



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

Message from the Headteacher

We have come to the end of another extraordinary term—well done to all! I sincerely pray, as we move through Spring and into the Summer months, that we will



be able to eventually ease off on some of the restrictions placed on us all by the pandemic. I would like to thank you all for your constant support in ensuring our school community remains as safe as possible. The staggered start and end times of the day will continue after the Easter break but please remember that all children will return to full school uniform (no track suits etc) now that the warmer weather will be with us. Should we endure a particularly cold snap we will, of course, review this.

A reminder, please, to refresh your child's pencil case with their essential stationery items, including glue sticks for the return to school. Also a plea—we now have so many scooters on a daily basis that I would ask that parents avoid bringing bicycles (other than our Y6 approved cyclists) in order that we can allow children who can scoot to school to do so—thank you in advance.

Staff updates: I am writing to advise you that, for personal reasons, Mrs Soma will be working 4 days per week following the Easter holiday. Please note that Mrs Soma's working days will be Tuesday – Friday each week.

We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Hollamby back into school after Easter—whilst flowers are always gratefully received, please remember, no lilies in school at any time—many thanks.

A prayer for Good Friday: **Lord, you bore the sins of the world and took its suffering upon yourself;**

You opened wide your arms on the Cross for us, for the world, for me.

Forgive our continued sin—both deliberate and unconscious.

Lead us back to your self; confront us with the Cross and all that you sacrificed for us.

Draw us to yourself—to resurrection glory and to newness of life. Amen. (Jenny Child)

I would like, on behalf of all of the staff and governors, to wish each and everyone of you a blessed and Holy Easter.

Ms J Corby



The Tudors

On Monday 29th March, Year 5 had Tudor day. It was a really good experience for everyone, we had lots of fun and enjoyed being dressed as

Tudors for the day. We met a lady called Lauren who taught us about the Tudor timeline, who ruled Britain and we roled played different characters with her. Jousting was a popular

sport during the Tudor period where two people, on horseback, would use a lance to try and knock each other off their horse. Since that was a bit too dangerous for us, we made it a bit simpler. We had six hoops on a cross-like pole and we used a lance to try to hook the hoops onto it without stopping. It was really fun and everyone had a go.

We also had a quiz and cracked codes; trying to work out what the message was for the plot to escape the Tower of London.

Tudor dancing was the final highlight of the day. The 4 step routine was quite simple until the music sped up. For the boys, apparently it was a chance for them to show off how strong they were!

by Max and Sophie T, Unicorn



Year 4 Learn Decimals

Over the last few weeks Year 4 have

been learning about decimals in maths. To help us understand what happens when we divide a number by 10 or 100 we were put into groups of four and then went outside and drew a place value grid with chalk.

I was the decimal point – I didn't move!



I was recording the calculation and the answer.
 $26 \div 10 = 2.6$

Someone was the tens, someone was the ones, someone was the decimal point and

someone recorded the calculation. When the number was divided by 10 we all moved one place to the right (apart from the decimal point). When the number was divided by 100 we had to move two places to the right. We also had to think carefully if we needed a place value holder. Very recently we did a Kahoot! quiz on decimals to consolidate what we had learnt so far. It was really fun. The results in Orion Class were:

3rd Place: Chloe and Rethish.

2nd Place: Esther, Bella and Aaradhana

1st Place: Kiera and Lena.

by Olivia J and Chloe, Orion



Children in Reception had a wonderful day on

Wednesday! The morning was spent discovering lots of different fossils and



looking at the differences between carnivores and herbivores. After lunch we met two 'real' dinosaurs: the baby velociraptor, Jack, and the 7 year old T-Rex, Milly.



Year 1 celebrated the end of their topic by holding a Carnival Day. They decorated

the room in colourful bunting and came dressed to school in bright and colourful clothing.

The children completed a range of fun activities including: Carnival dancing to the Rio movie soundtrack, making a musical instrument using recycling materials, creating a bright and colourful bracelet and creating a Brazilian flag. We had so much fun!



Gardening has begun!

Every class have been rolling up their sleeves and clearing their patio beds ready for planting when they return after the Easter holidays.



To help our children get planting, any donations of gardening tools, seeds, plants, flowers, bulbs,

would be gratefully received.

Thank you



We are delighted to confirm that we have been able to provisionally book a photographer to take

individual photos of the children on Thursday 20th May and also to take a whole school photograph on Thursday 15th July.



Thank you to the catering team who decorated the servery for Easter. The children enjoyed a tasty Easter roast.



WILSON'S SCHOOL FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

For Year 7, September 2022 entry
Wilson's School is an outstanding boys state grammar school with a rich footballing tradition
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Mufti Day: Thank you to all of you who made a donation this morning and

afternoon for mufti day. The funds will be used to purchase classroom resources for the whole school.



Easter Competition: As we are unable to run our usual Easter bake-off this year we have decided to run an Easter egg decorating competition. Hopefully, you will have received the flyer via Parentmail and we look forward to seeing all your wonderful entries. Entries are to be emailed to your child's Google classroom, J2E or evidence me accounts with their name and class clearly marked on the image.

We hope you have a safe and fun Easter break. **PTFA**

SG Sports Camp

Places still available!

We are pleased to announce that SG Sports are holding a Multi Sports and Dance Camp during the Easter holidays. For more information, please go to



<https://sgsport.co.uk/product-category/holiday-camps/>

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

Nursery	Luca	Joe
Venus	Harry D	Aaron
Pluto	Joshua T	Zion
Neptune	Eden	Thea
Mercury	Krishnav	Malika
Jupiter	Charlie	Ruby
Saturn	Louise	Rosalind
Delphinus	Henry	Nefeli
Phoenix	Chloe	Rachel
Orion	Phoebe K	Chloe G
Pegasus	Mayah	Arwin
Unicorn	Reshme	Sophie F
Hercules	Toby	Olivia B
Aquila	Alicia	Lola
Cygnus	Maxim	Romer

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please remember inform the school office and your child's class Teacher. **Thank you**

Summer Uniform



We would like to remind you that following the Easter holidays, children are encouraged to move to summer uniform.

Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 26.03.2021 was:
97.5%
Our target is **96.4%**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

April

Fri 2nd—Fri 16th

Easter Holidays

Mon 19th

Children return to school

May

Mon 3rd

School Closed—Bank Holiday

w/c Mon 17th

Yr6 Bikeability Training

Thurs 20th

Individual Photographs *tbc*

Thurs 27th

Break up for half term

Fri 28th

INSET Day

w/c 31st May—4th June

Half Term

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