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Newsletter No. 5

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

## Message from Mrs Porter

Another busy fortnight, another week full of new challenges and opportunities across the school. For those of you able to join us this afternoon, I am sure you enjoyed celebrating your children's learning and are proud of their achievements. We certainly are!

Last week we gave thanks for all the service personnel who have given and those who continue to give their lives for our freedom and peace. Thank you Noah for playing and Y5 for leading us so sensitively and to parents and carers who joined us. To all who celebrated Diwali, I hope you enjoyed your festivities with friends and family and as November speeds along Christmas now looms ever closer. The PTFA are working hard with preparations for the Christmas Fayre and thank you for all your generous donations in these challenging times. Hopefully you have got your Christmas tree orders in!

I wish you a peaceful weekend, hopefully we will get a break from the rain.

Mrs L Porter



## EVACUEES

Our Year 6 students recently embarked on an incredible journey through time with their immersive World War II Evacuee Day! History and English lessons merged together as the



children explored both real life stories and narratives to bring to life some history. Our young time travellers engaged in a lively role play, acting out the evacuation process. Freeze framing pivotal moments, they captured the emotions and challenges faced by children during this historic period.

This hands-on experience served as a springboard for their English work, where students channelled their creativity into recount writing. Drawing inspiration from the characters in "Letters from a Lighthouse," they have begun to craft narratives in the style of a recount and will soon go on to create their own stories.

Many of the children had stories from their own family members who lived and served during this time. Some



children were able to bring in pictures and share their stories. We also had one child who brought in an anti-aircraft shell that his family had saved from WWII - a real blast from the past. All those that shared helped to bridge the classroom with personal stories of strength and resilience. Thank you to the families that allowed these stories to be shared in our classroom. We're incredibly proud of the creativity, enthusiasm and empathy displayed by our Year 6 students during this memorable journey through history. As the children continue to write their recounts, we can't wait to see the depth and emotion they infuse into their narratives.

## Interfaith Anti Bullying Week Children in Need



Today has been very exciting day at St Dunstan's. It was wonderful to see all of the children dressed up in clothing which represents their faith and culture and clothing which expresses themselves.

This week, the children have taken part in lots of activities linked with anti-bullying week.



Thank you for your contributions to 'BBC Children in Need'. We have raised just under £300.00. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

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CHILDREN  
IN NEED**



The PTFA

As you are aware, the Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and we are busily preparing for what we hope will be a fun filled day.

**Santa Grotto Tickets:** Thank you to all of you who purchased Santa Grotto tickets for the Christmas Fayre.

**Christmas Fayre: Donations:** Thank you to all of you who generously donated items. We really value your ongoing support. Please look out for ParentMails will be sent out over the coming weeks requesting donations.

**Parent support on the Day:** Thank you to those of you who have offered to run a stall on the day. Without your help we cannot deliver our school community events. We are still looking for more volunteers to help at the Fayre and also to help tidy up at the end. Any amount of time you can spare is very much appreciated.

Thank you.

PTFA



## Football Update

### Year 5 & 6 Football Match - Boys

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November, wearing their new football kit, St Dunstan's played All Saints Benhilton at Brookfield Primary School. During the first half, the team scored three goals. They played with determination and commitment. All Saints scored two goals in the closing minutes of the first half. After half time, St Dunstan's fought back and scored a further two goals to seal their first victory as a team. The team worked well to attack and defend their goal advantage. Goals were scored by Ben, Oliver, Bobby and Ethan. At the end of the match the score was 5:2 to St Dunstan's.

We will look forward to following the progress of the team as the season progresses. Well done to all the players.

### Year 5 & 6 Girls Match - Girls

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, St Dunstan's Girls played Abbey at Abbey Primary. During the first half, the team worked well to defend and prevent an invasion of their half. The girls played with dedication and perseverance. There were a number of attempts from Abbey to score which were deflected. Abbey scored one goal against St Dunstan's. At the end of the match the score was 1:0 to Abbey. We will look forward to following the progress of this new team as the season progresses.

Well done to all of the players.

*Miss H Toms, Sports Co-Ordinator*



## Attendance Awards

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



**Pegasus and Cygnus**



The school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** to photograph all the children. These photographs will be available for you to buy.

Unfortunately, due to time limitation, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE to have a family and individual photographs taken unless the child/children are new to St Dunstan's and an individual photo is taken for administration purposes.

*Many Thanks*

### Parents Guide to WhatsApp

WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps used by all age ranges with around 2.7 billion monthly users. WhatsApp has been adding new features over the last year or so which you may not be aware of. Internet Matters have put together a really good 'how-to' guide for parents which you can access [HERE](#).



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

<b>Nursery</b>	Karter	Soe
<b>Venus</b>	Charlie	Daniel A
<b>Pluto</b>	Ollie	Luka
<b>Neptune</b>	Shalom	Ryan
<b>Mercury</b>	Alex K	Adelina
<b>Jupiter</b>	Whole Class	Whole Class
<b>Saturn</b>	Luca	Julia V
<b>Delphinus</b>	Kieran	Bethany
<b>Phoenix</b>	Freddie	Theo
<b>Orion</b>	Phoebe	Zara
<b>Pegasus</b>	Ashton	Nicole
<b>Unicorn</b>	Jacob	Rehan
<b>Hercules</b>	Noah	Yusuf
<b>Aquila</b>	Lia	Bohdana
<b>Cygnus</b>	Whole Class	Whole Class

## Inset Day

Friday 8th December

## End of Term

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
1.30pm

*House Points totals for this week*

St Andrew  
**290**

St David  
**336**

St Patrick  
**306**

St George  
**292**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

#### November

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 & 6 Fulham Foundation Club (selected pupils)
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Yr 5 & 6 Indoor Athletics (selected pupils)
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Individual / Family Photographs
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Year 6 visit to Sutton Life Centre
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Great Fire of London Workshop & Bread Making

#### December

- December 2<sup>nd</sup> PTFA Christmas Fayre
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> **INSET DAY**
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Break up for Christmas 1.30pm

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