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

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to a new half term of learning. I hope that you all had a lovely holiday and were able to make the most of the unseasonably warm weather.

Our school is looking wonderful, with displays around the building celebrating the learning that is taking place. It was a joy to see our Y6 House Captains showing prospective parents around the school in the last week of term, celebrating what it means to them to be part of the St Dunstan's school community. Thank you to all of our staff, children and parents for their contributions.

Following feedback from some parents, we are trying to streamline the number of ParentMails which we send out. This means it will be of great importance that you read all communications as they may contain various pieces of information. We will be using our fortnightly newsletter for reminders and we will be using our School Website more for sharing information. I hope that this will enable communication to be clearer for all members of our school community.

As we are now approaching winter, please can you remind your children to bring a named coat to school every day, as we try and go outside whatever the weather. Thank you.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we will see you all on Monday.

Ms J Corby

Mobile Planetarium

Today Year 5 took part in a space spectacular day! The Mobile Planetarium came in, we created



some space art and we carried out a space experiment. The Planetarium instructor, who was called Dave, told us all

about the planets and what they are made of. He even showed us a couple of star constellations. In art, we drew a picture of space made out of chalk and pastels. In our science, we threaded string through a straw and we tied the straw to the balloon, We blew up the balloon and let it go. It was an example of a rocket taking off.



by Oliver, Year 5

New Beginnings

Year 1 have been learning about Diwali this week, we read the story of Prince Rama and Princess Sita and learnt about how Diwali is about new beginnings and the celebration of light which represents good and its triumph over evil.



We have had a great start to our fundraising this academic year thanks to your ongoing support and generosity.

Mufti Day: thanks to your support and generosity we raised

£435 at our mufti day at the end of term. This money will be shared amongst the class teachers to assist with purchasing additional class room resources to support the classes and delivery of topics.

Autumn Active Challenge: thank you to everyone who took part in the challenge. To date we have raised an amazing **£515**. If you would still like to donate then please do so over the weekend. We look forward to looking at all the activities that the children enjoyed over the half term and certificates will be sent out shortly.

Uniform Sale: **£175** was raised at the uniform sale held last term. Details of future sales will be circulated in due course.

Christmas Fayre: Our Christmas Fayre is scheduled to take place on Saturday 3rd December. This is will be the first Christmas Fayre we have been able to deliver since 2019 due to the pandemic.

We are looking forward to hosting a great school community event but can only do this with the support of parents/carers. Class reps will communicate with in the next few weeks about support required for the stalls on the day but we also need some specific help with the following; catering stall, beauty stall, school fayre brochure. If you have any skills, expertise or interest in any of the above then we would love to hear from you. Please email

ptfa.stdunstans@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support.

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'A Child's War'



On Monday, Year 6 started our new topic 'A Child's War' with an Evacuee Day. Lots of us dressed up in what we thought evacuees would have worn. In English, we collected words and phrases related to World War Two and read a recount about a Jewish girl who had to escape from Austria to England in 1938 because the Nazis were invading and destroying homes and businesses. Her family had been affected by Kristallnacht (the night of broken glass) and she came to England on the Kindertransport. In the afternoon, we carried out some role play to help us understand more about how we might have felt as evacuees. We were given labels with the destination of



where we were going to be evacuated to and then, in groups, we imagined we were on the station platform about to be sent away. Through our facial expressions and body language our freeze frames showed how we were feeling - some excited, some nervous, some scared or upset.

After that, we went back inside and read a play about three children who were being evacuated. Some children thought it was just a holiday but others knew that it was because they would have been in danger if they had stayed in the city. We learnt that some children were evacuated a couple of days before the war officially began.

We enjoyed the day because it was good fun to dress up like our great grandparents might have dressed and we began to understand how difficult it would have been to live during World War Two.

by Sylvie C and Elliott G

Bonfire Bonanza Lunch

On Thursday 3rd November, the children who had a school dinner were treated to a Bonfire Bonanza lunch and were given a choice of sizzling bangers in buns, baked jacket potato, golden syrup drizzle sponge or sizzling bangers in buns (vegetarian) chips, fresh fruit stack, fireworks vegetable medley including smokey beans. 'Thank you' to Miss Fraser and her team for the wonderful firework display in the servery.



Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 17/10/2022 was:
96.00%
Our target is **96.4%**

House Points

St Patrick
343

St Andrew
309

St George
340

St David
379

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal again this year. Our House Captains will be taking poppies, together with the collection tins, to each class during the school day until Friday 11th November.



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



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

Nursery	Oliver	Sienna
Venus	Alex Z	Insiya
Pluto	Naveyashri	Benjamin
Neptune	Oscar S	Gian Luca
Mercury	Daniel	Harlyn
Jupiter	Emmanuel	Sofia
Saturn	Miller	Jasmine
Delphinus	Viktor	Hannah
Phoenix	Nicole	Lily
Orion	Purva	Melanie
Pegasus	Kimberley	Bonnie
Unicorn	Lexi	Ethan L
Hercules	Pollyanna	Mythili
Aquila	Abeera	Raquel
Cygnus	Narthana	Elisabeth

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

November

Weds 9th Year 6— Final Swimming lesson
Thurs 10th KS2 Remembrance Service at Church
Yr5/6 Tag Rugby (selected pupils) - John Fisher Playing Fields Purley
Weds 16th Year 5—First Swimming lesson
Thurs 17th Prayer Group at 8.45am in the school library.
Reception Autumn Walk

Please note a change of date on calendar on school's website:
Nursery Christmas Celebrations is now on Thursday 8th December at 11.15am and not Thursday 15th December.

Request for Leave

Please note that if you are requesting a leave of absence, an Exceptional Circumstance Absence Request Letter must be completed and returned to the school office. This can be found on the school's website under Forms to Download. The Headteacher will send a letter confirming whether the absence is authorised or un-authorised.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 22nd**

November to photograph all the children. You will already have given consent for your child to be photographed.



If you have more than one child in school the photographer will automatically take a family group photo. If you would like your child/children to be photographed individually please email the school office by Thursday 17th November.

Unfortunately, due to time limitation, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE to have a family and individual photographs taken unless the child/children are new to St Dunstan's and an individual photo is taken for administration purposes.

If you do not wish for your child's photograph to be taken, please let the school office know.

Many Thanks

**ST OSWALD'S CHURCH
BROCKS DRIVE
CHRISTMAS FAIR**

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
2.00PM - 4.00PM

**LOTS OF STALLS FULL OF GIFTS AND
CHANCES TO WIN EXCITING PRIZES.**

FREE ENTRANCE

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First Steps: 9.30 - 10.00

Second Steps: 10.00 - 11.00

Intermediate Steps: 11.00 - 12.00

Advanced Steps: 12.00 - 13.00



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