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

## Message from the Headteacher—we are still here for you!

Another week has flown by and I would like to say a huge well done and thank you to the whole school community—the staff are all working tirelessly to ensure that all of our children are accessing the same high quality provision, whether in school or at home and I would like to pay a special tribute to all of our parents and carers for supporting your children so well in accessing all of the online learning activities. The staff are so enjoying being able to see all of the children who are not in school currently via the twice weekly Google Meets and, from the feedback we are receiving, the children are all enjoying them too! We may no longer be able to come together as a school community, however, please remember that the entire staff team is still here to support you and your children. We are delighted to continue with our fortnightly Newsletters, with updates about the children's learning whether at home or in school, so please do send in any pictures of your children or any of their home learning so we can still share their achievements via the Newsletter and on Twitter. You can, as always, contact the school using the direct class email addresses or the school office email: [office@stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk](mailto:office@stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk).

From Monday we will have a total of 123 children in school, plus the Nursery so, in order to ensure everyone's safety and reduce the risk of transmission, here is a reminder of safety measures please:

- please remember to wear a mask when dropping off and collecting the children (including teenagers) unless you are exempt;
- please do not arrive more than 5 minutes before your drop off/collection time in order that the other 'stagger' can all leave;
- please avoid chatting at the gates after pick up to ensure a smooth flow of children.

On behalf of our whole staff team, I would like to wish you a relaxing weekend. Stay safe!

*Ms J Corby, Headteacher*



### 'St Dunstan's - a thriving Christian school guided by The Good Shepherd, founded on faith, inspiring the best in everyone.'

As part of our RE lessons both in school and through home learning, the Year 6 pupils were given the opportunity to reflect on own school Vision Statement and what it meant to them. They wrote their reflections on a collaborative document so that they could share their thoughts with the rest of their class. Here are some of their responses:

'I think that the statement shows how we all support and encourage others, pushing everyone forward together. It really captures the community and teamwork of St Dunstan's and how each of us are an essential part of the school.' *Jess*. 'I think that the statement shows that as a community we can work together and achieve the best in everyone.' *Harry*. 'I think that this message shows that our school is led by the Ten Commandments and we follow them every day.' *Cicely*. 'I think that when we are guided by the Good Shepherd we learn mistakes are ok and we are founded by faith because we support each other and support diversity. It is important that we follow our shepherd/inspiration as it can keep us going on in life.' *Olivia F*.

Year 3 have been reflecting on how Jesus is the Good Shepherd.



"Jesus, the Good Shepherd, protects people and looks after people, who are lost. He never leaves his people, Jesus loves us and he gives us everything we need.

Jesus will never give up searching for his lost sheep which is us."

*Benjie*.

"We believe that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, protects people by guiding us in the right direction, having faith in us and loving us."

*Oliver*.

"Jesus, the Good Shepherd, protects us by loving and caring for us. He gave up his life for us." *Mythilli*.

"We believe that Jesus loves us and always will, so he is like a Good Shepherd and we are his sheep."

*Ralph*.

Year 1 have been looking at the parable The Lost Sheep. We found out the Good Shepherd will guide and love us just like our St Dunstan's Vision. We wrote thought bubbles about what the Shepherd may say to us.



As we start the New Year the PTFA require a new treasurer. Our existing treasurer will be stepping down when her daughter leaves school in July and so we are looking for someone to volunteer to take up this role

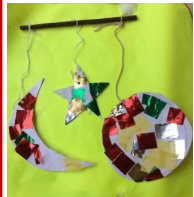
within the PTFA. If you are interested in finding out more about the role then please email Ally at [PTFA.StDunstans@gmail.com](mailto:PTFA.StDunstans@gmail.com). We welcome enquiries from parents, carers and grandparents.

**Fundraising opportunities:** Despite the current circumstances which mean we cannot deliver some of our planned events and activities, we hope to run some fundraising opportunities in the coming weeks in order to raise much needed funds for the school. As you are aware we are currently fundraising in order to support the purchase of new I.T equipment for classrooms.

We appreciate your on going support and hope you are keeping safe and well.

**PTFA**

### Nursery have been busy...



every plant and tree, all living things fish, birds, animals and people. To remember the story, the children made a shiny collage of the sun, moon and stars to hang at home.

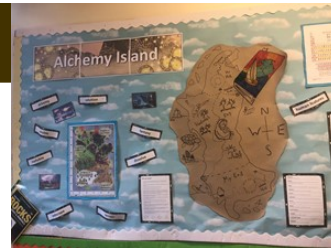


In Nursery we talked about how God has always existed and is the Creator of all things; he made the sea and sky, land,

### Year 5 are going on an adventure

In Year 5 this week we have begun to explore our new topic Alchemy Island, which we have all really enjoyed.

As part of our writing we have been using the amazing book by Michael Morpurgo, Kensuke's Kingdom, as inspiration for emotive sentences in our poetry about a catastrophic storm at sea! As composers, we have used keyboards to create our own portal music that we can use as we arrive on our fantasy island. During our science lessons, we have created and tested parachutes using different materials to explore the concept of air resistance, it was great fun! We have begun to construct our very own fantasy island using Kodu and we are now looking forward to programming characters and objects next week.



### A fun way to start the day ..

"In Year 2 we have been starting our day the right way by joining in the live daily PE lesson with The Body Coach Joe Wicks.



It's fun and gets our brains ready to start our home learning."



### Eat Right and Digest Well

Year 4 have been very busy in school, and at



home, learning about our digestive system! "We looked at how our stomach works. We used toothpaste to see how our oesophagus pushes our food down. The experiment that we did used the toothpaste upside down and squeezed the toothpaste to show how our oesophagus works even when we're upside down!" by Evana.



"We put bread into a bag and then crushed it into small pieces. Then we put coke in the bag and squashed it together. This showed us how our stomach works! I enjoyed these experiments because I got to pour the coke in the bag and got to watch the acid working on the bread!" By Caleb.

Sent in from home experiments!

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

Nursery	All Nursery Children	Alfie
Venus	All Venus Children	Bianca
Pluto	Amelia N	Calli
Neptune	Emily R	William
Mercury	Zara	Miley
Jupiter	Sophie W	Kimberly
Saturn	Joshua R	Freya
Delphinus	Sofia H	Logan
Phoenix	Ralph	Lucas
Orion	Bella	Phoebe
Pegasus	Billy	Ruby
Unicorn	Connie	Joshua
Hercules	Freya	Abinar
Aquila	Bernardo	Izzy
Cygnus	Ava	Archie



Years 3 & 4 keep your eyes open for a letter from Mrs Tobitt announcing the 'Environment Innovation' design winners.

Well done to everyone who took part. Mrs Tobitt

### How to keep children healthy, happy, learning and entertained at home

Here is your free e-copy of Family First magazine, packed full of information to help keep children happy, learning & entertained at home during lockdown. Please click on the link below:

[https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff\\_issue\\_7\\_digital211220](https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_issue_7_digital211220)

Stay safe, The Family First Team



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

February

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> — Fri 19<sup>th</sup>

Half Term