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

Message from the Headteacher

I cannot believe we are nearly at the end of term and that this is our



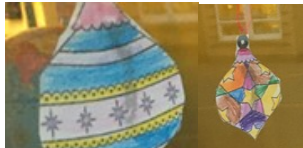
last Newsletter of 2020!

What a term—and indeed year—it has been. I would like to personally thank you for all of your support throughout this year and pray that 2021 brings peace and health for us all.

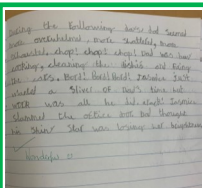
We will, sadly, be saying farewell to three of our team next Thursday—a huge thank you to Ms Pearson, Mrs Aspinall and Mrs Page for all they have brought to St Dunstan's. Ms Pearson is relocating with her family, Mrs Aspinall is starting a new career opportunity and Mrs Page who is leaving us after 14 years. We wish them all success and happiness in their futures. We will be welcoming 2 new teachers to our team—Mrs White and Mrs Francis will be joining us in January.

We are VERY excited to be sharing our Christmas celebration videos with you next week—a huge thank you to the children and the whole staff team on all of their hard work with this venture and a very special mention to the Phase Leaders—Mrs Armstrong, Miss Caswell and Mrs Cordery as well as Mrs Merova for their amazing editing skills!

As we move through Advent towards Christmas, we need to hold on to the messages of hope, direction and joy of which the prophets foretold so many years ago. I wish you all a Christmas full of peace, comfort and joy.



'This week in Year 4 we have completed our stories based on



What phenomenal writing we are seeing in Year 2, following 'The Write Stuff'. The children, and teachers are

really enjoying it!

Isabel "I love 'chotting' because it means we have lots of big words to choose from when we write our sentences."

Toby "I'm really enjoying writing and have used lots of exciting words I didn't know before!"

"The children are really benefitting from this exposure to high level vocabulary and choosing their favourite words to use in their sentences!" *Ms Caswell*

Year 3 have been busy making Christmas baubles (as seen above) and our clay fruit models from our Scrumdiddlyumptious topic lesson this week. We also created our own funny books last week and held a 'Strictly Reading Competition'.



the book 'The Journey' by Aaron Beekar. In maths, we have worked on our 7 and 11 times tables., whilst in RE we have looked at the meaning of Advent for Christians and which values are important during Christmas time. In ICT, we designed Christmas cards which we can now print from home on J2e.



We have been very busy!
by Olivia C & Beatrix



School calendars: The calendars have arrived and will be sent home in book bags next week.

We hope the children love seeing their pictures on their birthday month! There are some great images.

Christmas online raffle: Thank you to all of you who have purchased tickets so far. As you are aware we have some truly amazing prizes to be won and so if you haven't purchased tickets to date then the online raffle will close at **9.45am on Monday December 14th** just before the draw takes place.

Please circulate to family, friends and neighbours as well. All the money raised will go towards the new whiteboards and I.T equipment in the school.

The link again is:

<https://raffall.com/150773/enter-raffle-to-win-some-great-prizes-hosted-by-ptfa?preview>

Thank you for your support. **PTFA**



Year 5 have now reached the exciting innovation stage in our space topic, Stargazer.



This week the children have been collaborating to design moon buggies, which they will make and test next week. They will use different shape balloons as methods of propulsion, and investigate forces in action. We are looking forward to having moon buggy races in the playground! **Keep an eye out on Twitter for our results.**



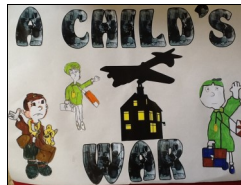
Christmas Charities

At this time of year, we usually look forward to inviting parents/carers/grandparents and other family members to attend our annual Christmas Celebrations where we would support various charities. As you are aware, it is all very different this year but we still be making a charitable donation as part of our annual giving. This year, School Council have chosen the Sutton Mental Health Foundation and Little Heartbeats Charity for this purpose.

Look out next week for information for ways you are able to donate.

Thank you for continued support.

Year 6 have been writing war poems to go with their topic 'A Child's War'. We used the structure from the poem 'Just a Book' by Joshua Seigal and called ours 'Just a War?' This is a verse from Jacob's:



'It's the fearless pilots,
patrolling the skies,
it's the benevolent nurses,
calming children's cries,
It's the courageous soldiers,
writing letters to reassure,
but it's never, no it's never,
no it's never just a war.'

Thank you for your donations to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Without our help, they would be unable to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work.

This year we collected **£265.22**.

Thank you for your support.



House Points

St Andrew

506

St George

554

St David

596

St Patrick

582

Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 4 /12 /2020 was:

97.2%

Our target is **96.4%**

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

Nursery	~	~
Venus	~	~
Pluto	~	Richard T
Neptune	Pippa C	Alfie
Mercury	Emily GA	Maya K
Jupiter	Leo	Florence S
Saturn	Cydney	Freya
Delphinus	James T	Holli-Mae
Phoenix	Annie	Rachel
Orion	Freddie	Tamiya
Pegasus	Luca C	Gil
Unicorn	Solomon	Hannah
Hercules	Phoebie H	Ava C
Aquila	Seiji	Aayan
Cygnus	Oliver	Jacob

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CHEAM TEAM MINISTRY
working together for the glory of God

Christmas 2020
We're still celebrating! Join us in church and online.

Services at St Dunstan's Carol Service Sunday 20th December 5pm and 7pm <small>Booking required to attend in person. Also on YouTube at 7pm</small>	Services at Oswald's Carol Service Sunday 20th December 5pm <small>Booking required to attend in person</small>	Services at St Alban's The Longest Night Sunday 20th December 7pm <small>A quiet service for those who find Christmas hard Booking required to attend in person</small>
Crib Service Christmas Eve - from 3.00pm <small>Service on YouTube only</small>	First Communion of Christmas Christmas Eve 6.30pm and 11.30pm <small>Booking required to attend in person. Also on YouTube at 11.30pm</small>	First Communion of Christmas Christmas Eve 11.30pm <small>Booking required to attend in person</small>
Christmas Family Eucharist Christmas Day 9.30am <small>Booking required to attend in person. Also on YouTube at 9.30am</small>	Christmas Family Eucharist Christmas Day 10.00am <small>Booking required to attend in person</small>	Christmas Family Eucharist Christmas Day 10.45am <small>Booking required to attend in person</small>

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

December

Thurs 17th Break Up at 3.00pm/
3.10pm/3.20pm

January

Mon 4th **INSET DAY**
Tues 5th Children Return to School
Thurs 14th Individual School Photographs

February

Weds 3rd Yr6 Height & Weight Check

Please see the attached Term Dates for
2021/2022