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Newsletter No. 136

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

Message from the Headteacher

Goodness the weeks are flying by—I can't believe we are at the end of our 2nd week

already but I do hope that you all managed to have some enjoyable times with your families during the half term break!

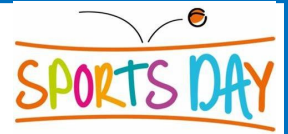
This week began with the sad—but not unexpected—news of the continuation of safety measures relating to Covid-19 and I would like to thank you all for continuing to be so conscientious with regard to the wearing of face coverings, social distancing etc. I would, however, remind you also that we still only have one member of the family coming onto the school grounds please, in order to limit the number on site at any time. Our control measures in school have, thankfully, been very successful so far in limiting the spread of any positive cases so it really is worth the continued effort.

Unfortunately, the ongoing restrictions have now led to us having to change, adapt and, in some cases, cancel events which had been tentatively planned. I would like to reassure you, however, that we will be ensuring that as many end of term activities still go ahead in some form, even if just within class/year group bubbles! More information will be shared by staff over the coming weeks.

As we approach the weekend, I would like to share this short prayer:

*Lord, may I see your face in other people's faces,
That I may find your presence
In everyone I meet.
Amen.*

Ms J Corby



We are delighted to advise you that your child/children will be able to take part in Sports Day this year.

However, due to current guidelines, this will be an internal event and therefore parents / carers will be unable to attend on this occasion.



Thank you for your generosity following the recent Mufti Days. The funds raised were divided between the classes and class teachers were invited to choose some resources for use in their classes. We thought you might like to know how some of the money has been spent.

In line with our topic Blue Abyss, Year 4 have spent some of the money allocated on Aqua Dragons. These are live aquatic creatures which hatch out of their hibernated egg state. The children will be observing these fascinating creatures from the crustacean family and feeding them as well as oxygenating the water. Thank you.

A big 'thank you' from Reception. We love our new colourful whiteboard pens and we are using them everyday.

In Year 3 class we have some lovely new sentence strips to help structure out guided writing in English thanks to the PTFA class donations. Thank you

Thank you so much for Year 5's donation. We have bought a fantastic set of class watercolours and books 'The Nowhere Emporium' for both classes. Amazing!

One of the Year 1 classes has bought a tree for the class for the children's green leaves. We are also buying some new whiteboards in class so finally the whole class can have once each. The rest of the money will be used for our Superhero Day - making a fruit salad, so lot's of fruit!

A big 'thank you' from Nursery who are still deciding.

Year 2 would like to thank you for the lovely felt and highlighting pens that they have loved using in class. We also have two books to give them ideas for their Scratch Programming which the children are very enthusiastic about!

Year 6 will be using some of the money to buy ingredients to bake some products as the culmination of their current maths project.



Amazon Smile: Thanks to 41 families registering the school as their chosen charity when making purchases, we have received another quarterly donation of £107. If you shop with Amazon and haven't done so already, please could you follow the link below and sign up: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1130320-0>

We would love to increase the percentage of families as this is a great way of fundraising for the school for minimum effort. We would love to try and double the amount of families signed up by the next quarter.

Summer Online Raffle: Due to the success of the Christmas raffle and as we are unable to run the school Summer Fayre, then we will be organising another online raffle.

Further information will follow in due course but as before, we will be asking parents to make a financial donation which will go towards purchasing the prizes. We will be asking class reps to collect donations and we will be sourcing prizes from the local companies in order to support our local community. The online raffle is due to be drawn on 19th July.

Uniform Donations: Thank you for all your donations of pre loved uniform. We will be sorting through it all over the coming weeks ready for a sale in September in preparation for the change to winter uniform.

PTFA

Time Travel and the Growth and Development of a Baby

As part of a new topic Time Travel, Year 5 had a special visitor last week. They looked at a baby's growth and development .

'On 8th June, Year 5 had a visit by a mother and her 9 month old baby. We wanted to learn about the baby's growth and development. The little girl is a 9 month old baby who has just started to crawl and eat solid foods. Her Mum had told us that as a baby she was eating and drinking well and loved chocolate just like her brother did! We wondered as she has older siblings if that helped with her growth. As of now she can stand up and walk with help. She was 6 pounds when she was born and much more energetic as a baby than her two brothers. Her first words were 'mama' at 7 months. I guess daddy wasn't very happy. She has now started to grow some teeth which helps a lot with feeding. She drinks water, sometimes a little bit of apple juice and she loves it. We learned that she is a really healthy baby and develops really fast. She loves the Wheels on the Bus rhyme so we gave her a little surprise! Year 5 sang one verse of the 'Wheels on the Bus' and she was smiling. That made our day!' by Reeyaz.



'On 8th June, a young baby girl and her mum visited our school to tell us about baby growth development. Her mum told us that she enjoys music and her favourite song is the 'Wheels on the bus'. Surprisingly, she is a chocolate eater just like her brother but she also eats solid food like potatoes, soups and chicken while also drinking various drinks such as milk, water and a tiny bit of apple juice! She also has started teething and she has 2 teeth developing at the same time. Monkey is her favourite teething toy to play with and she has gradually started meeting friends at her age to be able to socialise with others. This was a wonderful and joyous day to both Unicorn and Hercules. We enjoyed it to the bottom of our hearts!!' by Reshme,

We are all very excited about the return of the **Wimbledon Tennis Championship** this year.

What better way to celebrate watching amazing tennis champions, than by holding a tennis themed lunch!

With this in mind, we will be organising a Wimbledon Tennis school lunch day on **Thursday 1st July 2021**.

If your child usually has a school lunch on a Thursday, as per their meal plan, then a Wimbledon Tennis lunch will automatically be provided for them with no further action.



TFL Consultations

We have been advised by Transport for London that they are consulting on proposals to improve safety at the junction of Lumley Road and the A217 St Dunstan's Hill in Cheam. You can view full details of the proposals and provide your responses by completing our online survey at <https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/lumley-road>.

Thank you.

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

Nursery	Iaraith K	-
Venus	Riley P	Areeb M
Pluto	Bethany P	Theo P
Neptune	Luke B	Nicole R M
Mercury	Eleana-Grace F	Amy F
Jupiter	Jacob B-H	Ava R
Saturn	Parnia F	Isaac T-H
Delphinus	Imogen S	Ben F
Phoenix	Charlotte B	Oliver L
Orion	Amy S	Elliott G
Pegasus	Imaan J	Scarlett S
Unicorn	Sophia K	Vera D
Hercules	Oliver P	Peyton V N
Aquila	Tony Z	Bonnie K
Cygnus	Charlotte C	Daniel J

House Points

St Andrew 431	St George 454
St David 420	St Patrick 510

Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 07.06.2021 was:

96.2%

Our target is **96.4%**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

June

w/c 21st

Yr6 Bikeability Training (2)

July

w/c 5th

Science Week

Mon 5th

Year 2 visit to Whitehall

Mon 12th

Unicorn visit to Whitehall

Class Photographs *tbc*

Tues 13th

Hercules visit to Whitehall

Weds 14th

Year 6 Visit to Go Ape

Fri 23rd

Break Up for Summer 1.30pm

September

Weds 1st

INSET Day

Thurs 2nd

Children return to school