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

## Message from the Headteacher

I am delighted to say this is the last Newsletter before we welcome ALL



children back to school on Monday. We are **so** looking forward to seeing you all and having our whole school family back under one roof!

I would like to pay special tribute to all parents / carers who have been supporting the children in their daily learning at home since Christmas—you have been amazing, as have all of the children, and you should all be extremely proud of yourselves.

Please remember to check the drop off and collection times for your family and we respectfully request that you do not arrive too early as we really need to prevent the paths and roads around school from becoming too congested. A reminder that all KS2 children (Years 3-6) enter through the school gate on their own in the mornings and Early Years and Key Stage 1 drop the children at the blue KS1 gate. Only 1 adult per family at any time please!

We have been extremely successful, so far, in preventing transmission of the virus within school thanks to everyone following our rules and so I do ask that everyone respects the School Risk Assessment: all adults and children of secondary school age wear face coverings on the school site at all times (unless medically exempt) and everyone stays at least 2 metres from other families at all times please. Thank you for your help and support in keeping our whole community safe. Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

*Ms J Corby*

WORLD BOOK DAY  
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On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March our school took part in celebrating World Book Day. During the day, we took part in a range of activities that involved books and the sharing of stories.

We were able to share stories with our friends, create reading crowns, watch an amazing live lesson and design our own front covers for our favourite books. After lunch, many of us were able to enjoy our "Masked Reader" activity, use our character clues in a bubble quiz and share books that we loved. Great fun was had by everyone!

Now we all have a book token to spend on a book of our choice.

A very big thank you to all parents for helping your child find character clues that were shared both at home and at school. *Miss Toms*



*Thank you to the catering team who took part by dressing up in book characters and decorated the servery.*



After one week of learning all about our new topic 'Off With Her Head', Year Five are hooked!

This week we have discovered how

important dance was in Tudor Court life and have practised and developed our Tudor dance skills; moving our feet to an 8-beat music track and presenting ourselves correctly! From this we created our own simple Tudor style dances.

Here are some of our own evaluations of our dances:

"I thought the way the children in group B moved in and out of their spaces was clever and they worked well on their timing." *Reeyaz*

"Their timing was a little out but they worked well to use direction and space in their dance." *Matias*

"I thought that they worked well to move to the tempo and the 8- beat. They worked together and stepped in time." *Reshme*

If you want to know more about Tudor Dance, have a go [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxBMCrrzN4s&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxBMCrrzN4s&feature=emb_logo)

by Year 5



## Let's make a heart...

Last Thursday, Year 6 enjoyed making a model representing of one of the chambers of the heart during

our science lesson about the circulatory system.

We had to cut the neck off a balloon and stretch it over a jar which was half full of water. We then had to carefully make 2 holes in the balloon so that we could put the straws through and into the water. We needed to tape over one of the ends of the straws to make it act like a valve. (A valve in

the heart is used to keep blood that has been pumped from one chamber to another from flowing back into the chamber it came from.) Then we pushed onto the top of the stretched balloon to mimic the heart pumping blood through our arteries in a similar way.

These are some of the models made both at home and in school. **by Year 6**



## 6 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

### SCREEN TIME

<p><b>1. RULES</b> Agree on a clear set of rules in your home about screen time.</p>	<p><b>2. LEAD BY EXAMPLE</b> Do as you say! Modelling behaviour is the most powerful way you can influence your child's behaviour!</p>	<p><b>3. PHONE FREE ZONE</b> Restrict the use of TV's, mobile phones and computers in the bedroom!</p>
<p><b>4. CHARGING PHONES</b> Buy an alarm clock for your child's room and charge mobile phones in your room!</p>	<p><b>5. DIGITAL DETOX</b> One day a week have a family digital detox and plan a family activity!</p>	<p><b>6. JOIN IN</b> Play your child's favourite computer game and discover the online world together!</p>



**Half Term Heroes:** Wow! Thanks to your achievements and support we raised an amazing **£1940** for the school. An official thank you flyer will be circulated shortly acknowledging some of the achievements of the children who participated but we wanted to take this opportunity to say a MASSIVE thank you.

**PTFA Annual General Meeting:** The PTFA held our AGM last week. Although it was held virtually it was an opportunity to acknowledge the support of the parent community over the past year in supporting and engaging with events and activities to raise much needed funds for the school. The money raised will go towards the IT developments within the school.

We also nominated our committee for the coming year and the post holders are as follows; Ally Carnie, Chair, Natalie Gladwin, Vice Chair, Christianne Lee-Walsh, Secretary, and Liza Shepherd, Treasurer.

A big thank you to Agnieszka Leszczak who stepped down from her role as treasurer but will be remaining on the committee until her daughter leaves in July.

**Amazon smile and Easyfundraising:** Thank you to those of you who have already registered with these sites and as a result of your purchases, have raised funds for the school.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) is the UK's biggest charity shopping site where thousands of retailers will donate for free when you shop online.

Amazon smile donates each time you spend on their site if you identify the charitable organisation of your choice. For more information visit [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk)

This is a really easy way of fundraising for the school and so we welcome your ongoing support.

*Thank you for your ongoing support.*

**PTFA**

## The Vikings have arrived in Year 4

"In topic, we have learnt about the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. We made Viking boats and



learnt about how Vikings live. We looked at timelines and the Battle of Hastings in 1066." *by Lillyann and Esther*

## Help make our school look colourful.

We would like to bring some colour into our lovely school grounds.

If you are visiting a garden centre this weekend and are buying bedding plants, it would be wonderful to receive any donations of bedding plants that you may be able to donate to the school.



*As always, thank you for your support.*

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

Nursery	Cara	April
Venus	Niylah	Amberly
Pluto	Joshua B	Magnus
Neptune	Pippa	Florence K
Mercury	Ella	Scout
Jupiter	Florence J	Jude
Saturn	Roman	Betsy
Delphinus	Lexi	Tiffany
Phoenix	Oliver	Charlotte W
Orion	Caleb	Olivia J
Pegasus	Olivia B	Lillyann
Urnicorn	Reshme	Holly S
Hercules	Julia	Elnathan
Aquila	Sophie L	Sofia V
Cygnus	Natasha	Annabell

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

## Summer Uniform



We would like to remind you that following the Easter holidays, children are encouraged to move to summer uniform. For the rest of this term, the children remain in winter uniform. Please see [here](#) for a full list of our school uniform.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

### March

Mon 8<sup>th</sup>—Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>

Parent Consultations via Google Meet

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>

Reception Dinosaur and Fossil Hunting Workshop

### April

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>

Break up for Easter 1.30pm

Mon 19<sup>th</sup>

Children return to school