



Friday 14th October

Dear Parents,

A half-term done! My thanks to all the staff who have worked so hard to establish new classes, new routines and to welcome, in many cases, new children into the school. We have enjoyed some lovely events, you've given generously and supported the school in so many ways. The St David's 'family' community never fails to deliver and I know how much this has meant to one family in particular over the past weeks and I have every confidence that the support so readily given will continue in the years to come. Thank you.

One area that has been a particular focus for us this term is the broad subject of equality, diversity and inclusion. Having held our first parent/staff forum meeting we have considered our approach in school and have taken on board comments and suggestions from parents who attended. A number of books have been purchased for our re-vamped library and class teachers are considering how they can include a more inclusive range of texts in lessons. We would love to hear some of your family stories and would welcome you coming into school to share your experiences, cultures and journeys with the children. The children are being encouraged to research different languages and areas of the world over half-term and we hope to use what they produce to form displays in the entrance hall and around the school.

So much to look forward to in the run up to Christmas, (please see dates below) but for now, rest, relax and enjoy some time together with your children.

Happy half-term from all the staff,

Best wishes,

Julia Foulger



## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our coffee morning this year which was successfully run alongside our 'mini-marathon' event. On a beautiful, sunny Friday it was lovely to see the field and the new Year 6 classroom filled with parents, many of you enjoying coffee, cake and a catch up, whilst the more energetic ran alongside the children. We are delighted to be sending £800 to the charity.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Year 6 challenged us this morning when they presented their Harvest assembly to the whole school. It was the first time Pre-Reception had joined us in the hall and they sat and listened with interest and sang along with enthusiasm to the catchy harvest songs.

We were reminded of the message that harvest is a time to give thanks, shown areas of the world where food is scarce and heard stories of individual lives that have been transformed by support from charities.

### 2 Key things to reflect upon:

**Our response should never be to do nothing and every one of us can make a difference, however small or insignificant it might seem!**

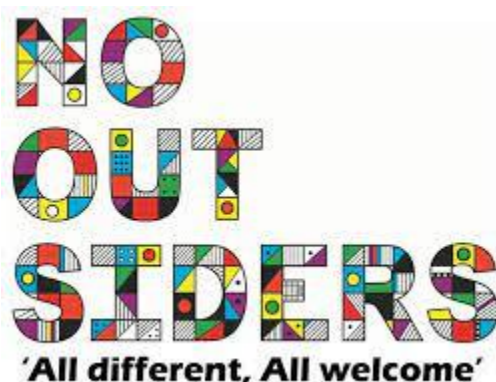


Thanks to your generosity, Year 6 were kept extremely busy sorting and packing the harvest gifts brought into school. Mrs Sowter has a car loaded with provisions to be taken to 'Living Well' foodbank and lunch club in Penge.

We know the difference your gifts will make to families in our local area.

**Thank you**

## NO OUTSIDERS



All classes from Reception to Year 6 had a visit from Andrew Moffat who shared a picture book with every class before leading a discussion with the children and staff in an age appropriate way. The theme of the day was 'No outsiders at St David's'. He talked around issues of all different but all welcome. The children were given opportunities, both with Andrew and with their class teachers, to reflect and respond in a variety of ways.

Alongside our own assemblies and PSHEE lessons, we hope the children and staff now have a better understanding of what true inclusivity, diversity and equality means and looks like in our school and community.

Thank you to those of you who have helped us to begin exploring these topics and embedding them into our school ethos and values. We know many of your children discussed their class session with you following the visit and we appreciate your continued support and feedback.

We are especially grateful to the parents who attended our first EDI parent/ staff forum. More to do...

For more information on No Outsiders, please take a look at their website:

[www.no-outsiders.com](http://www.no-outsiders.com)

### COMING UP:

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October: School resumes

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November: ISA Swimming Gala

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November: Year 2 visit to Mosque

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November: Parents Evening (Booking sheets out 9.00am Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov)

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November: Bromley Schools Cross-Country @ Crystal Palace (Year 5 and 6)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November: St David's Dash Cross-Country event in school (Year 3 and 4)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November @ 8.45am Parent Voice Meeting - All welcome!

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November: 'Own clothes day' and 'bring a bottle' for PTA Christmas Fair

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: Travelling Books in School

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November: Year 1 visit to National Gallery

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November: PTA Christmas Fair - 1.00 - 4.00pm**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November @ 4.30 - Little Stars presentation to Parents

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December @ 9.00 - Spotlights assembly presentation to Parents

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Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.30pm - Pre-Reception and Reception Nativity

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.30am - Pre-Reception and Reception Nativity

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Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.30am - Years 1 and 2 Nativity

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Year 6 ISEB Tests (registered pupils)

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Years 4 - 6 Carol Service @ St John's Church - 6.00pm**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Theatre Panto Production - in school for all pupils

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.30am - Year 3 'Christmas Extravaganza'

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

**FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER: TERM ENDS at 12.30pm for all pupils**

## **RAINBOW CLUB**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

**SPRING TERM begins Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

### **FUTURE HOLIDAY DATES**

The term and holiday dates for 2023/2024 have now been agreed and posted on the school website.

### **HEAD TEACHER AWARDS**

<b>Aris S</b>	Year 1	Excellent, creative work on senses
<b>Gianluca M</b>	Year 1	
<b>Jayrishan J</b>	Year 1	Always showing curiosity and enthusiasm for learning
<b>Eva K</b>	Year 1	
<b>Kairav P</b>	Year 6	Amazing Art Work

## HALF - TERMLY SPECIAL AWARDS

Eloise O'H	Reception (Hedgehogs)	For a great start, always making the right choices and being a great role model
Euan R	Reception (Squirrels)	For settling in so quickly and being confident and engaged in class
Eliza H	Year 1 (Badgers)	For her delightful manner and emerging confidence
Eleana N	Year 1 (Rabbits)	For settling in so well to Year 1 and working independently
Freja H	Year 2 (Woodpeckers)	For having a fantastic attitude towards her learning and showing resilience in all subjects!
Lara W	Year 2 (Parakeets)	For her consistent hard work and perseverance
Aoifa O'H	Year 3K	For excellent hard work and effort in Year 3
Sofia B	Year 3M	For making a brilliant start to Year 3
Alisa A	Year 4	For her continued efforts, reliability and helpfulness in the classroom
Tanya S	Year 5	For her excellent attitude to work
Leo A	Year 6	For his amazing commitment to every aspect of life in Year 6

## PARENT VOICE MEETING

Mrs Foulger and Mrs Handy would love to see and hear from you at the next Parent Voice meeting arranged for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. We will meet in the music cabin at 8.45am along with tea, coffee and pastries. Open to all, we welcome your comments, suggestions and ideas that we can discuss together in a relaxed and open atmosphere.

Hope to see you there!

## SMART MOVERS

We were treated to an informative and interactive assembly delivered by our Year 6 JTAs (Junior Travel Ambassadors) Leo A and Sami T who had recently been to the annual Bromley Investiture Training where they met the Deputy Mayor. The boys introduced the latest competition to design a mascot for the 'Be Bright, Be Seen' road safety campaign. We hope they have fun judging the entries and awarding their prizes to winners in school.



They also took the opportunity to award a record number of 'Smart Mover' badges to over 50 pupils who had walked, cycled, scooted or travelled by public transport more than 10 times in September. To qualify for 'park and stride', the children need to walk for approximately 10 minutes - not from the car parked in the main road or St David's Close! Thanks to Miss Saunders who is championing our JTAs and school transport initiatives, having taken over the role from Mrs Page after her many years of faithful support.

## PARKING and PAVEMENTS!

Whilst on my favourite topic (NOT) of parking and general road and pavement use around school, it appears we need a further reminder!

It has once again been brought to my attention by a local resident that a few parents are still blatantly disregarding road etiquette, parking and manoeuvring in a dangerous manner and blocking the pavement in a way that makes it difficult and at times unsafe for other users. The latest complainant states that they will not hesitate in taking photos and posting them on social media. This is not the sort of publicity we want.

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE STOP AND THINK!**

We really do not want to upset our neighbours, other road users or the general public and ultimately must ensure we do whatever we can to keep everyone safe.

**And a thank you to all those of you who do consider others and even better those of you who support our 'Smart Movers' initiative.**



## UNIFORM REMINDERS

We expect that all pupils will return to school wearing full winter uniform.

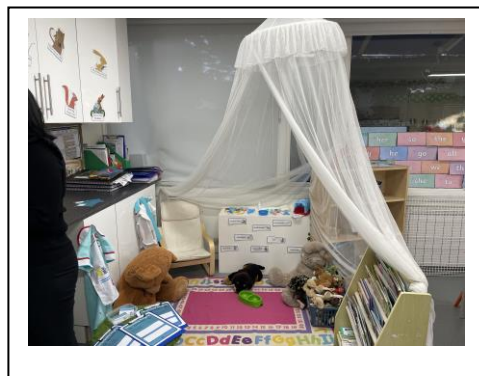
Please refer to the uniform list on the school website to ensure you have the correct items.

- Only school beanie hats with the school logo should be worn (no ear-muffs)
- Navy scarves and gloves
- School blazer or school waterproof coat to be worn each day
- Hair decorations to be school colours only

As the days get colder, please provide your child with a warm play coat and tracksuit bottoms to wear over their uniform on the field. These can be any colour and style.

## OPEN MORNING – OCTOBER 2022

Yet another very successful Open Morning with over 45 new families attending.



## SPORTS NEWS

Sport has really 'hit the ground running' this half term. As we have got back in to the 'flow' of things a wide range of sporting activities and fixtures have taken place, including an intensive week of swimming lessons for most members of Years 5 and 6.

A group of six Year 5 and 6 boys travelled to Lingfield to represent the school in the regional ISA 5-a-side football tournament. Playing extremely well, they qualified from their group, which was an incredible achievement! Faced with tough opponents in the quarter finals, they narrowly lost, unfortunately just missing out on progressing to the national competition. However, they should be delighted with their overall result; we know we are.

A mixed team of girls and boys went to Farringtons School to play in a netball tournament. They were the epitome of the word TEAM and we could not be any prouder of them and the way they played.

This Tuesday, Year 6 girls were invited to Croydon High to play in a hockey tournament. All the girls played well, with great enthusiasm and they noticeably improved as the tournament went on. We witnessed some excellent displays of skill and outstanding teamwork. Great job, girls!

Cross country continues to flourish at St David's. From the 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> September the whole school participated in the TCS Mini Marathon event. Every child from Pre-Reception to Year 6 completed a minimum of two laps of the field each day, resulting in them running 2.6 miles each. Thank you to all of you who came and ran with the children or cheered from the side-lines on the final day.

We are delighted to have resumed swimming lessons after a far too long 'Covid' break. Year 4 currently have weekly lessons and we are fortunate that both Mrs Hughes and Mr Mayes are qualified swimming coaches and are enjoying getting back 'poolside'.

This Friday we have four Year 6 pupils competing in the British Schools Modern Biathlon in Guildford. We wish them the very best of luck, know they will be incredible and look forward to hearing how they get on.

Many pupils attend the regular clubs run by staff before, during and after school each week, improving their fitness, developing levels of skill and generally having fun. Look out for clubs on offer after Christmas and get signed up.

