



19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Newsletter No. 17

# 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 cannot believe we are approaching the end of another year, and what a year it has been!

Our final newsletter continues to celebrate the wide variety of opportunities the children have here at St Dunstan's including the Y6 Leavers' Service in Southwark Cathedral on Wednesday. It was a wonderful celebration of the Y6's time in primary school and we are excited to hear about their next steps as we send them on their way to secondary school. We are delighted with the achievements of all the children this year, from EYFS results through to the Y6 SATs. We are incredibly proud of them all and thank you for your continued support at home.

It is always sad to say goodbye, but we send Miss Lepore, Mrs Sharafalli, Miss Clark and Mr Hunt onto their next adventures with thanks for all they have given to St Dunstan's during their time with us. Next week we will say goodbye not only to our Y6s but also other children who are off to pastures new.

As we welcome Mrs Mann in September, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support this year as Mrs Cordery and I have held the fort. A huge thank you also goes to the whole staff team who, yet again, have worked tirelessly in sometimes challenging circumstances. I am proud to have been your headteacher for the year and am looking forward to teaching again in September.

Finally, can I wish you all a happy and safe summer. We may, if we're lucky, get some sunshine. I'm sure I will see many of you next week, but if I don't happy holidays and we will do it all again in September!

*Mrs L Porter*



## Έτος 3 Ημέρα Ελλάδος

Year 3 had a wonderful Greek day!

All the children came to school looking the part and embarked on a day of myths, fact finding, games and acting. They even

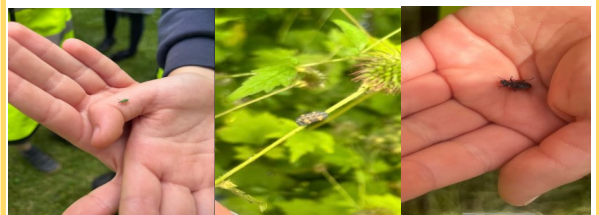


had the chance to hold some Greek weapons before holding their own version of the Greek Olympics.



## 'We're going on a bug hunt....'

On Wednesday, Jupiter went across to Cheam Park for a minibeast hunt. We searched in bushes, in long grass and under logs amongst other places. Spiders, woodlouse, ladybirds, slugs and even a toad were found! The sun came out for us and we all had a wonderful time!



## Year 6—SDBE Leaver's Service

On 17<sup>th</sup> July  
2024 Aquila



and Cygnus went to London to attend a service with other Christian primary schools around London. First, we went sightseeing, then we returned to the cathedral and sang, 'One more step along the world I go', 'Give me joy in my heart' and 'All things bright and



beautiful'. After the service we went out to the garden and ate our lunch. After that we went sightseeing and returned back to the train station to return back to school. *by Ianthi*

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, Year 6 went down to London to go to the Southwark Diocesan Primary Schools' leavers service at Southwark Cathedral. On our trip we saw lots of landmarks including Tower Bridge, The Shard, City hall, The Millennial Bridge, St Paul's Cathedral and of course Southwark Cathedral. *by Gilbert*

## Year 1 Superhero Day

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, Year 1 had an amazing Superhero Day. First, we met Lance Corporal Deniel. He is training to be a soldier in the army. He showed us all the things that he has to carry in his bag, he showed us how to salute and march. He took us outside to make a shelter, he would make this to sleep under when he is training. We pretended to sleep under it. He gave us all a chain to take home too! Mrs Sip, a nurse, came to tell us about how she helps people that come to the hospital. She gave us bandages to use on each other, she also let us use torches they use on patients and gave us a special sticker.

After that we met a policeman, Mr Pegg. He told us important things about keeping safe, not talking to strangers and what to do if need help. The most exciting part was that he showed us his police car. He showed us what was kept at the back, we heard the different sirens and what they were used for – it was very loud! It was such a busy day, we even talked about healthy food and made some pasta! We got to choose our own ingredients, I loved the sweetcorn and peppers.

We had a SUPER day!



*by Violet and Adeline*



As the school year ends on this lovely sunny summer's day, it was great to see so many people enjoying candy floss and ice lollies. What a fun way to start the weekend! It's a good time to reflect on the positive year that we've enjoyed as a community with events and fantastic fundraising - thank you once again for your continued support.

We've seen the introduction of new events such as our Quiz Night and the different ideas enjoyed by those that attended the Summer Fair. Bag2School collections have been a hit, helping us offload unwanted clothes, contributing to recycling. Instagram sees over 200 followers now and is a great vehicle for us to share updates and capture our success with

fun reels, seeing all our children's smiling faces. Our competition saw us launch our fantastic logo! We will share more information in a breakdown next week but we're proud and grateful to announce our total fundraising for this school year stands at **£11,960!!!**

**Uniform clothes labels:** Remember while you're busy ordering uniform that we have arranged for fundraising through Stickins Labels (School ID 19325) and My Nametags (School ID 8334) We get a large percentage from any orders you place and both companies' labels can be used for clothes, water bottles, footwear and stationary. <https://www.stikins.co.uk/name-labels/> <https://www.mynametags.com>

**PTFA Lite:** In September we will be launching PTFA Lite. This will be a way to sign up as a volunteer without the commitment of joining our committee. We rely so much on volunteers and as we want to provide more events, we need more volunteers. If you've ever thought about joining the PTFA but haven't got the time to dedicate full time, then PTFA Lite might be for you. Look out in September for more information.

**Your Voice:** Last year we launched a questionnaire to obtain feedback on the PTFA. This was so helpful for us to gain your insight and collect ideas for your events. The questionnaire is live again as we start planning for next year. Please take 5 minutes to complete and have your say:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5NW-7a8UmKlEr1pne9ZzhM2q8nTOcp2T4sYhmpIAHn3fEA/viewform>

Next year sees us welcome our new Head Teacher, Mrs Mann. We're excited to share our plans with her and hear what ideas she has for fundraising focus and initiatives. Have a wonderful Summer and we look forward to seeing you at our events next year.

**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 year with you:

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

KS2 - Cygnus - 96.2%  
KS1 - Neptune - 95.6%  
EYFS - Pluto - 96.1%

As we approach the end of the school year, please can you:

- Return any library books .
- Return any sports kits directly to Miss Toms.
- Check the lost property bin for any mislaid items.

*Thank you*



Please be aware that from September children will wear their PE kits to school on the days they are having PE. No PE kits will be kept in school. A timetable and further details will be sent out during the first week of term in September. Please see below for details of our PE kit which can be found on the school's website.

## Reception Children

Plain white round neck t-shirt and navy shorts  
Black plimsolls or black trainers.  
Navy tracksuit bottoms can be worn in colder weather.

## Year 1 – Year 6

School branded or unbranded blue polo shirt and navy shorts  
Black plimsolls or black trainers.  
Navy tracksuit bottoms can be worn in colder weather.

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded their dance awards for Summer 2024:

**THE  
DANCE  
Awards**



## Ballet

Reception—Chloe K,  
Year 1—Louisa, Year 2—Cara,  
Year 3—Tai Loi,  
Year 4 - Sophia R,  
Year 5 & 6 - Eva.

## Jazz

Year 1 & 2—Ryan Q,  
Year 3 & 4—Charlotte W,  
Year 5 & 6—Izzy & Lexi F



**Special Award** to Ellie B, Year 6, for helping and commitment.

*Well done to you all.*

**House  
Points  
totals  
for  
this**

St George  
299

St David  
241

St Patrick  
224

St Andrew  
278



**LAST  
DAY OF  
SCHOOL**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**July at 1.30pm**

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

Nursery	Aliah	Elvi	Lily
Venus	Cecil	Reyan	Lyra
Pluto	Rohaana	Tabby	Rio
Neptune	Aria	Amelia	Madeline
Mercury	Mishri	Muntaha	Aiden
Jupiter	Gian Luca Iarlaith	Eleanor	Cara
Saturn	Whole Class	Amelia	Natalie
Delphinus	Annabel	Sonny	Laura
Phoenix	Zion	Subhaan	All of Phoenix
Orion	Ella	Whole Class	Salar
Pegasus	Alice	Cora	Lizzy C
Unicorn	Chit	Tiana	All of Unicorn
Hercules	Nora	Ethan	All of Hercules
Aquila	Benji	William	All of Aquila
Cygnus	Lexi F	Charlie & Lexi E	All of Cygnus



Rosalind in year 5 last week achieved her brownie gold award at 2<sup>nd</sup> Cheam Brownies. She was able to attend a rainbows session to tell them all about what it was like to be in brownies and then taught the brownies some ballet moves and a section of a winter wonderland dance she had done with Surrey youth ballet.

*A budding Miss Lister in the making!*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

### July

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Weds 24<sup>th</sup>

Meet the Teacher

Leavers' Service in St Dunstan's Church  
9.30am. Year 6 Parents Only.

Break-up for summer at 1.30pm

### Future Dates

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept

**INSET Day**

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept

**INSET Day**

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Sept

**Children return to School**

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>

Prayer Group in the School Library  
8.45am

Sat 7<sup>th</sup>

Cheam and Cuddington Horticultural  
Show in the school hall



## Sutton – Education Wellbeing Service Parent/Carer Group: Supporting your Child with Fears, Worries & Anxiety

South West London and  
St George's Mental Health  
NHS Trust

### Is your child:

- Aged between 4-10 years old?
  - Recently (in last 6-8 months) started to struggle with worry?
  - Avoiding certain places, things or situations?
  - Finding it difficult separating from you?
- If yes, this group might be for you!



### Topics will include:

- Learning about your child's fears/worries and how they're maintained
- Strategies to support your child to face worries in manageable steps

**Group Details:** Groups will run across 5 weekly sessions. We're running two groups – please see dates/times below. We ask that parents/carers attend every session.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September –  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October  
(every Monday)  
9:30 am – 11 am

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September –  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
(every Wednesday)  
9:30 am – 11 am

Location: The Quad,  
Carshalton, SM5 1JW

or

Location: Tweeddale Children's  
Centre, Carshalton, SM5 1SW

**Suitability:** Our Parent/Carer group supports children with mild to moderate anxiety. We ask that Parents/Carers are not engaging with other support services to avoid families getting lots of different advice.

To sign-up & register your interest, please complete this form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/9tmKXaYZHf>

You can also complete this form by scanning this QR code →

We'll start with a screening call to make sure the group is right for you!



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD  
SOLIHULL APPROACH

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## School's Out Take an emotional health check



Head into the summer with a better understanding of your child's brain development and their emotional wellbeing as you support them into their next new phase.

### FACT

Our brains develop most rapidly in childhood shaping our emotional health and wellbeing for the rest of our lives.

### HERE FOR YOU

Online courses developed by clinical psychologists can help you to understand your child, read their behaviour and help them look after their emotional health.



[inourplace.co.uk](https://inourplace.co.uk)

Understanding your child online course has been paid for by London Borough of Sutton, so you can access it completely free using the code **TREE**

Short courses on Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your child or teenager also included.

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Sports Coaching Provider in Surrey  
<https://www.sme-news.co.uk/winners/community-advantages-sports-coaching/>

## SUMMER HOLIDAYS FOOTBALL COURSE

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

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

Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August (Week One)

Monday 12th August to Friday 16th August (Week Two)

Monday 19th August to Wednesday 21st August (Week Three)

**£25 per half day**

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

**£30 per full day**

(£25 per full day if you book five 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

**HOMESTART SUTTON** TICKETS £20  
CHEERS TO  
**40**  
AMAZING YEARS  
**SAT 3RD AUGUST**  
7:30PM CHARLES CRYER THEATRE  
live music - silent auction - dancing  
EMAIL [ADMIN@HOMESTARTSUTTON.ORG.UK](mailto:ADMIN@HOMESTARTSUTTON.ORG.UK)

**HOMESTART SUTTON** 40<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary

JOIN US FOR A DAY FULL OF ENTERTAINMENT, TEDDY BEAR TOMBOLA, FACE PAINTING, CANDY FLOSS, SLUSH PUPPIES, ARTS AND CRAFTS AND MUCH MORE... COME AND SUPPORT LOCAL ARTISTS & BUSINESSES.

CRYER ARTS CENTRE 39 HIGH ST,  
CARSHALTON SM5 3BB  
3RD AUGUST 2024  
TIME 2-4PM

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Visit the school's website for activities during the summer.