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# St Dunstan's, Cheam, C of E Primary School

## Message from the Headteacher

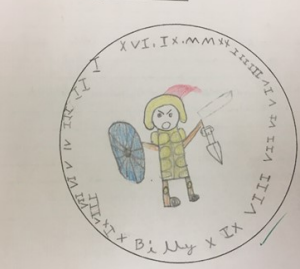
As I write this week's Newsletter, Autumn has well and truly arrived - it doesn't seem possible that we were all in summer clothes at the beginning of the week!

Please can I remind you to provide your children with both a **jumper and warm coat every day**. It is already chilly in the classrooms due to all the windows currently needing to be open as part of Covid-19 guidance and we also wish to limit the number of colds as much as possible. We also need to ensure the children can go outside into the fresh air as much as possible and coats are, therefore, a necessity. A reminder that school uniform consists of a plain navy or dark coloured coat and any hats should also be plain navy or a plain dark colour. Thank you for respecting our uniform policy.

Earlier in the week you will all, I am sure, have heard the address by the Prime Minister increasing measures to help restrict the transmission of Covid-19. With the challenges of social distancing of adults at drop off and pick up, I am now strongly recommending that from Monday, all adults and children over the age of 11 (High school and above) wear a face covering whilst on school property, including at drop off and pick up times. Teaching staff will also be wearing face coverings as they release your children to you at the end of the day. Please rest assured this measure is being put in place purely as a protection for you, your families and our staff team so that we can continue to remain open to all classes. This measure is now being introduced in many Sutton primary schools, following a meeting this week. I would also urge you to follow our rule of only 1 adult per family entering school grounds at both drop off and pick up times as it is imperative for us to minimise the number of adults on the school site at any one time.

I hope you enjoy reading our Newsletter this week and I wish you and your family a happy and relaxing weekend. *Ms J Corby*

LO: I can design a Roman coin



Over the last week, **Year 4** have been writing, editing and reciting their own Celtic Soliloquys. We are very proud of what the children have achieved and are delighted to be able to share their soliloquy performances with you on J2e so you

can hear them for yourselves.

Please find the recording in your child's J2e folder. Be prepared, we have some very fierce warriors in Year 4!

In maths we have been continuing with the topic of place value and using the greater/less than symbols and the words ascending/descending to compare 4 digit numbers. Continuing with our 'I am Warrior!' theme, the children have also been designing their own Roman coins and exploring how Roman Numerals were used to represent numbers.



In ICT, **Year 2** are learning about algorithms and how they are used to program computers. Before we become computer programmers ourselves, we first wrote human algorithms to see if we could program our classmates to collect mini-beasts around the playground.

It gave us a great reason to take our learning outside and enjoy the beautiful weather!



## Covid-19 Information Update

Please see below some useful information regarding Coronavirus which you may find of use.

- Covid Track and Trace app: <https://www.covid19.nhs.uk/pdf/parents-carers-over16s-factsheet.pdf>. This link is also on the school's website.
- The [guidance for parents and carers with children in nursery, school, or college in the autumn term](#) is now available in the following languages. Please click the attached links: [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Chinese – traditional](#), [Chinese – simplified](#), [French](#), [Gujarati](#), [Polish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Punjabi](#), [Somali](#), [Turkish](#), [Urdu](#).

# ABSENT

**Reminder:** If your child is absent from school, it is imperative that you telephone the school on 020 8642 5463 or e-mail the school office at [office@stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk](mailto:office@stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk) on the first day of your child's absence. *Thank you*

# Harvest Festival 2020

Our Harvest celebrations and giving this year will look a little different from normal, but we will still give thanks for our food and all that we have.

As a result, we will be supporting the Sutton Foodbank and the Community Food Shop who provide emergency food to people in need.

This year, Sutton Foodbank are starting a community food shop for those who are struggling on low income, but don't need a Foodbank. The foodbank gets residents through a short term crisis. This works on a membership basis of those struggling and are referred via local agencies. As an example, the family pay £3.00 and receive £10.00 worth of food items. This provides dignity and a way out of food poverty whilst seeking to address other underlying issues.

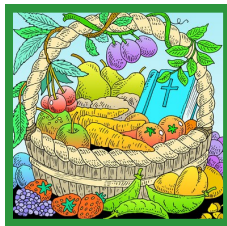
- Long life orange juice
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned meats
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned spaghetti
- Dried milk
- Instant mashed potato
- Sponge puddings
- Cuppa Soups
- Small chocolate bars
- Shower gel
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Soap



**At school, we have agreed to support both the Foodbank and the Food Shop.**

**EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) AND KS1:** Please would you send in your contributions, with your child on the morning of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. The children will drop their contributions off at the cart barn in the infant playground before going into class. Please ensure that your donations are in a carrier bag and that your child is able to carry the items.

**KS2:** Please would you send in your contributions, with your child on the morning of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. The children will drop their contributions off by the field as they enter the KS2 playground. Please ensure that your donations are in a carrier bag and that your child is able to carry the items.



We will then arrange for the donations to be delivered to Sutton Foodbank later that day.

During RE Year 5 have thought about prayer and have written and shared their own ones within class. Here is one of them:

*Dear Father God,*

Help us to make our dreams come true. When we are sad, make us feel happy. Thank you for the creation you made for us and thank you for the things we have. Help us to never be in an accident and keep us safe. **Amen**

**by Sean K  
Unicorn class**





This week the children have been learning about knights and chivalry and have researched the history and life of 14<sup>th</sup> Century nobility and knighthood.

#### Did you know?

- ◇ The medieval knights lived in England and Europe in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. They fought against their enemies and foes to show honour and bravery to their country. (Maya)
- ◇ Most knights learned to fight, except for the Knights Hospitaller. Their role was to help those who were injured on the battlefield. We decided they were like the modern day

ambulance and paramedics! They were also known as the The Order of Knights of the Hospital of Saint John and the St John's Ambulance volunteer uniform today, still displays the eight-pointed cross worn by those first Knights of St John.

We have also looked at old English vocabulary this week, translating 'The Knight' from The Canterbury Tales. After extracting useful information, we used this to write some very detailed reports outlining all the different aspects of a knight's life.

We have also enjoyed science this week, which was based on hand sanitation and cleanliness; testing clean hands, sanitised hands and dirty hands. The classes will observe their experiment over the coming weeks, watching out for the growth of their bacteria. Please do ask us about this.

*Hercules and Unicorn Class*

### House Points

St Andrew

**344**

St George

**415**

St David

**300**

St Patrick

**320**

### Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 18/09.2020 was:

**96.1%**

Our target is **96.4%**

**Winter Uniform** After the October half-term break, your child/children should arrive back in winter uniform.

#### Children in Reception

- \*\*Yellow school sweatshirt with logo
- \*\*Light blue school polo shirt
- Grey shorts / navy skirt / navy pinafore
- Grey / white /navy socks or navy tights
- Sensible black shoes, black or navy

#### Children in Years 1-6

- Grey shorts (trousers for Y6 only)
- Navy skirt / pinafore
- Butcher blue shirt / blouse
- \*\*School sweatshirt (navy) with logo
- \*\*School tie
- Grey / White / Navy socks or navy tights
- Sensible black shoes, black or navy
- \*\*School waterproof fleece / Plain navy blue raincoat
- \*\*All items of school clothing that carry the school logo i.e. sweatshirts (gold for Nursery and Reception and blue for Year 1 - Year 6), cardigans, blue polo tops and gold PE tops are available to purchase online through our existing suppliers - Stitch Design [www.stitchdesign.co.uk](http://www.stitchdesign.co.uk). All other items of uniform can be purchased from most high street clothes retailers.

Nursery	All children	Theodore R
Venus	All Children	Chloe E
Pluto	All Children	Lily B
Neptune	Thea C	Diyake T
Mercury	Alice C	Scout H
Jupiter	Emilia H	Isabel D
Saturn	Bobby S	Kit S
Delphinus	Sebastian N	Andrew C
Phoenix	James T	Rio G
Orion	Emily T	Conor G
Pegasus	Narthana	James H
Unicorn	Max	Sophia K
Hercules	Emilie	Curran G
Aquila	Blake	Oscar S
Cygnus	Harry	Enzo V

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

#### September

Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

**Flu Immunisations for Rec—Year 6 (catch-up session or children who were absent on 24th September)**

#### October

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

**School Closed—INSET Day**

Mon 26<sup>th</sup>—Fri 30<sup>th</sup>

**Half Term**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>

**School Closed—INSET Day**

#### December

Fri 18<sup>th</sup>

**Break Up for Christmas at 1.30pm**