



16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Newsletter No. 158

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

## Message from the Headteacher

the school routine! We welcome all families new to our St Dunstan's community and hope you will be very happy. All of the children, both 'old and new' have settled so well, including all of our new Nursery and Reception children who have just completed their first full sessions/days at school.

It was lovely to have our first Eucharist of the year on Wednesday and thank you to the children, staff and all who attended and participated for a special service. Thank you for all your contributions.

Over the past week, as a school, we have been marking the death of the late Queen Elizabeth and celebrating her life and all she has meant to us. We held a very poignant worship last Friday and are very grateful to Nick for leading this worship alongside me, and for all of his time and support in school especially during this period of mourning.

As we approach the funeral for Her Late Majesty the Queen on Monday, we have also joined together in reflection and prayer: Dear God, Thank you for the gift of life you gave to Queen Elizabeth II. We remember all the ways in which she cared for and loved others. Please comfort and give strength to all who mourn at this time, And remind them of the hope that you have prepared a place for the Queen. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

I wish you all a peaceful weekend and we will see the children back in school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Ms J Corby

Today, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September we celebrated National Teaching Assistants' Day where we thanked all our Teaching Assistants for the wonderful help and support they give.

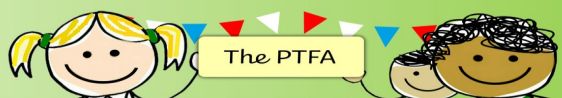


## HARVEST CELEBRATIONS 2022

This year, our Harvest Celebrations will take place on  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October.**



We will be supporting the Sutton Foodbank and the Community Food Shop who provide emergency food to people in need. Foodbank provides three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. They part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. This year in particular, families are facing difficult situations at the current time with the increased cost of living and having to make difficult choices. Sutton Foodbank are a community food shop for those who are struggling on low income The foodbank gets residents through a short term crisis. More details will be in the next newsletter.



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

We have our first PTFA meeting next week and will provide further information in due course about fund-raising events and activities soon.

### **Hold the date!**

Please note that the school Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

As you know we held a mufti day on Friday 15th July to raise monies for a defibrillator. Since then we have been advised that the government is rolling these out in schools so we will be using the funds for other projects. Many thanks for your support.

PTFA



On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September Year 1 came to school very excited for their Teddy Bear's picnic. They brought in their favourite teddy to join them for the day. 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 drink, we talked about why our teddies are special. We discovered that Queen Elizabeth loved jam sandwiches too and had one every day since she was five years old.



1-minute Maths is a FREE app aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils and focuses on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. You choose a topic and answer a series of randomly generated questions. When the one minute is up, the questions are automatically marked and shown on a breakdown screen, providing instant feedback to show how you have done. If you struggle with a question here is a 'hint' button to help. The free mobile app is available for Apple/iOS, Android and Kindle and can be downloaded <https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>. See below for more information.



Mrs Miscia



We are pleased to announce the House Captains for the **Autumn Term 2022.**

**St Andrew:** Chloe & Audrey  
**St David:** Keira & Thomas  
**St George:** Raquel & Lilly-Mae  
**St Patrick:** Olivia & Lillyann

*Congratulations to you all.*

**House Points**

St David  
197

St Andrew  
157

St George  
149

St Patrick  
144

### Cheam and Cuddington Horticultural Show

Congratulations to all our Cheam and Cuddington Horticultural Show winners and a special mention to Noah in Year 4 who won his trophy for being the Over 8's overall winner. We look forward to seeing your 'green fingers' in action around the school!



Home-Start is running a free Volunteer Preparation Course, beginning Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September and there are still spaces available. This is a great opportunity for parents who suddenly find themselves with a bit more time on their hands and who would like to give something back to the community, or who are thinking about retraining to work in family support. To find out more go to:

[www.homestartsutton.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.homestartsutton.org.uk/volunteer)



internet  
matters.org

Internet Matters have created dedicated hubs on their website for early years, and primary aged children. These hubs are full of information and resources parents, including common issues, top apps and platforms, resources and advice. Please see [HERE](#) for Early Years and [HERE](#) for Primary links.

Snapchat remains one of the most popular apps used by children and young people. Snapchat has a Family Centre feature and the company has been adding a couple of updates recently which parents may find useful, this includes seeing what friends their children have been sending messages to and a complete list of their child's existing friends. There is a full breakdown of the Snapchat safety features [HERE](#).

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

Nursery	~	~
Venus	~	Whole Class
Pluto	~	Whole Class
Neptune	Drew	Ryan Q
Mercury	Nawaal	Logan
Jupiter	Niyah	Georgia
Saturn	Aaron	Annabelle
Delphinus	Faith-Zelma	Zafran
Phoenix	Florence K	Amelia
Orion	Yusuf	Ethan
Pegasus	Xavier	Julia
Urnicorn	Colton	Imogen
Hercules	Annie	Sania
Aquila	Rethish	Laragh
Cygnus	Thomas	Darcey

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

#### September

Tues 20<sup>th</sup>

Clubs start this week

Year 4 Roman Day

Year 4 Overview Meeting 4.00pm-4.30pm

Weds 21<sup>st</sup>

Year 6—Swimming

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>

Year 3 Overview Meeting 4.30pm-5.00pm

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>

Parent Helper Meeting—9.00am

Mon 26<sup>th</sup>

Year 5 Overview Meeting 4.00pm-4.30pm

Parent Helper Meeting—2.30pm

Weds 28<sup>th</sup>

Year 6—Swimming

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup>

Parent Helper Meeting—9.00am

Reception Overview Meeting 4.00pm-4.30pm

#### Future Dates

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct

INSET DAY

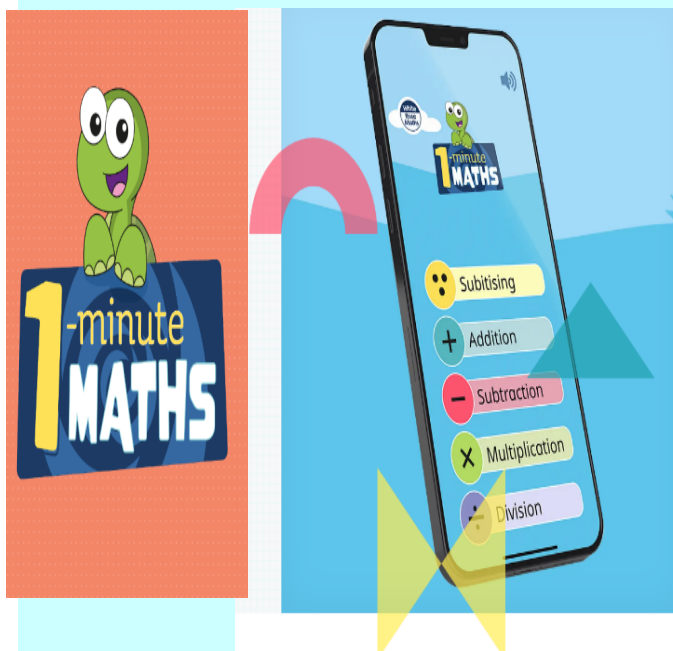
Mon 24<sup>th</sup>—Fri 28<sup>th</sup>

Half Term

Mon 31<sup>st</sup>

Children return to school

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## Perfect for use both in class and at home

Our new 1-minute maths app helps your pupils to build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks!



### Who's it for?

This first version of the app is aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils, and focuses on adding and subtracting – and on 'Subitising'. We've also just added multiplication and division topics! The free mobile app is available for Apple/iOS, Android and Kindle.


### How does it work?

1-minute maths offers children engaging and easily accessible practice in basic number. There's no specific route or starting point. Having chosen a topic, each user answers a series of randomly generated questions (a different set of questions every time means they learn the concept, not a sequence of answers).

When the one minute's up, the questions are automatically marked and presented on a breakdown screen, giving instant feedback on how they've done. If they're struggling with a question, a 'Hint' button reformats the question as a familiar manipulative display that mirrors the approaches used in the White Rose Maths schemes of learning. **Great for home & school use!**

Although we hope you'll enjoy using 1-minute maths in class, we believe that it's also a fantastic and accessible tool for children to use outside the school day, too.

That's why we'd love your help in encouraging parents and carers to download the free app. We're certain that they'll see their children confidence – and have fun with basic number!



### Check out these 7 top reasons for using 1-minute maths!

1. Excellent practice — and no distractions.
2. A clear, intuitive process that children pick up straight away.
3. No login or internet access needed. Just download and play.
4. Enjoyable and motivating... How many can they get correct in one minute?
5. Helpful hints match those used in class.
6. Brilliant for building number fluency and confidence.
7. The mobile app is **completely FREE!**

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