



30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Newsletter No. 159

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

## Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to our Newsletter, I hope you enjoy reading about some of the events and learning opportunities enjoyed by our

children over the past fortnight.

Autumn is now upon us and we have certainly noticed the change of temperature this week as we move into this new season! Please remind the children to bring named jumpers and coats to school every day now in order that we can make the most of the outdoors whilst it is dry. Thank you.

It was wonderful to welcome those families new to our St Dunstan's family to a social evening last night - there was much laughter and good conversation! Thank you for taking the time to join us for this event and thank you to the staff, Governors and PTFA for supporting the evening.

Next Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, is Harvest Festival here at school and we hope that you will be able to join us for one or both of these celebrations - KS2 Harvest Eucharist at 9.00am and EY/KS1 Harvest Celebration at 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ms J Corby

As you will have seen from Ms Corby's message, next Wednesday there will be a Harvest Eucharist Service for **KS2 at 9:00am** and a Harvest Celebration led by **KS1 and Reception at 2:30pm**. Both events will take place in the school hall and parents/carers are very welcome to attend.

Much of the focus of harvest is round being thankful for all that we have, and also thinking about those who are less fortunate than ourselves. This year, we request that the children bring in donations for Sutton Foodbank, which helps local people in crisis. Attached is a list of items that the foodbank is currently requesting. Please send



your donation into school with your child **on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. The donations will be delivered to the Sutton Foodbank on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October by Mrs Soma and the House Captains. Thank you for your donations and support.

## Harvest Donations



### What we need

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tinned Fruit</li><li>• Instant Noodles</li><li>• Tinned Tomatoes</li><li>• Tinned Vegetables</li><li>• Small Jars of Coffee</li><li>• Long Life Orange Juice</li><li>• Tinned Soups &amp; Cup Soup</li><li>• UHT Milk (semi-skim &amp; whole)</li><li>• Tinned Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shower gel</li><li>• Shampoo</li><li>• Deodorant</li><li>• Biscuits</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sugar (500g)</li><li>• Rice Pudding</li><li>• Sponge Puddings</li><li>• Small Chocolate Bars</li></ul> |
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- \*No open packets or large packs please  
\*Donations need 3+ months shelf life  
\*Please note we have plenty of cereals, baked beans and pasta



The PTFA

**Good as New Uniform Sale:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm—3.30pm.

### Matched Funding:

As per our Parentmail, we are seeking support from parents /carers whose employers might offer matched funding. If you work for an organisation that has a matched funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer.

We have benefited significantly from this support in the past and would welcome parents identifying whether this is something their company has in place as we are currently planning the Christmas Fayre.

If you are able to benefit from this opportunity then please contact the PTFA by emailing - [ptfa.stdunstans@gmail.com](mailto:ptfa.stdunstans@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance.

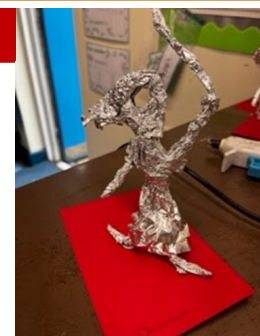
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## Year 4 Roman Day

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September Year 4 had an enjoyable 'Roman Day'. We learnt how to write up to one hundred in Roman numerals. 'I know that C is one hundred, L is fifty and sixty five is LXV.' Keira, Orion.

We also learnt about Boudicca who was the leader of the Iceni Tribe who fought against The Romans.

'I enjoyed looking at the different images and descriptions of Boudicca and how she was perceived. I think Boudicca had a tall frame, fierce menacing eyes and long red fiery hair.' Joshua, Orion. In the afternoon we made maquettes (small sculptures of Boudica) using pipe cleaners and foil. 'I wanted my sculpture of Boudica to be holding a spear, to have hair swaying in the wind and a tunic. It was quite challenging because my original design was quite detailed but I managed to include everything in my design in the end.' Dharana, Pegasus.





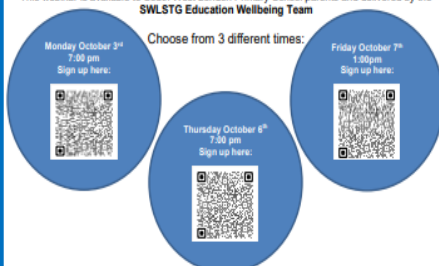
### Getting into School

#### Common Challenges and Supporting School Avoidance

Supporting your child to get into school, on time, relaxed and ready for learning can be challenging! This webinar aims to:

- Think about some of the challenges that can be faced in the morning
- Think about child anxiety from a cognitive-behavioural perspective
- Explore different ways to talk about worries with your child
- Learn how to build your child's confidence and make getting into school easier for everyone

This webinar is available to South West London Primary School parents and delivered by the SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Team



Visit our EventBrite page for further info about our parent webinars:  
[www.eventbrite.com/primary-parents-rlp-wellbeing-workshops-682309](http://www.eventbrite.com/primary-parents-rlp-wellbeing-workshops-682309)



We are pleased to announce our new School Council Members who have been elected for this year.

Neptune - Charlotte	Mercury - Sofia
Jupiter - James	Saturn - Aaron
Phoenix - Alfred	Delphinus - Emily
Orion - Ethan	Pegasus - Ruby
Unicorn - Sofia S	Hercules - Gilbert
Aquila - Damon	Cygnus - Narthana

Well done to all of the children who stood for election. Mrs. Mollet is really looking forward to working with the new School Council members.

### OCTOBER HALF TERM



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

To book a place,  
email [info@ca-portscoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@ca-portscoaching.co.uk)

### Roblox - New Age Rating and Parental Controls

Roblox is an incredibly popular games across all ages, but particularly children. Until now Roblox has been rated 10+ by ESRB and 7+ by PEGI. This has changed to 'Teen' by ESRB and 'PEGI! Additionally, Roblox is introducing more parental controls to filter different experiences dependent on the age of the user. This is an interesting and welcome development due to the incredible amount of user-generated content with within Roblox.



### Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 20/09/2022 was:

**96.1%**

Our target is **96.4%**

### House Points

St David  
**312**

St Andrew  
**200**

St George  
**179**

St Patrick  
**197**

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

Nursery	Lyra	Lydia
Venus	George	Ayla
Pluto	Poppy	Sura
Neptune	Ruby	Enoch
Mercury	Piper	Victoria
Jupiter	Tommy	Todor
Saturn	Kehara	Joel
Delphinus	Alabama	Aryaman
Phoenix	Floard	Sofia R
Orion	Rosalind	Joshua R
Pegasus	Benjamin	Florence
Unicorn	Ethan	Aadhini
Hercules	Anand	Shaayan
Aquila	Cameron	Giana
Cygnus	Chloe	Luna

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

#### October

Weds 5<sup>th</sup>

Harvest Celebrations—see details below

Flu Immunisations for children in R-Yr6

Year 6—Swimming

Year 5/6 Football match - Away Shawley Primary School

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>

Prayer Group

Fri 7<sup>th</sup>

House Captains to deliver donations to Sutton Foodbank

Mon 10<sup>th</sup>

Jupiter visit Whitehall, Cheam 9.00am-11.45am

Tues 11<sup>th</sup>

Saturn visit Whitehall, Cheam 9.00am-11.45am

Weds 12<sup>th</sup>

Emotion Coaching Session in hall 8.50am—9.45am

Year 6—Swimming

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>

Borough Cross Country Yrs 4, 5 & 6

Fri 14<sup>th</sup>

Good as New Uniform Sale 3.00pm—3.30pm

#### Future Dates

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct

**INSET DAY**

Mon 24<sup>th</sup>—Fri 28<sup>th</sup>

**Half Term**

Mon 31<sup>st</sup>

Children return to school



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