



Friday 10th September

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of our first week back, I thought it might be timely to highlight a few things coming up and update you on what has been going on over the summer. I am sure many of you will be coming to our Prep Sports afternoon today and I then expect the school will be buzzing at the end of the day as you come to view your child's new classroom. All the children have settled back in, adapted to their new routines and generally seem extremely happy to be back learning and playing with their friends. Fortunately, the staff are happy too!

I saw many of you yesterday morning as I surveyed the parking situation around the school at drop-off time. Thank you to all those of you who park sensibly, considerately and safely. However, this is unfortunately not always the case and I will continue to make regular trips out to monitor the situation!

COMING UP:

Saturday 18th September: PTA Film event

Friday 24th September: Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.00 - 11.00am

W/C 27th September: Mini-marathon week in school

Wednesday 29th September: Carrot Wood Assembly 9.00am - Year 5 Parents invited

Sunday 3rd October: Miss A O'Sullivan runs the London Marathon!

Thursday 7th October: 'Perform' Theatre Company in school for EYFS and KS1 pupils

Friday 8th October: Harvest Festival

Wednesday 13th October: Whole School Panoramic Photo on field - Winter Uniform to be worn

Thursday 14th October: Nasal Flu Spray for Reception to Year 6 pupils

Saturday 16th October: EYFS Open Morning - 9.00 - 11.30am

Friday 22nd October: House Competition 'STEAM' Day

Friday 22nd October: Prep Swimming Gala @Trinity School - 5.00 - 7.00pm

MONDAY 25th OCTOBER to FRIDAY 5th NOVEMBER – HALF TERM

RAINBOW CLUB

Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th October

Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th November



Monday 15th November: Parent/Teacher Interview Evening and e-safety talk - 4.00 - 8.00pm

Saturday 20th November: Bromley Schools Cross-Country event @ Crystal Palace (Year 5 and 6)

Monday 22nd November: St David's Dash Cross-Country event in school (Year 3 and 4)

Saturday 27th November: PTA Christmas Fair - 1.00 - 4.00pm

Friday 10th December: Prep Carol Service @ St John's Church - 6.30pm

Thursday 16th December: Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER: TERM ENDS at 12.00pm for all pupils

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



24th SEPTEMBER 9.00 – 11.00 In School Hall

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Friday 8th October

This year we will be supporting our local foodbanks and the Salvation Army homeless project.

It would be lovely if every child could contribute in some way by bringing in items of tinned or dried food items or toiletries. Year 6 will arrange, sort and distribute the gifts on behalf of the whole school.

Further details to follow.

THANK YOU

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLANS!

With term now underway, and following on from our recent letter to Year 5 parents, we wanted to provide an update to everyone about our exciting plans for the future, as well as the current interim classroom plans.

Demand for places at St David's Prep has continued to grow in recent years, in particular following our Excellent inspection in 2019. This is hugely positive, and allows us to continue to invest in and develop the educational provision and facilities that will benefit all pupils. We have been fortunate in appointing a number of fantastic additional staff and now have the largest, most experienced staff team ever.

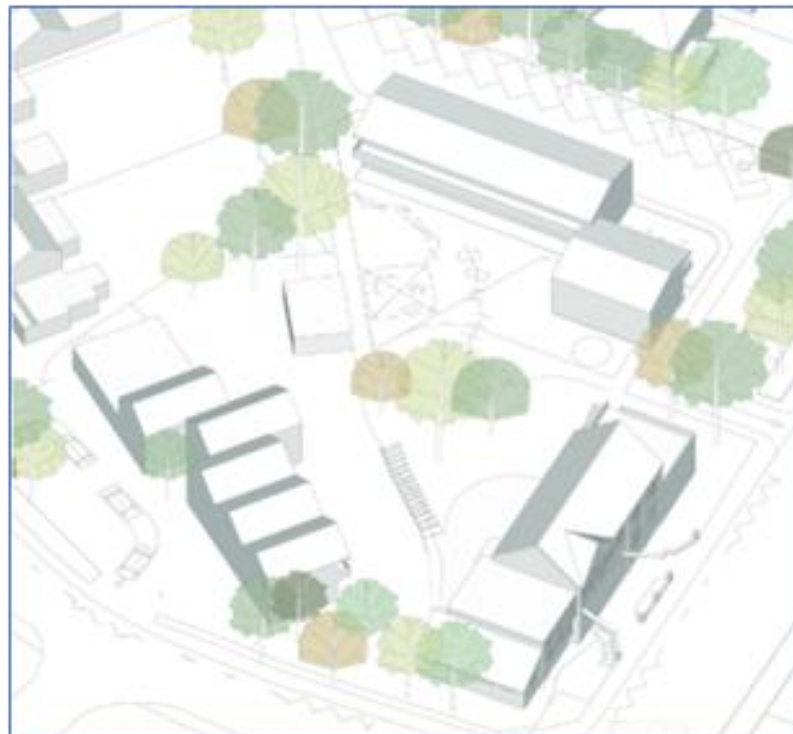
We are very conscious of maintaining all that makes our school such a successful and close-knit community, so are committed to carefully managing growth and class size expectations commensurate with a small Prep school. We have therefore been taking a detailed look at how best to develop areas of the site to improve existing facilities, increase teaching space and replace many of the temporary buildings which have been installed over the last 30 to 40 years.

Developing a plan which delivers all of this needs careful consideration, as well as expert external help. Therefore, we have been working with a firm of architects who are very experienced in the education sector (www.kennedywoods.co.uk) to create a site masterplan and obtain feedback from Bromley Council.

We are excited to share a handful of initial images from the masterplan here. We will be able to share much more detail in person, later this term, once we have feedback from the planners.



Possible plan view of St David's



Possible 3D view of St David's

In the interim, while the masterplan is being finalised and we wait to start the detailed design process, we will be putting in place two high-quality temporary classrooms which will provide all the space we need to see us through. We had hoped that these new classrooms would be in place before the start of term, but our initial planning application was unsuccessful. We're really sorry that this has happened, but are confident it will not impact on the children's learning and that our temporary solution is working well. We are in the process of re-submitting our planning application for the temporary classrooms and hope to have this resolved before the start of the Spring term.



Year 5 working hard!

We will keep you updated with any developments and thank you for your understanding at this time. We will continue to do everything we can to ensure all our pupils continue to have the best possible experience at St David's Prep.

As I finish writing this, sitting in my 'new' office space, I am enjoying hearing the children singing together in the hall as Mrs Sowter teaches them songs ready for Young Voices at the O2 (details later). The voices of children, beautiful. How we've missed it!

I may just have something in my eye...

I look forward to catching up with many of you later,

Kind regards,

Julia Foulger