



22nd March 2024

Newsletter No. 11

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

Message from Mrs Porter

As we approach the end of this busy and exciting term, I would like to say well done to the staff

and children for all their hard work and achievements. For those of you who have been able to join us today to share your children's work, I am sure you will agree with me.

As we finish for the Easter break we will be wishing Mrs Tobitt and her husband the very best of luck over the coming weeks and I am sure you will join us in keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers at this very exciting time. Miss Clark will be joining the staff team in Delphinus Class after Easter and I know you will join us in welcoming her to the St Dunstan's family.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Easter Celebrations next week (see reverse for details).

On behalf of all the staff and Governors I would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy and Holy Easter.

Mrs L Porter

Year 2 Walk Around Cheam Park

Year 2 children had a wonderful afternoon exploring Cheam Park for



different types of trees, leaves and plants. As we walked around we collected fallen leaves and twigs to create outdoor art figures.

Year 5 Tudor Day

On Thursday 22nd March, Year 5 took part in a Tudor Day which was led by Portals to the Past. The children looked great in their Tudor costumes and had a brilliant day.

Here are some of their comments: "I learnt a lot of things on Tudor day, such as barbers used to give people weird medicines and cures to illnesses. We had a look at some Tudor artefacts which was good to see after learning about some of them in class this half term. My favourite part was the jousting- it was so fun and Miss Forde and Miss Toms had a go too! Our class (Unicorn class) beat Hercules overall! I had a brilliant day!" Lucy.

"I loved Tudor day because we got to do so many exciting things! This included Caesar Cipher code breaking, a Tudor quiz, jousting (not on horses!) and learnt about disgusting Tudor medicines. It was great!" Isha.

Year 1 Carnival

We had a fantastic time celebrating our Brazilian Carnival Day this week!



We started with cooking some delicious Brazilian food. We made Brigaderio (Chocolate truffles), Brazilian lemonade and Pao de Queijo (cheese rolls). We enjoyed whisking, rolling, kneading, weighing, sprinkling and off

course the tasting! We made colourful carnival masks and flags too! In the afternoon Mrs Lister taught us some samba dance moves and Mrs O'Brien taught us some Portuguese. What a fun filled day we had! A huge thank you to Mrs Pennant, Mrs Lister, Mrs O'Brien and the parent helpers who all gave up their time to help us.



Uniform Sale: We held a very successful uniform sale Monday 11th March, raising £150. We have plans to carry out a check of stock and plan to run sales more frequently. Hang on to any pre-loved uniforms as we'll be asking for donations in the coming weeks.

Instagram: We now have over 100 followers on Instagram. Find us at [ptfa_st_dunstans_primary](https://www.instagram.com/ptfa_st_dunstans_primary)

Holiday Challenge: Over the Easter Holidays we will be running a fun challenge for the children. We will be sharing lots of sponsorship ideas, including sporting activities, things they can give up for 24 hours, inspiration for things they can make & sell, or even suggesting they help with household chores. In our quest to do more in 2024, our challenge is to raise £20.24 each. If every child in our

school took part that would be a whopping **£8602!!!** Look out for more information next week.

Dates for your Diary: Doing more in 2024 means more events. Grab those calendars and take note of these dates. More information will follow with how to purchase tickets.

Friday May 10th - Quiz Night, Saturday May 18th - Cheam Charter Fair, Saturday June 22nd - Summer Fayre, Friday November 8th - Glowtastic Disco, Friday November 15th - Sip & Swirl Wine Tasting, Saturday December 7th - Christmas Fayre

Thank you 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:

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Saturn & Pegasus



With National Science Week just behind us, please have a look on Google classroom for an exciting activity that has been set for the

children. Could they design a poster showing off their artistic skills and scientific knowledge? The deadline is Wednesday 27th March.

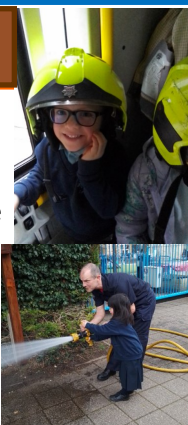
We are preparing up for our very own Science Week from the 17th to the 21st June 2024! If you could volunteer during that week, by running a short workshop or coming in to talk to the children about how science is used in your life, please let us know. We have previously had, hairstylists explaining how they colour hair and what the chemicals do, dentists talking about the instruments they use, talks on the International Space Station and even experiments on strawberries to extract DNA! If this is you please contact us on: scienceprojects@stdunstanscheam.co.uk



Fire Fire.....

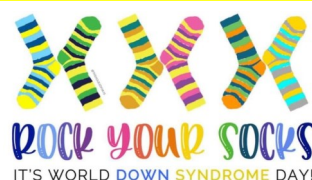
Reception had a very special visit from the Fire Fighters. They brought their fire engine and the children got to

sit inside the back seat. They got to try the Firemen's hat and even had a turn using the hose! The children asked the firefighters lots of questions and were very excited by this special surprise.



Thank you so much to everyone who donated money to our Red Nose Day Appeal. We managed to raise £200 pounds and all the money will go towards the wonderful charity work Comic Relief does to support people facing poverty in the UK and around the world. Thank you always for your generosity.

Mrs Mollet



Thank you to everyone who wore odd socks to school yesterday—it made a very colourful array around the school.



Spring Term Ends
on Thursday 28th March at
1.30pm

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

Nursery	Elodie	Eddie
Venus	Lyra	Hayden
Pluto	Lydia	Ollie
Neptune	Sura	Benjamin
Mercury	Henry P	Naveyashri
Jupiter	Charlotte B	Jeremy
Saturn	Ava	Kalin
Delphinus	Gowri	Bala Dakshata
Phoenix	Harry D	Sofia
Orion	Viktor	Melissa
Pegasus	Gustav	Cora
Unicorn	Sophia	Florence
Hercules	Purva	Isaac
Aquila	Oliver L	James
Cygnus	Colton	Ethan

**House
Points
totals
for this
week**

St Andrew
185

St David
218

St Patrick
202

St George
188



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Dates may be subject to change)

Future Dates for your Diary:

March

Mon 25th Parent / Teacher Consultations 3.40pm-6.00pm

Tues 26th KS2 Easter Celebration in Church 9.00am

EYFS & KS1 Easter Celebration in Church 2.30pm

Book Fair in School Hall 3.15pm-4.00pm

Weds 27th Year 4 Final Swimming Lesson

Parent / Teacher Consultations 3.40pm-8.00pm

Book Fair in School Hall 3.15pm-4.00pm

Thurs 28th Break up for Easter 1.30pm

April

Mon 15th Children return to school

Weds 17th Year 3 First Swimming Lesson

Thurs 18th Prayer Group Meet in Library 8.45am

School Uniform

We would like to remind you of our school uniform. This can be found on our school website and also on the link [here](#).



Multi Sports Festival

On Monday a group of our year 3 and 4 children travelled to Purley Sports Club to take part in a Multisports festival event. Each of the children had a chance to take part in the event and try out Squash, Hockey, Tennis and Cricket. The activities all involved learning new skills and having great fun too. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the event and are now looking forward to taking part in these sports again in the future.



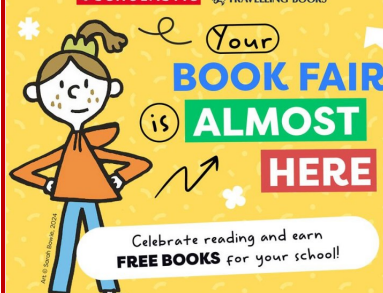
Please ensure that when parking in the area, you are considerate to our local neighbours and do not park over their driveways/gardens.



Our General Knowledge Quiz Club team (Lucia, Toby, Ashton and John) took part in the semi-finals last Thursday. Here are Lucia's reflections on the event.

'Being in Quiz Club was a lovely experience and I would definitely do it again if I had the chance to. At the end of the first round, we were first out of 51 teams. At the end of the second round we were still first! At the end of the third round, I had the highest score of the 176 individuals taking part, but as a team we had slipped to 8th place. For our final score, we were 19th which meant we did not make it to the finals, but it was a wonderful experience.'

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS



Book Fair

We will be hosting a Book Fair, in the school hall, on Tuesday and

Wednesday of next week between 3:15pm and 4:00pm.

More details will be sent on Monday.

New Summer School Meal Menu

The new Spring / Summer Menu for school dinners will start from Monday 15th April. The menu can be found on the school's website.

As you are aware, the government has decided that all pupils should be able to have a free school meal at lunchtime. This offer does not depend on your household income or whether you receive any benefits – every child in school is eligible to take up the offer.

It was found that pupils who ate a high-quality school lunch achieved better academically than those who did not. They were also more likely to eat healthier foods such as vegetables at lunchtime instead of less healthy foods such as crisps. Parents appreciate saving the cost of school lunches and not having to spend time preparing packed lunches.

All children at St Dunstan's, Cheam, are offered a free school meal. Children are able to choose from having a school dinner every day, Monday to Friday, or alternatively on two days, Wednesday and Friday.

It is extremely important that if you decide to change your child's meal pattern, you inform the school office.

The photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 23rd April** to take class photos. You will already have given consent for your child to be photographed.



If you **do not** wish for your child to be included in the class photograph please let the school office know.



It was lovely to see so many parents / carers coming to school today to celebrate your child/ children's work with them during the school day.

10 Keys to Happier Living



Giving

Do kind things for others



Relating

Connect with people



Exercising

Take care of your body



Awareness

Live life mindfully



Trying Out

Keep learning new things



Direction

Have goals to look forward to



Resilience

Find ways to bounce back



Emotions

Look for what's good



Acceptance

Be comfortable with who you are



Meaning

Be part of something bigger

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EASTER HOLIDAYS

Street Dance + Gymnastics

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

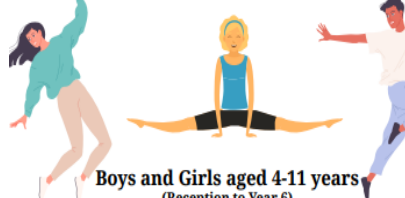
Tuesday 2nd April to Friday 5th April (week one)
 Monday 8th April to Wednesday 10th April (week two)

£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)



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

We Have Been Recognised As The Best Children's Sports Coaching Provider in Surrey
<https://www.sme-news.co.uk/winners/community-advantages-sports-coaching/>

EASTER HOLIDAYS FOOTBALL COURSE

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 Anne Boleyn's Walk, Sutton, SM3 8DF

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

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£25 per half day

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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.

COMMUNITY ADVANTAGES

Calling all adventure enthusiasts and community champions in Cheam!

8th Cheam Scout Group are looking for passionate volunteers to inspire and guide our young people...



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 Rocket 3,2,1!
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 Day 2> Powerful Air!
 Choppers!
 Eggonauts!
 Catapult Comp!

Day 3> Starry Light!
 Light Show!
 Flame On!
 Starry, Starry Night!
 Day 4> Outer Space!
 Alien Slime!
 Moon Plate!
 Design a Mars Rover!

And many, many more cool science demonstrations, experiments, games and quizzes! - see online for more info!

See website for full list...

As Easter approaches, Cool Milk are excited to bring some egg-stra joy to your school community with an Egg-citing Easter Giveaway! We can get a chance to win a £50

Amazon gift card along with a fantastic Art Kit and Easter Egg for the child that creates the winning design!

How to Enter: Participating is as easy as decorating an Easter egg! Pupils are invited to hop into the Easter spirit by crafting a delightful Easter Egg with a milk-inspired flair. This is their chance to let their creativity bloom like spring flowers!

Visit marketing@coolmilk.com to join the competition.

Good Luck!



There are many local holiday activities during the Easter holidays. Please see the school's website under local Services.



We have a huge amount of lost property in school. If your child/children have lost any item, including clothing or water bottles, please remember to check the lost property bin by the main entrance.

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