



19th January 2024

Newsletter No. 7

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

Message from Mrs Porter

For those I have not seen in person this term, may I wish you a Happy New Year and take this

opportunity to thank you for your many generous gifts I received at Christmas. I hope you had a restful break and were able to relax a little!

Thank you for your very generous donations during our Christmas celebrations. We are able to send an amount of £720 to The Children's Trust. We know this will be gratefully received.

This week in Worship we have been listening to Vivaldi's Winter concerto and looking at images of wintry scenes. The weather has certainly been on the freezing side and the children have enjoyed sharing their own wintry memories from home. Thank you for sending your children in warm, plain coats, hats and scarves so they can enjoy the bright wintry days.

Please can I remind you of the importance for all children to arrive at school on time. In this way they are ready to start the day with the rest of the class and do not miss out on any learning opportunities.

As you will see from the EYFS team's report below, the EY children are adapting well to their new routines. Thank you to all the staff and parents who joined Mrs O'Hanlon during the holidays to rearrange and organise the outdoor learning area.

Have a lovely weekend and I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter.

Mrs L Porter

The Early Years Foundation Stage



The children have settled brilliantly into new routines and are accessing all areas of the learning environment independently.

The children have all got to know the different members of staff and are confident to approach them if they need help with anything. We have also introduced the nursery children to the woodland and they have very much enjoyed exploring out there. Thank you for your support with this transition. **EYFS Team.**



We are so excited to share how well our new EYFS unit is working.



New year, new battle! In this cold weather it's the perfect time to log in to TTRockstars and try to beat your previous speed. Play Studio games to get your top speed and see how close you can get to a Rock Hero. The title of First Rock Hero of St Dunstan's is still up for grabs. The highest score achieved on Times Tables Rock Stars in one minute is 210, and was achieved by eight-year-old Brooke (UK) in Sittingbourne, Kent, on 3 December 2021. Who's up for the challenge? Ask your teacher for any forgotten login information.

Happy rock battling!

Miss Rice



Welcome back to a new year! We hope you had a wonderful and restful festive break. We're back in the swing of things and soon will be looking to arrange much loved and missed events, such as

a quiz night.. more details to come!

We will soon be releasing details on our next pre-loved uniform sale, so please keep your eyes on your ParentMail for further updates.

We have personnel changes within the PTFA, our chair will be stepping down and we are opening up the opportunity for the first co-chair positioning to take place. If you are interested in finding out more around what a co-chair role within the PTFA would mean for you, please

contact ptfa.stdunstans@gmail.com.

Many thanks for your continued support.

PTFA

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:



Jupiter & Pegasus

Year 6 House Captains



We are pleased to announce the House Captains for the Spring Term 2024:

St Andrew's: Angelo & Lucia
St David's: James T & Imogen
St George's: Charlotte W & Vicky
St Patrick's: Pollyanna & Lexi

Congratulations to you all.

Dance Awards Autumn 2023



Congratulations to the following for achieving a ballet/jazz dance award from Miss Lister for the Autumn term.

Ballet:

Reception — Florence B
 Year 1 — Violet S
 Year 2 — Daphne & Sophia S
 Year 3 — Georgia B
 Year 4 — Niamh
 Year 5 & 6 — Sophie W

Jazz:

Year 1 & 2 — Ariah
 Year 3 & 4 — Nicole RM
 Year 5 & 6 — Louise



St Dunstan's takes part in Healthy Schools London (HSL), and has successfully renewed its Bronze status which is reviewed every 3 years. This award helps schools to directly support the health and wellbeing of their pupils

and staff. Some of the key areas of focus are:

- Increased amount of opportunities that children and young people have to be physically active in and out of schools
- Increased participation of children and young people in physical activity in and out of school
- Improved links between schools and communities that promote physical activity
- Increased school meal uptake including free school meals
- Improved children and young people's access to healthy packed lunches and snacks throughout the school day.

We are very proud to be part of this programme.

HOUSE POINTS

St Andrew
279

St David
311

St George
334

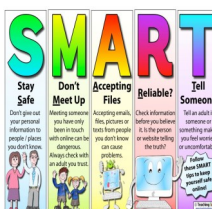
St Patrick
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Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 7th February
7.30pm
 (Online)

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

Nursery	Barunith	Olivia F
Venus	Rocco	Sienna
Pluto	Lydia	Riley
Neptune	Ariyah	Dhruv
Mercury	Harvey	Aiden
Jupiter	Oscar S	Frida
Saturn	Benjamin	Ariah G
Delphinus	James S	Ayaan
Phoenix	James R	Amberley
Orion	Whole Class	Salar
Pegasus	Daud	Rowan
Unicorn	Bonnie	Chit
Hercules	Isaac	Jasmine S
Aquila	Gilbert	Eleora A
Cygnus	Geraint	Asher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

January

Tuesday 23rd Yr6 Height & Weight
 Wednesday 24th Yr5 Final Swimming lesson
 Thursday 25th Yr3 Chocolate Workshop
 Dalesdown Meeting for Year 5 parents (online)
 Maes y Lade meeting for Year 6 parents (online)
 Tuesday 30th Yr2 Castle Workshop in hall
 Wednesday 31st Yr4 First Swimming lesson
 Class Reps Meeting 2.15pm

February

Thursday 1st Prayer Group in library 8.45am

Future Dates for your Diary:

February

Mon 12th—Fri 16th Half Term
 Mon 19th Children return to school

March

Thurs 28th Break Up for Easter

Please see term dates for 2024/2025 on the school's website and attached to the ParentMail.

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<https://www.smc-news.co.uk/winners/community-advantages-sports-coaching/>

FEBRUARY HALF TERM FOOTBALL COURSE



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

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

Monday 12th February to
 Wednesday 14th February



£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.

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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

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



12th—16th
 February 2024
 Look at the website for more half term activities.

HOME START SUTTON

Charity no: 1104960
 Alexandra Gardens Children's Resource Centre,
 Alexandra Gardens, Stanley Rd, CARSHALTON, SM5 4LJ

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CAN YOU HELP?

Are you a Mum, Dad, Nan or Grandad? Are you good at listening and keen to help others? If so, you could help us support other parents who are having a tough time.



FREE TRAINING

SIGN UP FOR FREE VOLUNTEER PREPARATION COURSE TO:

Learn how to support local families, improve your own mental health and wellbeing, gain experience for future career and meet new people & make friends.

Our FREE Volunteer Training covers the importance of play, child development, stress in families (mental, health & domestic abuse), parenting skills, listening skills, confidentiality and safeguarding.

VOLUNTEER PREPARATION COURSE STARTS FROM

February 20th (For 5 weeks)
 Time: 9.30am - 2.30pm
 (Lunch will be provided)

Address:

Home-Start Sutton Offices, Alexandra Gardens Children's Resource Centre,
 Stanley Road, Carshalton, SM5 4LJ

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February Half Term 12th-15th



St Oswald's Church
 Brocks Drive

Saturday 27th January
 2.00pm - 4.00pm

An hour of crafts and activities followed by stories, songs, prayer and food. Fun for all the family.

Spaces are limited so booking is advised, book online:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/messy-church-tickets-704561661897?aff=oddtcreator>

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