



21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Newsletter No. 176

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

## Message from the Headteacher

*This is the  
hardest*

*Newsletter I have ever had to write, as I find the words to say goodbye to you all, as your Headteacher.*

*It has been such an honour to serve as a teacher, Deputy Head and now Headteacher for 35 years and I am so very happy that I chose St Dunstan's, and St Dunstan's chose me, as the place where I bid farewell to Headship.*

*I have been so fortunate and blessed to have been called to be a teacher and to spend the vast majority of my career serving in Church of England schools in the Southwark Diocese. My wish for each and every one of you is that you enjoy the same happiness and fulfilment in your future careers, whatever they may be!*

*Every member of the St Dunstan's family will hold a special place in my heart for the rest of my life. Children, you have had a wonderful start to your lives and my hopes and prayers are that you will be happy always and continue to foster your lifelong love of learning. Thank you to all of the staff over the years; to all of the parents/carers who support you and form a team around you. Thank you to the Governors, past and present, who also hold this school so dear.*

*Thank you to you all for your amazing generosity of both words, prayers and gifts, I have been absolutely blown away by the send off that I have received.*

*I will think of you all often and hope that Mrs Porter might invite me back to the occasional event! I leave you all in very safe hands—both in Mrs Porter and in our Lord.*

*May the Lord bless you and keep you*

*The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.*

*The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6: 24-26*

*May God bless you all and forever hold you all in the palm of His hand.* Ms Julia Corby



## Year 6 Leavers' Service

Goodbye & Good Luck  
Year 6



St Dunstan's Church was packed full this morning as the whole school

said a final farewell to our Year 6 pupils. The service was a fitting celebration of the many years Year 6 have been with us and we wish them all the very best as they move onward and upward. Year 6 are certainly leaving on 'A High' - a song they sang this morning at the service.

Best wishes to you all.

## Year 3 Greek Day

"Last Thursday, Year 3 had Greek Day, it was the most exciting day. We got to dress up as Greeks and we had a Greek feast including humus, pitta bread and Greek yoghurt. In the afternoon, we designed Greek pots looking at different designs and patterns.

We also watched Hercules. It was a magnificent day." Sapphire and Lily, Phoenix

"Greek day was very fun. We got to taste some Greek food and drinks. It was all very good and I loved it. It was the best day of my life. We also got to design our own pots, mine was really detailed. In the morning we made 3D shapes out of spaghetti and marshmallows to show the ancient Greeks what 3D shapes are—this was fun and sticky! It was a really fun day!" Jack, Delphinus.



Thank you to Ally Carnie who has been Chair of the PTFA for the past 8 years and has led the committee with complete dedication over the years. On behalf of our whole school family; thank you!

## A Special Visitor...



On Monday, we had an amazing

experience, Bishop Christopher of Southwark came to school. It was quite awe inspiring seeing him walk into the school hall in his chasuble and mitre. During the Eucharist, Bishop Christopher talked to us about the Good Shepherd and how he is the Good Shepherd to all the churches and schools within the Southwark Diocese. He looks after 363

churches and enjoys visiting them all when he can. We felt so special

that he had come all that way to see us at school when there are so many people he looks after. We loved it when he showed us the purpose of the crook and why a shepherd has one. It was funny watching him 'hook' a child using his crook. It felt such an honour watching him bless our crook, that was like his, but knowing that ours was even more special to us. Our crook is made from wood from Nonsuch Park and it was hand crafted by the Nonsuch Voles especially for us. We are looking forward to using our crook within our worships and especially being led up to St Dunstan's Church through Cheam village by a 'Good Shepherd' holding our crook. The final part of the service included the blessing of Ms Corby and Year 6 children as they move onto new challenges next year. After the service, the Bishop came out to the playgrounds and talked with us. He answered our questions and was really interested in what we enjoyed at school as well as our future plans.

Children Faith Group



## Total House Points for 2022/2023

**Congratulations to Andrew's** for winning the Annual House Cup 2022/2023 with a staggering **12,870** points.

St Andrew

**10,184**

St Patrick

**11,178**

St George

**10,319**

House Points totals for the half term

St Andrew  
2109

St David  
2215

St Patrick  
2182

St George  
2104

## Attendance Awards

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**  
every school day counts.

As you are aware, each week we issue certificates to the class that have the highest attendance. We are delighted to share the last two weeks certificates with you:

14<sup>th</sup> July 2023— Unicorn  
21<sup>st</sup> July 2023—Pegasus

*Congratulations also to Unicorn for achieving the overall best attendance for the year.*

Congratulations to the children who have been at school every day since September 2022 and have received a certificate for 100% Attendance. This is a massive achievement and they should be very proud of this.



Thank you for your donations for our last Mufti Day of the

academic term on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

The money will go towards additional classroom resources for the next academic year across all year groups as well as chrome books as part of the broader fundraising objective around IT resources.

Thank you for your support and generosity over the last few years. I have enjoyed my time as being Chair of the PTFA and look forward to hearing all about St Dunstan's PTFA activities in the future. **Ms A Carnie, PTFA**



Please have a look at the school's website for activities and summer camps that are available for your child / children to take part in over the holidays.



Thank you to all who submitted their entries to the Lego Photography competition. We had many wonderful entries to be proud of, which are on display for

all to see. The school council members deliberated over which creative photo would receive 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

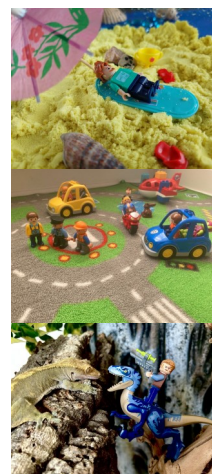
Well done to the winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Place:

Adelina, Reception  
Sofia K, Jupiter  
Violet R, Orion

2<sup>nd</sup> Place:

Roger, Reception  
Daniel, Mercury  
Lola, Delphinus

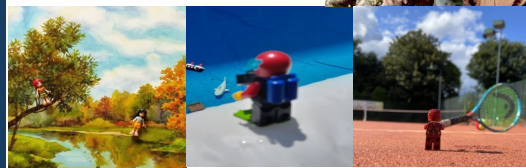


## 'Stars' of the last two weeks.....

Nursery	Steve	Shreya
Venus	Ariyah	Arad
Pluto	Ryan	Noelie
Neptune	Whole Class	Leo
Mercury	Natalie	April
Jupiter	Tai Loi	Samya
Saturn	Louis	Thomas
Delphinus	Sofia	Ariana
Phoenix	Krishnav	Rowan
Orion	Freya	Isaac
Pegasus	Alice	Evelyn
Unicorn	Kayla	Lexi F
Hercules	Rachel	Lucas
Aquila	Emily	Abeera
Cygnus	Luna	Elisabeth

FIRST DAY  
OF TERM

6<sup>th</sup> September



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

### September

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

**INSET DAY**

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Children Return to School

Prayer Group in School Library 8.45am

Horticultural Show

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

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