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Newsletter No. 167

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

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to our final Newsletter

of this half term! Whilst it seems an age since Christmas, the past few weeks have flown by and I think the children – and staff – are ready for their half term break.

Thank you for all of your generous donations today, which will be used to enhance the learning environment for the children, both inside and out and thank you to the PTFA for organising our Mufti Day today as well as the Half Term Challenge for the children to enjoy!

It has been wonderful to enjoy the recent crisp, bright, Winter days and I hope that everyone has the chance to relax, spot the first signs of Spring and experience the feelings of hope that these glimmers bring! On behalf of the whole team I would like to wish you all a restful half term holiday. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 20th February.

Mental Health and Well Being Week

Children's Mental Health Week is organised by the Place2Be charity and took place in school this week. This year's theme is 'Let's Connect' to



encourage children (and adults) to look at how we can make

meaningful connections. Lots of activities took place in school across the week, alongside a school worship. There will be pictures posted on our Twitter



Year 5 experienced a very memorable and exciting trip to the Sutton Synagogue. We were met by the education team, who made us feel welcome immediately, and enlightened the children in the Synagogue's history and of their Jewish faith. We were especially honoured to hear the beautiful reading of the Torah from Rev Cantor David Rome, which is a first for any school

that have visited. The children were able to freely ask questions and speak to the team about their faith, festivals and how Christianity's Old Testament links to Judaism. The teachers were



especially proud of the depth of questions that were asked of the team.

"In Christianity the Messiah is Jesus Christ, Jewish people are still awaiting their Messiah - when is it written that the Messiah will come?" Anad.

The children enjoyed looking and engaging with the artefacts and symbols that we have been learning about in class.

We all enjoyed some Challah and Matzah bread, which was a delightful end to our visit.



Tiko the dog visit to Year 1

In Year 1, for our Topic, 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers,' we had a visit from Tiko. Tiko is a retired reading therapy dog and we absolutely loved him coming to see us. We thought of questions to ask Tiko's owner and used the information to write a fact file about dogs in English. We all gave Tiko a treat and some of us

got to shake his paw.

I learnt that dogs have two coats of fur. Tiko has two brushes to comb his hair. Cara

Did you know Tiko loves chasing squirrels in the park! Sophia

Tiko was a very good dog. He didn't jump or bark! Oliver



Tiko didn't like the tennis ball but loves cheese! Alfie

I was feeling quite nervous but Tiko was so friendly. Ryan



AGM: Last night we had our Annual General Meeting. As well as being a requirement as a registered charity,

it was a chance to reflect on the amazing fundraising achievements of the school community and PTFA. In the academic year 21/22 we made a net profit of £15,553.

Mufti Day: Thanks to your support and generosity we raised **£375.00**. To mark Children's Mental Health week the money raised will be used to enhance and develop both the inside and outside learning areas within the school to make them bright, nurturing and useable school community spaces for children to come together in.

Half-Term Challenge: As per our ParentMail, this half term, the PTFA are running a 'Marvellous Mathematicians' challenge to raise funds for new resources and projects that will further enrich the curriculum.

We would like children to choose 3 challenges/activities to work on over the week of half term. On the documents sent out we have included some ideas for each key stage but you can choose any challenge you'd like!

To recognise the children's hard work and to celebrate their success, we are asking if your family and friends could make a donation to our fundraising page as shown to the right: The closing date for making a donation is **Friday 24th February 2023**.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

PTFA

'Marvellous Mathematicians' Challenge, organized by StDunstan's PTFA

gofund.me

Happy 100th Day of School!



As part of our maths learning, we have been using our place value knowledge to count up the days we have been at school. We celebrated **100** days of school by dressing up in number



themed clothing and completing lots of fun activities. We thought about what makes 100 and counted objects, built models, made jewellery and played games using our knowledge of 100. Throughout the day we also read 100 pages of a book and completed 100 tasks in our PE lesson.

What kind of snacks can we eat at playtime in our school?



Fruits, vegetables and toast are good snacks to eat, Keep crisps and chocolate just for a treat! ☺

Half Term House Points Totals

St David
1896

St Andrew
1569

St Patrick
1769

St George
1587

Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 16/01/2023 was:

94.9%

Our target is **96.4%**

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| Nursery | Brandon | Florence |
| Venus | Harvey O | Ariyah |
| Pluto | Effie | Aeon |
| Neptune | Hei | Rebecca |
| Mercury | Cameron | Oscar W |
| Jupiter | Amelia R | Amberly |
| Saturn | Laura | Bethany |
| Delphinus | Rosie | Sebastian |
| Phoenix | Sofia M | Amy |
| Orion | Onalee | Isabel S |
| Pegasus | Ava | Jasmine S |
| Unicorn | Oscar | Eva |
| Hercules | Sania | Lucas |
| Aquila | Elliott | Amy |
| Cygnus | Ruby | Indie |

WORLD BOOK DAY

2 MARCH 2023

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school, throughout the week beginning 27th February. We are taking the theme of 'Traditional Tales from around the World' this year and over the week the children will be hearing and sharing traditional stories from a range of different countries and cultures.

If your child would like to bring in any books during that week that represent their culture or heritage, we would be delighted to see them and share them in class. Please make sure your child's name is on the book, so that nothing goes missing!

We would also like to increase the number of dual-language books that we have in our school library. If you have any child-suitable books that you no longer require and would be happy to donate, we would be thrilled to receive them. Please bring them into school for the attention of Mrs Cordery.

A World Book Day voucher will be sent home with each children during the week after half term. The voucher will allow £1 off any book or can be exchanged from any participating bookseller for one of the small books that have been published especially for this year's World Book Day. Here is a link to the website where the children can have a look at the book that are available.

Parent / Teacher Consultations are scheduled to take place from Monday 27th to Thursday 30th March 3.45pm—6.00pm.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

February

Mon 13th – Fri 17th Half Term
 Mon 20th Children return to school
 Weds 22nd Thinking Day
 Year 4 First Swimming Lesson
 Thurs 23rd Orion Class Assembly 8.55am
 w/c Mon 27th World Book Week
 Tues 28th Mercury Class Assembly 8.55am

March

Weds 1st Year 4 Swimming Lesson

Future Dates

April 26th—28th Year 5 Residential Trip to Dalesdown
 Mon 1st May Spring Bank Holiday
 Mon 8th May Coronation Bank Holiday
 May 22nd—26th Year 6 Cygnus Residential trip to Maes y Lade
 May 29th—June 2nd Half Term
 June 5th—9th Year 6 Aquila Residential trip to Maes y Lade

Please find attached to this ParentMail the Term Dates up to July 2024.



Please see the school's website under school calendar for a full list of dates and events for this term.



We are running the following Crash Courses on 13/02/2023-17/02/2023.

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| 09:00-09:30 – Stage 1 (3-4 yrs) | 09:30-10:00 – Stage 2 (5-6 yrs) |
| 09:00-09:30 – Stage 3 (5-10m) | 09:30-10:00 – Stage 4 (10-20m) |
| 10:00-10:30 – Stage 2 (5-6 yrs) | 10:30-11:00 – Stage 2 7+ yrs |
| 10:00-10:30 – Stage 5 (20m+) | 10:30-11:00 – Stroke Clinics |

Group lessons:

Price - **£52.60** per week. Payment required in full at time of booking.
Please book in at reception or online.

Private Lessons:

| 13/02/2023-17/02/2023 |
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| 09:30-10:00 |
| 10:00-10:30 |
| 10:30-11:00 |

PRICES

1-to-1 - £42.08 per half hour
2-to-1 - £26.30(pp) x 2 = £52.60 per half hour
3-to-1 - £21.04(pp) x 3 = £63.12 per half hour

For further information, please contact the Swim Manager, Nancy Clare, at cheamswim@everyoneactive.com

Sutton School Nursing Enuresis Clinic

Do you have a child over 5 years old who wets the bed at night?

Does your child need help achieving night time dryness?

Sutton School Nursing Enuresis service may be able to help.

We run Enuresis (night time wetting) clinics twice a week offering skilled advice, guidance and on going support.

Please contact us on **020 877 05409** or email hcpadmin@sutton.gov.uk to request a conversation with one of our School Nurses.

COLIN BULL SWIMMING LESSONS

01372 739 600

colin@cbswimming.co.uk

SPECIAL OFFER FOR PARENT & CHILD CLASSES NOW TILL EASTER £45. SUBJECT TO VACANCIES! Better than ½ price place

SWIMMING LESSONS FOR IMMEDIATE START

Are you interested in swimming with us. There are just a few vacancies on the present courses, so please contact me asap. to secure your ½ price place There are spaces for adult and child classes aimed at 2, 3 and just 4 year olds. We have vacancies at Downsends School, Leatherhead.

JUNIOR BAKE OFF
...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S BEST YOUNG BAKERS AGED 9 - 12

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

APPLICATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2023

Enquiries: applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk

JAKE CARRUTHERS TENNIS COACHING

TENNIS CAMPS
FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMPS

| 5 - 8 YEARS | 9+ YEARS |
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| Mon 13 Feb to Fri 17 Feb 5 days 9:30am - 1pm | Mon 13 Feb to Fri 17 Feb 5 days 9:30am - 1pm |
| Full Week: £100 (107 pp) | Full Week: £100 (107 pp) |
| Single Day: £24 (24 pp) | Single Day: £24 (24 pp) |
| Single Hour: £8.33 | Single Hour: £8.33 |
| Only 16 places available | Only 16 places available |

Click here to BOOK NOW

For more information and to book email jakecarruthers1@gmail.com OR VISIT SUTTONCHURCHTENNIS.CO.UK

£3 ZOO TICKETS!

London Zoo is offering £3 tickets for anyone currently receiving Universal Credit, Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance.

- The £3 tickets are available for the whole family and under 3's go free.
- Tickets can be purchased from the admissions kiosk on the day, from 11am, every day of the week.
- Just bring proof of benefit letter (electronic or paper).
- Offer runs until the end of March 2023.



Please follow the link below for further details:

<https://www.londonzoo.org/plan-your-visit/community-access-scheme>

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