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

## Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to our Newsletter which is, once again, full of exciting news. It was lovely to see so many members of the St Dunstan's community come together for the 'Music for a Summer's Afternoon' on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. The children sang, danced and performed perfectly. For those who were able, I hope you also enjoyed celebrating all your children's learning in their classrooms afterwards. On more than one occasion I heard the words, 'Wow you have done so much learning this year' to which I can only agree and thank you for all the support you have given at home. Well done to those children who entered and won a prize at the Horticultural Show on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Congratulations to Miss Mountney for leading us again in achieving our Sun Safety official accreditation. We remain a Sun Safe School! On Monday we say farewell to Ms Leith who has taught in Unicorn Class this term. We thank her for all her work in KS2 and wish her every happiness as she returns to South Africa. As the high temperatures continue I wish you all a happy weekend, enjoy the sunshine and remember our sun safe rules to 'slip on a top, slop on the sun cream and slap on a hat!!'

Mrs L Porter

## Quote from the Parental Questionnaire

*'We are so pleased to find a school that cares so much for each child. In my opinion, it is outstanding and I am so happy with it!'*

## Southwark Leavers' Service



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On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, Year 6 travelled to London for our Leavers' Service at Southwark Cathedral. The service was fantastic and had a theme of 'River of Hope'. Using the river as a symbol of our journey from Year 6 to Year 7, we thought about how our life will continue to flow through these changes. A river can sometimes flow easily and sometimes it can get bumpy just like our lives. Sometimes we have to 'go

with the flow' and trust in the plans that God has for us.

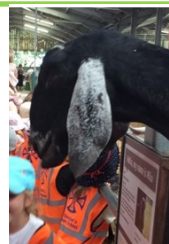
## Reception Visit Bocketts Farm



wonderful time visiting Bocketts Farm! Some highlights included the tractor ride, feeding the sheep, goats and cows, the pig race and handling the smaller animals. We learnt so much from our 'farmer' guide and enjoyed an outing with all of our school friends.

Many thanks to all our parents helpers who made the visit possible!

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A **BIG** thank you to all of you who kindly donated money this morning for our final mufti day of the academic year.

Thanks to your support and generosity we raised an amazing **£560.00** to go towards the purchase of a defibrillator. Along with money raised from the uniform sale and funds already raised by the PTFA throughout this academic year, we plan to now purchase this piece of equipment for the school which is fantastic. Thank you once again.

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## Year 2 Trip to Sutton Ecology Centre

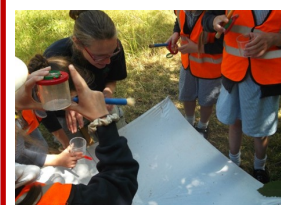


On 20<sup>th</sup> June, Year 2 went to the Sutton Ecology centre as part of our science topic on 'Living Things

and their Habitats'. First we were each given a minibeast or insect figure and had to sort them into their correct habitats.

Then we went to the pond area where we tried pond dipping with a big net. We emptied the content of the net into a tub of water and used a magnifying glass to explore the creatures we had caught. We had an identification chart that we used to help us name the different pond creatures.

We then explored the meadow and



woodland area using a bug pot and brush to find different minibeasts.

We found spiders, caterpillars, ladybirds, beetles, snails, ants and we even saw a slow worm! It was interesting being able to look at them closely through our magnified bug pots. We had a lovely day being minibeast explorers!

## Music for a Summer's Afternoon



Last Friday saw the whole school community come together on the school field for a celebration of music and dance, in our

'Music for a Summer's Afternoon' concert. All the children had been working hard in preparation for the event and performed with gusto to an appreciative audience of parents and adults who have supported the school in various ways this year.

My thanks go to the children, to the whole audience for their encouragement, all our invited guests, Miss Lister for preparing the dancers, Mr Johnson for accompanying us on the keyboard and to our enthusiastic team of teachers and teaching assistants, without whose hard work the event would not have been possible. *Mrs Cordery*

## Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 04/07/2022 was:

**95.30%**

Our target is **96.4%**

## House Points

**St Patrick**  
**396**

**St Andrew**  
**435**

**St David**  
**435**

**St George**  
**429**

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

Nursery	Edward B	Noah
Venus	Jeremy C	Gian Luca
Pluto	Logan S	Vicky
Neptune	Bobby	Chloe E
Mercury	Bianca	Georgia W
Jupiter	Alfie	Jack E
Saturn	Floard	Alfred
Delphinus	Toby	Noah M
Phoenix	Talia	Rosalind
Orion	Charlotte	Pollyanna
Pegasus	Sakar	Maisie
Unicorn	Olivia C	Caleb
Hercules	Luca	Elisabeth
Aquila	Reeyaz	Hannah
Cygnus	Ava	Sam S

## Environment Club Trip to Gander Green Lane Allotments

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July, Environment Club were given the opportunity to visit the Gander Green Lane Allotments where the children

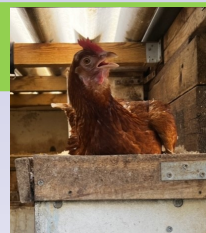


looked around some of the 200 plots!

It was amazing to see how many different types of fruit and vegetables people were growing.

We also met some chickens and bees. The

biggest surprise was that male honey bees don't have stingers, so the bee keepers could just let them walk over their hand.



In the extreme hot weather that we are currently experiencing, please can you ensure that your child brings a water bottle / school hat / sun hat to school and sun cream has been applied before arriving at school. If you are collecting your child at 1.15pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and/or Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, please remember to complete the google form.



**BE KIND, PARK WITH OTHERS IN MIND**  
#selfishparking



Please consider others when parking.

- ✓ RESPECT OTHERS
- ✓ THINK BEFORE YOU PARK
- ✓ DON'T BE SELFISH

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

### July

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Prayer Group in School Library 8.45am  
Yr 6 Leavers Service at St Dunstan's Church  
Term Ends 1.30pm

### Future Dates

### September

### Thurs & Fri 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> INSET Days

Mon 5<sup>th</sup>

Fri 9<sup>th</sup>

Sat 10<sup>th</sup>

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>

Children return to school

Sports Day KS1 9.00am and KS2 1.30pm

Cheam & Cuddington Horticultural Show

KS2 Eucharist in Church. All parents are welcome.

Year 5 Residential Trip to Dalesdown: 26<sup>th</sup>—28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Year 6 Residential Trip to Maes y Lade:

Week 1: 22<sup>nd</sup>—25<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Week 2: 5<sup>th</sup>—9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

