROM SCHOOL**

Children may come to school in their blazer **or** waterproof coat (they do not have to wear both).

Only the school hat and scarf may be worn and definitely no ear muffs.

### **MORNING AND LUNCHTIME BREAKS**

Now that the weather is colder and wetter, please ensure that your child has a suitable play coat in school which will keep them both warm and dry as we endeavour to go outside in all weathers.

They should also have play tracksuit bottoms (which will need to be taken home at weekends to be washed) and wellies. Hats and gloves are optional and may be any colour.

**ALL CHILDREN MUST HAVE PLIMSOLES IN SCHOOL FOR  
INDOOR PE/GAMES LESSONS AND  
ALL ITEMS MUST BE NAMED**

## YEAR 1 TOOK ON THE CRISP TASTING CHALLENGE!

During their science lesson, they have been learning about their tongues.

*They discovered that*

*'the tongue is made of muscle' and 'that you cannot talk if you don't have a tongue'.*

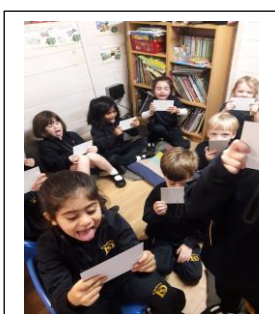
The children looked really closely at their tongues in the mirror and made these observations

*'I can see veins under my tongue'*

*'my tongue is a pinky colour but the taste buds are red'*

*'there are bumpier bits at the back of my tongue'*

Then they began the serious business of tasting crisps to see if they could identify the flavours.



Last Friday, the whole school got behind the charity *Just One Tree* by wearing clothes to school which represented the wonderful colours of autumn, orange, red, brown and green and donated £1.00 towards the planting of new trees.

A huge thank you to the Eco-Committee for their latest initiative which raised £178.75.



## WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

This week, Year 6 have been learning about Thanksgiving. River told us about the history of Thanksgiving and shared his family traditions. We then spent some time thinking about what we are thankful for.

*'I am thankful for my friends and family who are always so nice to me,' River*

*'I am thankful for my life otherwise I would not be as happy as I am now.' Martha*

*'I am thankful for my family and friends and my puppy' John*

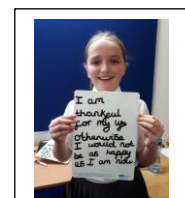
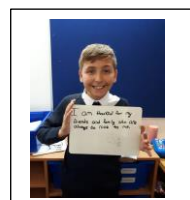
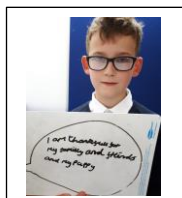
*'I'm thankful for my sister' Rosa*

*'I am thankful for fun, laughter and my family' Mrs Sowter*

*'I'm thankful for being healthy and having family and friends' Daisy*

We were also reminded about the 'giving' in Thanksgiving, and challenged to remember others at this time of year. Who can we give a smile, friendly word or encouragement to? Our reverse Advent calendar is also a fantastic way that we can give to those who are less fortunate than us. Year 6 would like to spread the challenge of *thanks* and *giving* and encourage us all to try and remember that, especially at this time of year.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING



I would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of love and support. The cards, flowers and gifts have been overwhelming and just a reminder of what a wonderful family we belong to at St David's.  
With love from Mrs Handy

Not even Advent yet and we've received so many gifts for our reverse Advent calendar.

Thank you.

There are boxes in both the main school entrance and in Pre-Prep for you to drop off any items you may wish to donate.

**Together let us make a difference.**