



13<sup>th</sup> 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/hb8sbRZXcVjtgiCq9> 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 t/c. 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Year 1 Special Visitor

Year 1 had a special visitor this week, Mrs 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



## 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 school.

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.*



## Year 2 Visit to Whitehall



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 similarities and differences.

They had great fun playing with toys from the past too.



As you are aware, the Christmas Fayre is on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:ptfa.stdunstans@gmail.com).

- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



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.*

## Year 6 Junior Supremos



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.*

## 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 'cabin 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](#).

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

Nursery	Olive	Sienna
Venus	Erick	Zeph
Pluto	Grace	Alfie O
Neptune	Harley	George
Mercury	Louis	Oakley
Jupiter	Grace	Hei
Saturn	Oscar	Alfie A
Delphinus	Henry	Sirisanwe
Phoenix	Jesse	Celine
Orion	Faith	Hannah
Pegasus	Daud	Alfie
Unicorn	Toby	Charlie
Hercules	Efrem	Noah
Aquila	Annie	Blake
Cygnus	Christy	Sofia

House Points totals for this week

St Andrew  
**388**

St David  
**462**

St Patrick  
**403**

St George  
**382**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

### October

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Parent Helpers Meeting 8.45am  
Teacher/Parent Consultations 3.40pm-6.00pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Prayer Group—Meet in library 8.45am

School Breaks up for half term  
INSET DAY

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>—Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Half Term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

### November

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Prayer Group—Meet in library 8.45am

### Future Dates for your Diary:

### December

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Break up for Christmas

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



# Attendance Awards



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:

6<sup>th</sup> October 2023— Hercules and Orion  
13<sup>th</sup> October— Hercules and Mercury

## School Council Members 2023-24

We are pleased to announce our new School Council Members who have been elected for this year:

Neptune - Amelia	Mercury - Insiya
Jupiter - Victoria	Saturn - April
Phoenix - Sophia	Delphinus - John
Orion - Teddy	Pegasus - Sophia
Unicorn - Isabel	Hercules - Seren
Aquila - Isabella	Cygnus - Charlie

Well done to all of the children who stood for election. Mrs Mollet is really looking forward to working with the new School Council members.

Please ensure that child / children come to school with a water bottle to ensure that they are kept hydrated throughout the day.



Thank you



**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



**Sutton**  
Health & Care  
0-19 Children's Services



## Meet your School Nurses and Health Visiting teams

Wednesday 25 October 2023  
10am - 2.30pm  
St Nicholas Centre  
(Next to Smiggle and Primark)

### Come and speak to us about:

- Relationships
- Health eating/infant feeding
- Weight management
- Emotional health
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Medical conditions
- Pregnancy
- Immunisations
- Lifestyle issues
- Child development
- Toileting/bedwetting.

[www.suttonhealthandcare.nhs.uk](http://www.suttonhealthandcare.nhs.uk)

Are you looking for a church school for your child ?

Is your child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020?

**COME AND DISCOVER ST DUNSTAN'S AT OUR OPEN DAYS**

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](http://www.stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk)  
[office@stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk](mailto:office@stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk)  
[@stdunstanscheam](https://twitter.com/stdunstanscheam)

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Are you looking for Nursery for your pre-schooler?

Is your child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?

**COME AND DISCOVER OUR NURSERY AT ST DUNSTAN'S**

**NURSERY OPEN WEEK**

Mon 6th Nov - Fri 10th Nov  
from 9.30am

Contact us to book a 45 minute slot

[www.stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk](http://www.stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk)  
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