

13th October 2023

Newsletter No. 3

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

Message from Mrs Porter

Welcome to our last Newsletter of the half term! School has been a hive of learning during the last two weeks and I hope you enjoy reading about some of these in our packed Newsletter.

Thank you to all who joined us for our Harvest celebrations and for your generous donations. I hear that they were both well attended and there was a lovely sense of community, I'm only sorry I was not able to join you all.

I have two requests for you.

1. Each week in worship we explore one of our values, this half term it is Love and on Monday I will explore Compassion with the children. If your child demonstrates compassion over the weekend and you would like to share that with me, I will use this in worship on Monday. Use this Google form:

https://forms.gle/hb8sbRZXcVjtgjCq9 if to let me know, many thanks.

2. Do you have green fingers? Are you DBS checked and have a spare hour during the school day? If so, our spiritual area is in of some *tlc*. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

In the meantime enjoy your weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday for the last week of this half term. Mrs L Porter

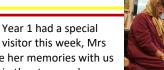
Mental Health Day 10.10.2023

We acknowledged and celebrated World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th October. Staff and children wore yellow to #HelloYellow for Young Minds. There were school worships as well as classes across the school addressing this important issue with lessons and activities to help us all to understand what good mental health and how we can support it.

"I learnt that not everyone feels the same and we have different emotions all the time and we are all different" Lena, Year 4.

"In Y6 we learnt that we cannot see mental health and we have to look after it by doing exercise and rest. I like to play football because I can play with my friends, it makes me stronger and I play in the park in the fresh air." Edwin, Year 6

"We made feelings out of thumb prints using paint. I learnt that no one has the same feelings." Lily Year 4.



Marjorie. She came to share her memories with us just like the people we met in the story we have

been reading. We thought about questions and words we could ask her about her memories. She talked about memories from Brownie Camp that made her feel warm and her favourite red teddy that she took everywhere in her pocket - it was

school.

Harvest Festival We had wonderful Harvest celebrations and were delighted to be joined by so many parents. Many thanks for all the harvest gifts brought into



Today we, the House Captains, went to the Foodbank storage unit in Sutton to deliver all the harvest gifts that had been generously donated by the families of our school and the congregation of St Dunstan's Church. We sorted all the goods into hard and soft goods and toiletries and then packed 4 cars and the back of a minibus with all the bags. When we arrived at the storage unit, we unloaded the cars onto three massive trolleys and then we wheeled them into

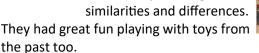
the unit. The Foodbank volunteers who met us there, explained what happens to the food next and told us that the harvest contributions from us and a few other schools would keep them going for about six months. They estimated that we had delivered somewhere between 250 and 500kg of food this morning! They will let us know the exact figure once they have weighed it all. Many thanks to the adults who came with us and to everyone who donated. The Year 6 House Captains - Alice, Sofia R, Sofia S, Bella, Eleora, Charlie, Oliver and Seb.

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Year 2 had a fabulous trip to Whitehall in

Cheam this week. They learnt about Cheam in the past and compared old Cheam to the Cheam we know today, looking at



As you are aware. the Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 2nd December.



We are looking for a Father Christmas to be at the Fayre. If you are interested, please email the PTFA at ptfa.stdunstans@gmail.com.

- Thursday 19th October will be a mufti day to raise funds for Christmas fayre activities. Further details to follow.
- We will shortly be sending out a survey to ask for your views on the PTFA on any fundraising ideas that you may have.

Thank you for your continued support.

PTFA

Sutton Borough Cross Country



Well done to all of our pupils that represented St Dunstan's at this year's cross county competition. The event was a great success, with 24 schools competing and over

100 students participating in each race. There was a great sense of camaraderie and support on display, with students cheering each other on and encouraging each other to finish.

A huge congratulations goes to Ruby who won the Girls Year 5 race being the fastest pupil in the borough for her category! We are very proud of you for such a fantastic achievement. A shout out also goes out to particularly impressive performances from Emily Y4 and Ben in Y6 for other top 10 performances.



this term.

Congratulations to all the participants for their hard work and dedication!

A big thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped to make the event such a success. Matt Warner

'Cross Country was amazing! We arrived at 1.35pm and we all took part in the races. The team performed extremely well and we achieved some very good results. Well done to everyone who took part. We really enjoyed it. Thank you to the parents and staff who accompanied us.' *by Ruby and Louise, Hercules.*

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Nursary

We are the new Junior Supremos— Asher, Lexi, Kayla, Eva, Oscar, Pollyanna, Bella, Blake, Lia Benjy and Gilbert.

You will see us in the playground at lunchtime. If you are bored and looking for a game to play, come and see us and you can join us in playing some games. by Isabella, Aquila.

'Stars' of the last two weeks

Oliva

Year 6 Junior Supremos

Online Safety Update

For Parents - Fortnite Guidance

Epic Games (which includes Fortnite, Fall Guys and Rocket League) provide some really useful features

for parents to manage their child's gaming experience. This includes 'cabined accounts' which are accounts where the child is under 13 and certain restrictions are applied by default, e.g. talking to other players. Given the popularity of these games it's possible some of you aren't aware of this feature. You can find further details and instructions from Internet Matters HERE.

For Parents - WhatsApp Guide

Even though WhatsApp has an age restriction of 16+ we are aware that some of our upper kS2 children use this messaging app. Over the last year or so WhatsApp have introduced new features; you may find this article helpful. You can find the article/guide HERE.

	Nursery	Olive	Sienna	· · · · · ·				
	Venus	Erick	Zeph	••••	House DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Dates may be subject to change)			
	Pluto	Grace	Alfie O		totals October			
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	Cygnus	Christy	Sofia		502	Thursday 21 st	Break up for Christmas	full list of
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Attendance Awards ATTENDAN

As you are aware, each week we issue certificates to the class the that have the

highest attendance. We are delighted to share the last two weeks certificates with you:

6th October 2023— Hercules and Orion

every school day counts

13th October— Hercules and Mercury

School Council Members 2023-24 Please ensure that child / We are pleased to announce our new School Council children come Members who have been elected for this year: to Neptune - Amelia Mercury - Insiya school with a Saturn - April Jupiter - Victoria water Phoenix - Sophia Delphinus - John bottle to Orion - Teddy Pegasus - Sophia ensure Unicorn - Isabel that they are Hercules - Seren kept hydrated Aquila - Isabella Cygnus - Charlie throughout Well done to all of the children who stood for the day. election. Mrs Mollet is really looking forward to working with the new School Council members. Thank you Are you looking for a church Sutton Are you looking for Nursery NHS school for your child? Health for your pre-schooler? 0-19 Children's Services Is your child born between **Meet your School Nurses** 1 September 2019 and 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2020? and Health Visiting teams 31 August 2021? Wednesday 25 October 2023 COME AND DISCOVER 10am - 2.30pm **St Nicholas Centre** ST DUNSTAN'S AT OUR **OUR NURSERY AT** (Next to Smiggle and Primark) OPEN DAYS ST DUNSTAN'S for children starting Reception in Sept 2024 Tues 17 Oct 9.45am - 11am Fri 3 Nov 9.45am - 11am Come see how we celebrate and live out our Christian values www.stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk office@stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk @stdunstanscheam Come and speak to us about: ren to start Reception in September 2024 on 1 Sept 2023 and close in mid-Jan 2024 DUNSTAN'S, CHEAM of Christian school, suided by the Good Sheph www.suttonhealthandcare.nhs.uk

NHS

2 doses of the MMR vaccine can stop your child becoming seriously unwell with measles

> Make sure your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations



Is your child born between



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Contact us to book a 45 minute slot

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