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Newsletter No. 9

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

### Message from Mrs Porter

Welcome back to the start of a new

half term! I hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed time with your families and friends.

This may be the first week back, but as you will see from this newsletter it has been very busy with 100 day in Year 1 as well as numerous sporting events. I am also proud to share with you the success of our Panathlon Team who came first at the Sutton Schools Panathlon Competition at the end of last half term! Well done everyone !

Parent / Teacher meetings are around the corner and we are asking for your preference for either remote or in person meetings. Please remember to complete the google form that was sent to you this morning, so we can get your thoughts before final arrangements are made.

Enjoy the last weekend of February - spring is certainly in the air. *Mrs L Porter* 



We have been very busy in Early Years learning about Chinese New Year hunting for Chinese numbers, creating banners, dragon

puppets, trying out chopsticks and performing dragon dances. We would like to thank Mrs Deans and the library team for decorating the library so beautifully for Chinese New Year. To celebrate the Lunar New Year, we had a competition, which ran over the half term break, to decorate a paper plate with pretend Dim Sum or a Lunar New Year feast. We have some delicious-looking plates to

feast our eyes on! They have been displayed in the KS1 resource area on an amazing mini chart and turntable, and on the



display in the library. A huge thank you to all of the children who took part (and their families) for creating such a wide range of tempting dishes! Although choosing winning plates was incredibly difficult, we are delighted to

announce that the winners across the school were Eleora in Aquila; Jeremy in Delphinus and Poppy in Mercury. Congratulations to them and all the children who took part. All the plates will remain on display for now and will be returned to their owners in due course.



**PTFA Members** – We'd like to welcome Jane Doughty & Samantha Hansford as our Co-Chairs. Members of the PTFA already, they are looking forward to supporting other committee members and have lots of exciting ideas for

brand new initiatives. Thank you to Hannah O'Byrne, our previous chair, who we're pleased to say will remain as a trustee. We're also delighted to welcome two new members Sarah O'Brien & Vicky d'Abo, together with Ms Caswell who will be our Teacher Trustee. A big thank you to Charlie Coppalonga who will be stepping down after many years, being instrumental in driving our White Envelope stall donations, which have raised significant funds at our fairs.

**AGM** – Before half term we held our Annual General Meeting, which allowed us to reflect on the great fundraising achievements for our school. In the academic year 2022/23 we made a net profit of £10,975. This is testament to the generosity of our school and wider community, and we look forward to launching more initiatives this year to help us stretch our fundraising even further.

Mufti Day – Our most recent non-uniform day raised a huge total of £379.53! Thank you for your generosity, as always. Bag2School – We're looking forward to receiving your clothing donations! As a reminder we raise 50p per kilo donated. Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> is donation day so there's still time to clear out unwanted items before then.

Logo Competition – This year will see a new PTFA logo. We're excited to judge the many entries from our St Dunstan's children and look forward to announcing our winner next week. Many thanks for your continued support.



As part of our maths learning in Year 1, we have

been using our place value knowledge to count up the days we have been at

school. We celebrated 100 days of



school by dressing up in number themed clothing and completing lots of fun

activities. We thought about what makes 100 and counted objects, built models, made

jewellery and played games using our knowledge of 100. Throughout the day we also read 100 pages of a book, wrote 100 tricky words and completed 100 tasks in our PE lesson.







# 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:



### Neptune & Pegasus

### WORLD BOOK DAY 7 MARCH 2024

We will be celebrating World Book Day with various reading-related activities in school on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. If the children would like to attend school that day dressed as a book character, they are very welcome to do so. If they would prefer not to, please send them in their school uniform.



Every year on March 21<sup>st</sup> people all around the world come together to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by wearing brightly coloured, mismatched socks.

March 21<sup>st</sup> is symbolic because people with Down syndrome have 3 copies of their 21<sup>st</sup> chromosome. Socks were

chosen because the karyotype of DS chromosomes actually looks like mismatched socks! We look forward to seeing many mismatched socks on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

What	kind of snacks can we eat at playtime in our school?	
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#### **Environment Seed Sale**

Environment club held a verv

successful seed sale on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and raised an incredible amount of £27.20.

They are going to be holding another seed sale on Monday



26th Feb. We will be set up outside the office and aim to be ready to sell at 3.20pm. Like before, packs will be 50p each and have all been either collected or sorted by the children of the club. We are going to be voting as a club which

school project they'd like to spend the money on. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you there.



#### Pop a little pancake into the pan.

Being that pancake day fell within the half term this year, the children who have school dinners on a Friday were treated to pancakes. Thank you to the catering team for making this a special occasion.

'Stars' of	the last ti	vo weeks	
Nursery	Todor	Kai Sen	
Venus	Charlie	Mia	
Pluto	Leo B	Sienna	
Neptune	Indiana	Lottie	
Mercury	Noelie	Harvey	
Jupiter	Ruby F	Ryan	•
Saturn	Chloe R	April	•
Delphinus	Faizan	John	•
Phoenix	Theo P	Alfie R	-
Orion	Sebastian	Lola	
Pegasus	Alfred	Amy F	
Unicorn	Sophia D	Millie	•
Hercules	Onalee	Joshua R	•
Aquila	Isabella M	Chloe	
Cygnus	Sofia	Imogen	

#### How to ride a bike...

**Reception have** begun their balanceability sessions on their new bikes - this has been very exciting. Our aim is for every Reception child to leave us able to ride a two wheeled bike with no stabilisers. Watch this space!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Dates may be subject to change)			
<b>Future Dates for your Diary:</b>			
<b>February</b>			
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	Delphinus Class Assembly 8.55am		
	Neptune Class Assembly 9.20am		
	Year 5 Visit to Sutton Synagogue		
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Swimming Lesson		
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Eucharist in School 9.00am		
March			
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	PTFA Bags2School being collected		
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Easter Experience		
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Swimming		
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day		
	Prayer Group in School Library 8.45am		
Future Dates for your Diary			

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> April Mon 15<sup>th</sup>

Children return to school

Break Up for Easter 1.30pm



## Sports News

Bee Netball

'On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, the

netball squad went to Wallington High School for Girls to compete in a netball tournament. We drew 3 games and lost two. We enjoyed playing against the other schools. In the first game we drew 1:1, our

second game we drew 2:2 and in our last game there were no goals scored. The team played extremely well and the results in the games we lost were 1:0 and 2:0. Sadly we didn't make it to the semi-finals but played a friendly game against Nonsuch Primary but, unfortunately, we lost 3:0. It was a great experience and everyone played their best.' *by Eleora, Aquila.* 



#### We are the Champions!

On Friday 9th February, a team from St Dunstan's travelled to Sutton Sports Village in Rose Hill to take part in a Panathlon. Tthe Panathlon consisted of a

variety of events such as: balancing tennis balls on a tennis racquet, throwing and aiming for targets, pin bowling, basketball shooting, football and goal targets.

The team competed against eleven other schools to win gold for our school. Well done everyone for bringing the trophy to St Dunstan's. We are very proud of you. *Miss H Toms* 

# Football

'On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, we went to Shawley Community Centre to play a football match against Nonsuch Primary School. Nonsuch had many chances but our defence stood strong. In the 10<sup>th</sup>

minute due to a foul by St Dunstan's, Nonsuch received a penalty and scored. One of our team members deflected a pass and Xavier scored . At half-time the score was 2:1 to Nonsuch but our hopes were high for a comeback. Nonsuch were playing well and in the 13<sup>th</sup> minute of the second half, Nonsuch scored again and with 4 minutes to go they managed to get another goal. We still were not giving up and at 2 minutes to go, Bobby past 5 defenders and scored. The final score was 5:2 to Nonsuch.

Although, we lost this game we played as a team, had great fun and had a good experience. Let's hope we win our next match!' by Efrem, Hercules & Jacob, Unicorn.

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