



15th September 2023

Newsletter No. 1

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

Message from Mrs Porter

Autumn 2023 and another school year has begun. The weather may have felt more like July over the last couple of weeks, but with Reception starting school full-time yesterday and Nursery on Monday, it is certainly feeling like a new year and a new chapter in school.

It is wonderful to have everyone back happy, settled into their new routines and raring to go for this year's learning and opportunities. A very warm welcome to all our new children and families.

Congratulations to our new house captains who have begun their roles in earnest already this week. Thank you also to our new Y5 lunchtime teams who are helping out in the dining hall.

Invites to the online Overview Meeting for your class have been sent out via Parentmail and the dates are overleaf. Please do attend as this will provide you with key information for your year group this year.

From Monday children will be expected to wear their **full school uniform**: shirts and ties with a skirt, shorts, pinafore or trousers as we return to more seasonal weather. A full list of our uniform can be found on the school's website.

I hope you enjoy reading about our first 10 days in school and may we remember that the Good Shepherd watches over us today and everyday in all we face and experience. He will never leave us or forget us and is with us all as we journey into this new academic year.

Mrs L Porter

Sensory Room

Exciting things have been

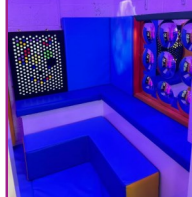


happening over the summer holidays and we now have a new sensory room in school. It is a room that is designed to support a pupil's sensory preferences and needs, alongside providing pupil's with the individualised sensory input they need to self regulate, so they can be better

prepared for learning and interacting with others. It is a room that is available for all the children in our school which can be used whilst being supervised by an adult.

The children that have accessed it so far have benefited

tremendously and we have seen a positive impact on individual needs.



It includes a bubble tube that changes colours, a sensory board with a range of material and sounds, a mirror wall, a shudder bar that vibrates when you lean into it, an illuminated peg board as well as a wall projector



that displays a range of images.

A wonderful use of space and a great addition to our school. **Mrs Soma, SENDCO**

Year 1 Teddy Bears' Picnic



On Thursday 14th September, Year 1 came to school very excited for their Teddy Bears' picnic. Everyone brought in their favourite teddy to join them for the day, including the teachers! To start with, we thought about how to make a jam sandwich. We learnt that the order in which to make them was important! After we made our sandwiches, we went to the playground to have our picnic with our teddies. Once we all had our delicious food and a drink, we talked about why our teddies are special. It was a lovely way to start Year 1!



Year 6 House Captains



We are pleased to announce the House Captains for the **Autumn Term 2023**:

St Andrew's: Bella C & Sofia H

St David's: Eleora A & Charlie G

St George's: Alice R & Sofia S

St Patrick's: Oliver L & Sebastian N

Congratulations to you all.



I hope you had a fun summer and a warm welcome to all new parents who joined our school community at the start of term.

My name is Miss H O'Byrne and I am the new Chair of the PTFA. I am very much looking forward to working with you. We have our first PTFA meeting next week and will provide further information in due course about fundraising events and activities soon.

Hold the date! Please note that the school Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 2nd December.

PTFA

Parent Overview Meetings

House Points totals for this week

St Andrew
504


St David
585

St Patrick
585

St George
578

Year Group	Date / Time	Google Meet Link
Rec	Thursday 21st September 4-4:30	https://meet.google.com/vkg-akps-rqk
Y1	Wednesday 20th September 4-4:30	https://meet.google.com/ggo-cpbh-vvj
Y2	Monday 25th September 4-4.30	https://meet.google.com/rgp-wcsi-rki
Y3	Tuesday 26th September 4-4.30	https://meet.google.com/ymo-cvez-vze
Y4	Friday 22nd September 4-4.30	https://meet.google.com/whk-fnwr-mxa
Y5	Friday 29th September 4- 4.30	https://meet.google.com/oyh-uwks-bfk
Y6	Thursday 28th September 4-4:30	https://meet.google.com/ikc-avoe-zbn





Coffee Morning

Thursday 28th September 8:45 - 9.30am

Do you have questions about your child's well-being?

...health?

...diet?

...behaviour?

...routines at home?

Come and learn about local services that are there to help. Come and ask the team who help and support us with your children's well-being.

Sutton Family Hub Connector Sonia Gooden, Family Support Worker Lotus Shadwell School Nurse Caroline Bardey.

Any queries contact the school office: office@stdunstanscheam.co.uk




On Thursday 14th September, we had our first produce from the St Dunstan's Allotment! Mrs Fraser in the school kitchen was able to use the beet-roots that have been grown over the last few months in the allotment and include these in the salad bar mixed with satsumas. Delicious!

Education Wellbeing Service

See the school's website under Mental Health and Wellbeing for a details of the autumn term schedule for webinars for parents.

'Stars' of the week.....

Venus	Hayden
Pluto	Leo B
Neptune	Aliyah
Mercury	Eliza
Jupiter	Cara
Saturn	Stephen
Delphinus	Theo
Phoenix	Georgia
Orion	Eleana
Pegasus	Lily
Unicorn	Lucia
Hercules	Kit
Aquila	Pollyanna
Cygnus	Ben

Congratulations to...



Congratulations' to Yusuf in Year 5 for being awarded a Blue Peter badge for designing a Glastonbury Festival logo.

Sutton Library ran a 'Be an Author' Summer Reading Club 2023 Competition during the summer holidays. We are delighted to announce that Noah in Year 5 has been awarded one of prizes for writing an excellent chapter of a book he read over the holidays. Well done to Noah!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

September

Monday 18 th	Clubs Start this week
	Nursery First Day
Thursday 7 th	Prayer Group in School Library 8.45am
Tuesday 26 th	Year 2 Walk Around Cheam Village
Thursday 28 th	Year 4 Roman Day
	Welcome Drinks for New Parents 6.00pm—7.00pm

Future Dates for your Diary:

Oct	
Thursday 19 th	School Breaks up for half term
Friday 20 th	INSET DAY
Mon 23 rd — Fri 27 th	Half Term

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