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

Message from the Headteacher

The weeks are really flying by here in school and I can't believe that there are only 2 weeks left before half term! It is really lovely to see you all at the gate every day and I would like to thank you all for working so closely together with the school in our efforts to keep the whole of our community safe and healthy. Please continue to keep up your social distancing and, if you are coming to school by car, please remember that it is really important that cars do not stop on the zig-zag lines outside of our school gates; it is crucial to keep this area clear of cars to protect our children as they arrive and leave the school.

Within school, we have enjoyed another packed fortnight of learning which has also included lots of 'marathon' running, celebrating Black History Month and also our preparations for Harvest.

Whilst Harvest Festival is - like many other events this year - rather different from usual, I would like to thank you all in advance for your contributions. Harvest giving is such an important part of our mission to give and share either in terms of time, money or donations of other kinds and I know that Sutton Foodbank and the Food Shop will be hugely grateful for all that you can spare.

A Prayer to share: *Lord, help us to put our feet in the other person's shoes, that we may share their path of sorrow and pain, for we cannot understand their situation until we have walked in their footsteps. Amen*

Ms J Corby

This week the children have amazed us with their efforts with the marathon running. Everyone has been very busy running, skipping and even galloping daily to complete a total of over 2.6 miles for the Virgin Mini Marathon. It has been fabulous to see everybody embracing this physical challenge, especially our youngest pupils in Venus and Pluto Classes. Well done everyone!

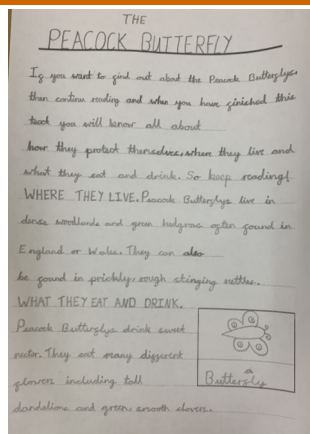
Mrs F Cowley, PE Subject Lead

The Peacock Butterfly by Year 2

In Year 2 we have been busy learning about insects and using our new

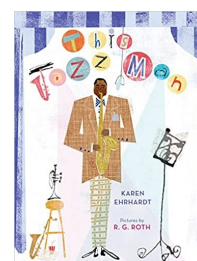
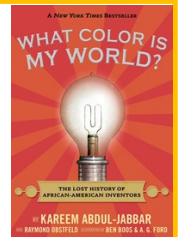


knowledge to write information texts. We included all the key features such as heading, introduction and sub-headings. We even included a picture with a caption underneath!



Black History Month

October marks the start of Black History Month. This year to celebrate Black History Month, the children will be completing different activities



based around a book with a particular theme. These themes range from famous Jazz musicians to famous African-American inventors. As part of a worship we will also be looking at the 4 black post boxes that have been placed around the UK to highlight the stories of 4 influential Brits.

Mrs Downes - History Coordinator



The PTFA are having their first meeting of the new academic year on 14th October via zoom, which is a new way of meeting for us!

In partnership with the school and in line with Government guidance we are looking at potential

fundraising and school community events we can deliver and will circulate more information shortly.

We hope to run a number of Christmas fundraising activities as we do normally and if you have any ideas for future events, we welcome hearing from you. Please email ptfa.stdunstans@gmail.com

We are pleased to hear that all classes have class reps in place now who are a great support in communicating and reminding people about PTFA events and requests.

We hope you and your families are all staying safe and well. **PTFA**



SAFE FOR CHILDREN
If your child/children are walking to/from school each day, please remind them to be vigilant at all times. If they are approached by someone they do not know, remind them to alert a member of staff or parent immediately.

Harvest Festival 2020



As you will have seen from the last newsletter, we have agreed to support both the Foodbank and the Food Shop. A list of donations is shown below:

EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) AND KS1: Please would you send in your contributions, with your child on the morning of **Thursday 15th 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 15th 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.

- 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

House Points

St Andrew

534

St George

526

St David

509

St Patrick

467

Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 28/09/2020 was:

98%

Our target is **96.4%**

Taste

of

Italy



It may be turning colder outside but we are turning our thoughts to warmer climates.

What better way to do this than to experience food from other countries? We held a 'Taste of Italy' school lunch day on Thursday 1st October. The response was '**fantastico**'. Approximately 350 children took part this special lunch of pizza and pasta with garlic bread and a delicious Sicilian lemon drizzle cake to finish.

School meals are a great way to provide your child with a varied healthy diet. It also provides valuable income for the school to support the children's learning.

Thank you to the catering team who put this special lunch together. *Look out for more 'taster days' to come!*



'Stars' of the last two weeks.....

Nursery	Ava	James
Venus	Miller	Chester
Pluto	John	Daisy
Neptune	Nicole	Cora
Mercury	Alfred	Beatrice
Jupiter	Toby	Lucy
Saturn	Aarin	Seren
Delphinus	Ellie	Sakar
Phoenix	Anumithra	Isabella
Orion	Olivia C	Raquel
Pegasus	Elisabeth	Chloe D
Unicorn	Sophie T	Maya
Hercules	Julia	Daniel
Aquila	Seiji	Joshua
Cygnus	Olivia	Nishka

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

October

Thursday 15th Harvest Festival (see above)

Monday 19th Remote Parents' Evening 4.00pm-6.00pm

Tuesday 20th Year 4 Roman Day Remote Parents' Evening 4.00pm- 6.00pm

Wednesday 21st Remote Parents' Evening 4.00pm-6.00pm

Thursday 22nd Remote Parents' Evening 4.00pm-6.00pm

Friday 23rd School Closed—INSET Day

Mon 26th—Fri 30th Half Term

Mon 2nd School Closed—INSET Day

December

Fri 18th Break Up for Christmas at 1.30pm

Don't forget parents' evening!