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Newsletter No. 14

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

*'Guided by God to love, trust, hope, serve and inspire the best in everyone.'*

## Message from Mrs Porter

I can't believe that it is one week until the half term break already, the past few weeks have really flown. As you read this newsletter, you will see that it has been another exciting and busy fortnight.

A huge congratulations to Year 6 who have completed their SATs this week. They all approached them in a calm and mature way and can now look forward to Wales in the next few weeks.

Tomorrow Y5 will be leading the procession to open the Cheam Charter Fayre both the Town Criers and the Tudor dancers, so if you are in the village and near St Dunstan's Church do come and join us at 9:00am.

Another piece of exciting news: I am delighted to tell you that Maya Ruth Tobitt was born last Friday 6lbs 14oz. Parents and baby are doing well. We send them all our love and best wishes.



Enjoy your weekend and hopefully there will be more sunshine than rain!

**Mrs L Porter**

## Saturn Visit Sutton Ecology Centre

On Monday morning, Year 2 Saturn Class visited the



Sutton Ecology Centre. We had a busy morning identifying minibeasts and deciding which habitat they were suited to. Next, we used nets to dip for pond creatures in the pond. We found lots of newts, water fleas and pond skaters. We then investigated the meadow and used bug pots and brushes to collect spiders, ladybirds and ants. We were very sensible and thoroughly enjoyed our exciting morning being minibeast explorers!

See the next newsletter for Jupiter's visit to the Ecology Centre.



On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, Year 1 and Year 5 enjoyed meeting Nabhir from Sanantan Temple, Coulsdon - the Hindi priest again!

The children completed a workshop on the beliefs of the

Hindu religion.

In Year 1, Nabi told us more about Hinduism and answered questions we had. Indiana - 'I learnt about the elephant god Ganesh.' Emily - 'We learnt about how Hindus pray and how they use prayer beads.' Christyian - 'I loved learning about the god Krishna who loved butter!' Violet - 'I asked the priest what his day was like and he told us how busy it was.'

Year 5 enjoyed learning about the foundations of the Hindu religion and the belief system related to karma. During the workshop, Year 5 asked a good variety of interest questions to consolidate their learning.



The PTFA have been very busy over the last couple of weeks and we are ramping up as we are in the depths of Summer Fair preparations.

**Our Quiz Night** was attended by 70 quizzers last Friday and was a big success. Knowledge was tested, Fish n' Chips and drinks were a-plenty and giggles filled the air. We raised a HUGE **£650!!!** Thank you to all that came along to enjoy the evening and for your generosity on the night.

**Bag2School:** After the success of our February half term fundraiser, where we raised **£333** and after lots of requests for more, we have arranged for Bag2School to visit us again. As the sun is beginning to show it's

face and temperatures rise, the May Half Term is the perfect time to have another sort out. Please bring along your clearance haul to morning drop off on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Bags will be sent home in book bags before we break up.

**St Dunstan's Bake-Off:** We will be holding a Bake-Off competition Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, following World Baking Day on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>. Get those baking kits to the ready this weekend and bring along entries to the morning drop off. There will be three winners selected across EYFS, KS1 and KS2. Baking should be focused on individual muffins, cupcakes or fairy cakes. Prizes for the winning bakes. We will also be holding a cake sale at pick up, outside the school office.

**Summer Fair:** Our fair, taking place Saturday 22nd June, relies on volunteer participation and we will be sharing information before half term of how you can get involved. Our mission this year is doing MOREin2024 and we have some great new stalls. Stalls are run by our school community and Class Reps will be looking for volunteers to sign up for 1 hour slots. Please help us throw our children the best fair yet by lending a hand. There are some stalls where we will be asking for donations too.

Remember to sign up to Instagram to keep up to date with all the excitement.

**PTFA**

# Year 5 Visit to Dalesdown



Our favourite parts of Dalesdown were the indoor games in the lounge, like the cup stacking. We learnt all about Tudor medicines at The Weald and Downland Museum, and made lavender pouches. On the woodland walk with Mr Crush and his dog Jet, we saw lots of deer eating grass! We really loved playing volleyball, which we never get to do at school! We had a great time away, and were sad that it went so quickly!

*by Rehan N and Angel B*

BELONG • BELIEVE • BECOME  
**DALESDOWN**



We had an amazing time at Dalesdown, and are very grateful for being able to go. We really enjoyed the Weald and Downland Museum, especially seeing the blacksmith making tools and fences. In the gift shop, we bought some lollipops, sweets, and marbles. The food was really tasty, especially the pasta on the first night! We really enjoyed the activities on the second night, doing sports with Mrs Webb and a quiz with Miss Forde! We were surprised by how nice the bedrooms were, and luckily managed to get some sleep! *by Florence S and Izzy S*



## Farmers' for a Day

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, EYFS were 'Farmers for the Day'. A mobile farm came to the school field. We dressed as farmers and went to handle and learn how to look after a range of different animals including Shetland ponies, a goat,

sheep, rabbits, chickens, ducklings, a quail, guinea pigs and the outrageously fast tortoise!

Everyone had the opportunity to brush the ponies and goat, stroke the super soft rabbits and guinea pigs and watch the ducklings swim in their tub. Some of us were brave enough to hold Rosie the bearded dragon and we all giggled when the tortoise knocked down his fence and set off across the field.

We learnt how to feed the ponies, with a flat hand, that ponies have manes and that their body hair feels different from their mane and tail and that ducklings and chickens have different types of feet. We learnt a lot about the different animals but also about being courageous enough to try new things.





## Attendance Awards

As you are aware, each week we issue certificates to the classes that have the highest attendance for KS1 & KS2. We are delighted to share the highest attenders of the last week with you:

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

Jupiter 98% &  
Orion 99.7%

## Year one Visit to Yourspace Sutton

We had an amazing time doing different activities. We tried pond dipping, a minibeast trail, a pollinator search and a native tree trail. Our favourite activity was the pond dipping where we used nets to collect minibeasts. We were excited to see newts and we found out that the green tadpoles turn into frogs but the black ones turn into toads. We looked at beehives and honeycombs and tasted different types of honey. We learned so much from Lucy and Kevin!



## NUT FREE SCHOOL



As you will be aware we are a **nut free school**. The reason for this is that there are children in our care who have **severe allergies to nuts** which can result in a serious allergic reaction—

**anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a condition which can be life threatening.**

I would like to remind that you **must** not send your child to school with any snacks or packed lunch items that contain nuts. This includes certain cereal bars chocolate spreads such as Nutella, biscuits and other items.

Please ensure that you check food labels to ensure that are **no traces of nut in school**.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in ensuring that our school is a safe environment for everyone.



**Congratulations** to all the children who took part in the Young Writers Contest. Many of our young writers were awarded certificates for the brilliant stories they wrote. Well done to you all.



In order to keep up to date with school activities for the term, we recommend that you visit the school's website for a full list of dates. This can be found on the front home page of the website as shown here:



The dates given below are only a glimpse of what is actually happening at school. And we wouldn't like you to miss anything.  
Thank you

## UPCOMING EVENT

Clubs Start until w/c 20th May  
Monday 22 April

Year 6 Maes y Lade - Aquila  
Monday 20 May

PTFA Bake Off  
Monday 20 May

Yr2 Sutton Ecology Centre (Jup)  
Monday 20 May

Mercury Class Assembly 9.20am  
Thursday 23 May

[View Full Calendar >>](#)

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

Nursery	Hamza	Henry
Venus	Ella	Sarah
Pluto	Riley	Hannah
Neptune	Olumide	Indiana
Mercury	Kylie	Jessica
Jupiter	Janice	Marcus
Saturn	Rayna	Cameron
Delphinus	James	Sirisanwe
Phoenix	Niyah	Isabella
Orion	Whole Class	Luke
Pegasus	Floard	Sienna
Unicorn	Florence	Isha
Hercules	Noah	Freya
Aquila	Rachel	Whole Class
Cygnus	Maisie	Victoria

House  
Points  
totals  
for this  
week

St Andrew  
**229**

St David  
**183**

St Patrick  
**260**

St George  
**218**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

### May

Sat 18<sup>th</sup>

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> - Fri 24<sup>th</sup>

Mon 20<sup>th</sup>

Weds 22<sup>nd</sup>

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>

Fri 24<sup>th</sup>

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> — Fri 31<sup>st</sup>

### June

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>

Weds 5<sup>th</sup>

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>

Cheam Charter Fayre

Aquila Residential trip to Maes y Lade

Year 2 (Jupiter) Visit Sutton Ecology Centre

PTFA Bake Off

Year 3 Swimming Lesson

Year 1 Parents Phonics Meeting 9.30am

(Online)

Mercury Class Assembly (9.20am)

EYFS & KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm

Break Up for Half Term 3.15pm/3.20pm

Half Term

Children Return to School

Cygnus Residential trip to Maes y Lade

Year 3 Swimming Lesson

Prayer Group 8.45am meet in library

Reception Height and Weight Check

Pluto Class Assembly 9.20am

**INSET DAY**  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

We Have Been Recognised As The Best Children's Sports Coaching Provider in Surrey  
<https://www.sme-news.co.uk/winners/community-advantages-sports-coaching/>

## MAY HALF TERM FOOTBALL COURSE

St Dunstan's Primary School,  
 Anne Boleyn's Walk, Sutton, SM3 8DF

For Children aged 4 - 11 (Rec - Year 6)

Tuesday 28th May to  
 Thursday 30th May

**£25 per half day**  
 (£20 per half day if you book three days)  
 9.00am - 1.00pm (Half Day)

**£30 per full day**  
 (£25 per full day if you book three days)  
 9.00am - 3.00pm (Full Day)

Coaching includes: Ball Skills, Fun Games and Matches.  
 Every child will receive a prize and there will be special additional trophies for excellent sportsmanship.  
 To book your place, please see details overleaf.

COMMUNITY ADVANTAGES

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 9.00am - 3.00pm (Full Day)

Boys and Girls aged 4-11 years  
 (Reception to Year 6)

Activities include Routines, Coordination Skills and Fun Games  
 To book your place, please see details overleaf.

COMMUNITY ADVANTAGES

## SUMMER Garden Party

Friends of Sutton Ecology Centre  
 Sutton Ecology Centre, Festival Walk, Carshalton

8 June  
 11 - 4pm

Family activities including: Nature discovery back packs for hire  
 Cakes and Refreshments, Plant stall, Spin the Wheel, Face Painting & music

Join us for a relaxing afternoon in beautiful surroundings with refreshments & delicious homemade cakes

[www.friendsoftheecologycentre.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheecologycentre.org.uk)

Should you wish for any further information then please feel free to contact  
 Naz (Head Coach) on 07793 815 752  
 or by e-mail at [info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk)  
 or check out our website at  
[www.ca-sportscoaching.co.uk](http://www.ca-sportscoaching.co.uk)

Your child should arrive with: appropriate clothing to enable movement and flexibility, appropriate footwear, lunch and a drink (non fizzy)

To book a place, please email  
[info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk) confirming the following details:

1. Child's Name
2. Current School Year
3. Emergency Contact Number
4. Medical Requirements (if any)
5. The Days You Would Like To Book

Once we receive your booking request we will contact you to explain how to make payment.

## FREE MINI SQUASH TRIAL FOR YEAR 2.

Please come along and try out our Saturday Mini Squash Session at 12 noon with our three fabulous squash courts and coaches.

All equipment can be borrowed (free) but please wear a non-marking, clean trainer shoe to protect the court floors.

Time: Arrive 12noon session will start: 12.15pm Ends: 1.00pm

Location:

Cheam Squash Club, Peaches Close,  
 Cheam, SM2 7BJ

Date: **Saturday 18th May 2024**

Contact details to book:

Email: [natalie@leserveort.co.uk](mailto:natalie@leserveort.co.uk)

Mobile: 07545 976 943

We look forward to coaching you and hope you enjoy the mini Squash Session.

## Meaningful May 2024

MONDAY



6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful

TUESDAY



7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why

WEDNESDAY

1 Do something kind for someone you really care about

THURSDAY

2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do

FRIDAY

3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small

SATURDAY

4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together

SUNDAY

5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why

8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today

9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today

10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times

11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder

12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you

13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture

14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature

15 Do something to contribute to your local community

16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful

18 Send a handwritten note to someone you care about

19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful

20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable

21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger

22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about

23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of

24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today

25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why

26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful

27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others

28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight

29 Today do something to care for the natural world

30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost

31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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## SEND Play Spaces at The Grange and Tweeddale Centre.

These play spaces have been designed specifically for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, following consultation with families.

The Grange Play Centre, Beddington Park, Wallington SM5 7JZ

You can access The Grange every weekend and Bank Holidays. It is not available at other times due to the Play Service operating at other times.



Tweeddale Children's Centre and Family Hub  
 Tweeddale Road, Carshalton SM5 1XJ

Access to the playground is via the gate on Paskley Road. Tweeddale playground is available every day until dusk.



In order to ensure that these spaces are protected and looked after we are asking all families who are eligible to use the spaces to register. Please use this QR code to complete the registration for access form.

