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WE ARE ALL STARS AT ST DAVID'S



Welcome back everyone to the Spring Term at St David's. In our first assemblies, we have talked about 'new beginnings' and how we can shine like stars in the coming year. From Year 1 upwards, all the children wrote a message and decorated a star, all of which have now created a colourful display in the hall. Assembly this week got us thinking about how we can make the world and indeed our school a more 'colourful' place. I share below a selection of the comments from Years 3 and 6 – let's hope this year is 'colourful' for all of us and that we all manage to 'shine like stars!' Be kind and helpful.

- Be a good role model
- Be yourself, don't worry what others think
- Be responsible for your own actions
- Be happy and positive
- Stand out!
- Work harder
- Listen more
- Help more with housework
- Stop sucking my thumb!
- Improve my handwriting
- And my favourite... Just give someone a smile!



PTA

On Wednesday, the first PTA meeting of the year took place. A number of events were discussed and spending plans approved. You will be delighted to hear the Christmas Fair raised just over £2,500. Thank you to Mrs Garratt and her team who put it all together.

The following dates have been agreed:

Easter Egg Hunt – Monday 23rd March

Prep Disco – Friday 1st May

Summer Fair – Saturday 13th June

Quiz Night – Saturday 14th March

One of the traditions and highlights of the St David's year, is our annual Firework display. Whilst this event has never been a fundraiser, it has generally broken even or run at a small loss. Unfortunately, due to several reasons, not least the inclement weather, last year there was a significant loss of £1,200. After much discussion, it has been agreed that the event will run again in 2020 but it will need the support of everyone if it is to continue after that. The date will be published as soon as it is confirmed. In the next few weeks, PTA funds will be enabling us to purchase a set of handbells, wooden easels for the EYFS outdoor area, a reading den for Reception, litter pickers, as well as funding a Shakespeare workshop (Years 1-5) and a trip to The Globe for Year 6. The Easter Egg Hunt is also a PTA gift to all the children in school.

Each one of our pupils benefits from the money raised throughout the year so please support and help out whenever you can.



LANGLEY PARK LEARNING TRUST ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION

I am sure that many of you are aware of the proposed changes to the admissions procedure. This affects many of our local families and responses to the consultation need to be in by Friday 24th January. Even if secondary seems a long way off to you we would urge you to take a look and support the community.

Before Christmas we mentioned that Renata (6) was going to Boston to play squash as part of the British team – this is her report...

'In December, I went to Boston to represent England in the US Junior Squash Open Championships. This was an international tournament so there were players from all around the world.

I played my matches at Harvard University, M.I.T and Badger Rosen Squash Centre at Northeastern. It was spectacular! The courts were amazing and it was an awesome experience. In the end I finished 13th out of 64 competitors.

I also had a marvellous time with my friends and family!'
Well done, Renata. What a great experience!



SPECIAL AWARDS – WELL DONE!

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

Ahnay (R) – excellent junk modelling

Darcey (R) – excellent menu writing

Alexander (R) – excellent menu writing

Gözde (R) – excellent menu writing

Lily (R) – excellent menu writing

Emily (1) – writing her own poems

William (2) – excellent advert

Leonardo (2) – excellent advert

Eoin (3) – Learning and reciting his Bromley Festival poem

Renata (6) – representing England in Squash



A message from New Addington Salvation Army

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated food, toys and gifts towards our Christmas appeal.

We helped 146 local families with over 400 children receiving gifts who otherwise would have had nothing.

THANK YOU!

Thinking ahead to next year, we would love any donations of gift bags and wrapping paper. Gifts for teenage boys are always in short supply, so if you have any unwanted gifts that might be suitable, we would be grateful. (Hats, scarves, gloves, socks, toiletries, gadgets, board games, footballs, stationery, card games, wallets, belts...)



WE ARE KEEPING COOL!

Year 5 have been, 'keeping cool' in science this week. We have been investigating thermal conductors and insulators. Year 5 tested out 5 different materials to see which one would be the best to be used for the lining of a packed lunch box. We wrapped a cup of ice in different materials then recorded the temperature at 5-minute intervals.

And the winner was...tin foil!!

