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Newsletter No. 7

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

Message from Mrs Porter

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2023!

What a very busy time we have enjoyed over the past three weeks from Sing Aloud performing at the Cheam Village Christmas Fayre, our own wonderful Christmas Fayre through to all our Celebrations. They have certainly been joyful and put smiles on everyone's faces.

Thank you to all of the children and staff for creating such wonderful memories as they retold the Christmas story in so many ways; the Nursery songs, the Reception/KS1 production of 'A Miracle in Town' and the very moving and meaningful retelling of the Christmas story led by KS2 in church. Thank you also to you—our parents—for joining us in celebrating this very special time of year.

Sadly, we are saying farewell to some highly valued members of staff. A very special and heartfelt thank you and farewell to Mrs Cheung, Mrs Downes, Mrs Jenkins and Mrs White. We ask for God's blessing on them all and wish them all the best for their futures. Our thanks also to Mrs Shetty who has taught Phoenix Class and Mrs Birbeck who has taught Pluto Class for their work and support this term.

We have successfully recruited three new teachers who join us in January. Mrs Lane will be Phoenix Class teacher, and Mrs Gray and Miss Rice will teach Pegasus Class. Miss Rice will also be teaching Venus Class on Friday and cover release across the school. We look forward to welcoming them into our team.

Thank you for all your support this term and on behalf of all at St Dunstan's, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Mrs L Porter



Nursery Nativity



In Nursery, all the children participated in our Nursery Nativity. The children sang Christmas songs and enjoyed performing to their parents. Even the parents joined in. It was a beautiful sight. Well done Nursery!

EYFS & KS1 Nativity



Reception and Key Stage 1 children gave marvellous performances in the nativity last week. Singing, dancing and acting were all part of the performance and great fun was had by all. The children showed confidence and

resilience beyond their years and received several enthusiastic ovations at the end of each performance. They should all feel very proud.



Thank you for your efforts, help and donations to support

the PTFA so far, this academic year in raising funds through a number of activities and events.

Without you, we would not be able to give the children incredible experience the Christmas Fayre has to offer, or raise the vital funds that contribute to the additional resources to the school, that make such an impact to our children's education.

The Christmas Fayre raised a magnificent amount of almost **£4,000!** This incredible amount of money will make such a difference. We really are very grateful for your contributions that have made this possible, alongside our local businesses who we will thank separately.

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year.

PTFA

KS2 Christmas Celebration

Very many thanks to all those who joined the pupils and staff of KS2 on Tuesday for our Christmas Celebrations at St Dunstan's Church. The children threw their hearts and souls into the singing, narrating, dancing and acting in order to remind us all of the Christmas story and it was wonderful to be joined by so many parents and friends of the school.





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 two week with you:

Cygnus and Mercury



Congratulations to the children who have been at school every day since September 2023 and have received a certificate for 100% Attendance. This is an achievement that they should be very proud of.

This term there has been a total of 94 hours 41 minutes in children arriving late to school. We would like to stress the importance of children arriving on time to school and the impact this has on the rest of the class.

Governor Awards

This term's Governor Awards have been given to the following children for displaying a consistently high standard of behaviour and attitude to learning.

Nursery—Olive

Pluto—Teddy

Neptune—Harley

Saturn—Oscar

Delphinus—Annabelle

Orion— Teddy

Hercules Thea

Cygnus— Asher

Venus—Erick

Mercury— Penny

Jupiter—Cara

Phoenix—Theo P

Pegasus—Daud

Unicorn—Jacob

Aquila—Maryam



Although 'Sing Aloud' haven't met formally this term, past members were delighted to have a few rehearsals together in preparation of our performance at the Cheam Village Christmas Evening at the beginning of December. They sang a variety of Christmas songs, on what was a cold and frosty evening, spreading some Christmas joy!

Thank you for all your help with the Poppy Appeal. A total of **£147.07** was collected. The British Legion have sent a letter of appreciation and would like you to know that without your help, they would be unable to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work. *Many thanks for your support.*



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

Nursery	Andrea	Ting Long	Liam
Venus	Lyra	Sarah P	Alfie G
Pluto	Azaan	Florence	Azaan
Neptune	Everyone	Leo	Violet
Mercury	Kylie	Jessica	Effie
Jupiter	Everyone	Everyone	Alexandra
Saturn	Piper	Everyone	Natalie
Delphinus	Bella	Elizabeth	Chloe
Phoenix	Isabella	Samya	Harry D
Orion	Anna	Mokshitha	Scout
Pegasus	Ashton	Alfred	Sofia R
Unicorn	Olivia RB	Violet	Everyone
Hercules	Louise	Ruby	Betsy
Aquila	Ena	Angelo	Lucas
Cygnus	Sofia	Ethan	Ethan



Thank you to the catering team who provided a delicious Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 20th December. The atmosphere in the school hall was very festive and enjoyed by all. The food was delicious!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

December

Thursday 21st Break up for Christmas 1.30pm

January 2024

Monday 8th Children return to school
 Wednesday 10th Year 5 Swimming
 Monday 15th Clubs start this week
 Wednesday 17th Year 5 Swimming
 Thursday 18th Prayer Group in school library 8.45am
 KS2 Epiphany Eucharist at Church 9.00am

February

Mon 12th—Fri 16th Half Term
 Mon 19th Children Return to School

Please see the school's website under school calendar for a full list of dates



Sports News

Boys' Football



On Thursday 14th December, the boys football team headed to Brookfield Primary School to play against Dorchester Primary School in a cup match. Last year we played the same team and lost by penalties so we were very determined to play well. In the 13th minute we scored to make it 1:0 and then after half time they went and scored to make it 1:1. As this game was a cup game it went into extra time and during this period we scored and won 2:1. We are now through to the quarter finals.

By Oliver and Angelo.

Girls' Football

On Monday 18th December, the girls football team played against Manor Park Primary School. The team played amazingly and worked very hard. We had a few chances to score and as a team played really well. The Manor Park girls team were very good and also made many shots at our goal but luckily did not manage to get past our goalie! Both teams played extremely well and the final score was 0:0. By Ruby MS

House Points Results Autumn Term 2023

All the
House
Points

from the Autumn Term have been counted and the winning House was announced today in Worship.

The children have worked extremely hard this term and we are very proud of them all. The winning House with a total of **1955** points was St David's.

'Congratulations' to you all.

St Andrew
1734

St George
1652

St David
1955

St Andrew
1767

What you might like to know about Disney+:

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Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility



Please refer to our website for up to date information on Keeping Children Safe including our [Child Protection and Safeguarding policy](#), [Anti-Bullying Policy](#) and [Online Safety policy](#).

CHRISTMAS SERVICES PARISH OF CHEAM 2023

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER
6.00PM CAROL SERVICE
ST OSWALD'S CHURCH

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER
6.00PM NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER
7.30PM THE LONGEST NIGHT
ST ALBAN'S CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH
3.00PM & 5.00PM
CRIB SERVICE
11.30PM
MIDNIGHT MASS

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH
10.45AM
CRIB SERVICE
8.00PM
FIRST EUCHARIST
OF CHRISTMAS

ST OSWALD'S CHURCH
4.00PM
CRIB SERVICE
11.30PM
MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH
8.00AM
BCP SAID
EUCHARIST
9.30AM
CHRISTMAS
EUCHARIST

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH
10.00AM
CHRISTMAS
EUCHARIST

ST OSWALD'S CHURCH
10.00AM
CHRISTMAS
EUCHARIST



Teddy made a video and sent it to his friends and his family. He originally committed to raising enough money to buy 3 children a gift but after raising £273 he was able to buy 15 children a gift and contribute towards buying family's gift cards for a supermarket.

We are so proud of him and all he has done to support 15 children and 12 families.

Teddy hopes to raise more money in the new year.

Well done Teddy!