



8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Newsletter No. 10

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

## Message from Mrs Porter

Today is International Women's Day, yesterday was World Book Day and Sunday is Mothering Sunday!! Red Letter Days celebrating special events and people. This newsletter is full of our own red letter events from Y4 and Y5 trips, sporting successes and our World Book Day activities. Today we welcomed Mrs Harris to worship who thanked us for the generous Christmas donation. She shared with us the work of the Tadworth Trust and how the money raised will support and benefit so many children and their families facing challenging situations.

Thank you to all Reception and Nursery parents who were able to join us this afternoon.

Enjoy reading this newsletter and have a good weekend especially all the Mums!

*Mrs L Porter*

Today is International Women's



Last week, four pupils from across KS2 took part in a General Knowledge Quiz Club

area heat. Lucia, Toby, Ashton and John worked really well together as a team, sharing answers when they were sure and discussing likely answers

when they were unsure. Over 50 teams took part and after the second round St Dunstan's was sitting in second place. At the end of the quiz, we were in sixth place and through to the semi-finals, which will take place next week. Particular congratulations go to John, who finished as the individual player, out of over 200, with the highest score. We look forward to the next round!



Last week, we went to Sutton Synagogue. We learnt lots of facts, for example about the different types of Menorahs, and all about Bat Mitzvahs and Bar Mitzvahs. We were shown around by two lovely people, who shared lots of information with us. We got to have a look and feel different objects, but were careful to not touch the Torah, as it is a sacred object that needs to be kept clean. If you want to read it, you have to use a yad to help to see where you are reading! One of the best bits was playing with the Dreidels (the oldest form of gambling), and the boys enjoyed wearing kippahs, which all men have to wear on their heads in the Synagogue. Best of all we tried some Challah and Matzo bread, the Challah was our favourite by far! by Toby and Millie, Unicorn.



On Monday, Year 4 walked the mile long journey to Sutton Baptist

Church. There we witnessed a thought provoking retelling of the Easter story. It was retold by church volunteers and some of the children were given roles of the various characters featured in the Easter Story.

It was an emotional and captivating performance. Year 4 had a wonderful morning.



**Logo Competition:** We are excited to share the winning logo from our competition. We had 78 entries with thoughtful and creative designs. Our winner created a logo which was both colourful and playful - we think it does a great job at reflecting the fun children have at our events. Congratulations to all of the children who took part but especially our winner Adelina from Mercury class. Adelina will be celebrating by using her tickets to Hobbledown. Our desire for a logo was to establish an identity for our PTFA, to help recognise our fundraising efforts and grow our relationships in our wider community.

**Bag2School:** Our Bag2School collection 1<sup>st</sup> March was a huge success. Thanks to all the families that took part, I think we all enjoyed the chance to clear out unwanted clothes. Your contributions weighed in at 667 kilos, raising the school **£333.50**. We've already had requests to run this initiative again and we certainly will do another one this year.

**Instagram:** You will have seen that we now have our very own Instagram Account. A chance for you to keep up to date and join the conversation. Please take a look at our welcome page and tell us what you'd like to see on our account. @ptfa\_st\_dunstans\_primary

**Uniform Sale:** We will be holding a nearly new uniform Monday March 11th, 3.00pm - 3:30pm outside the school office. Remember cash only please. We currently have high levels of stock so will arrange donations once we have room for storage. Thank you for your continued support.

**World Book Day Costumes:** Following the successful WBD on Thursday we have tried to think of ways the PTFA might be able to assist with the purchasing of costumes for next year. Along with festive jumper sales at the Christmas Fayre, we will be selling nearly new costumes. If you'd like to donate to our stock then please drop off costumes on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> between 3.00pm—3:30pm outside the school office.

**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.**

**Neptune & Hercules**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, a team of Year 5 and 6 children travelled to Nonsuch Girls to take part in the Quicksticks competition. There were eight schools participating. The team played seven matches. During the afternoon, nineteen goals were scored! Our team was unbeaten until the penultimate match, which we unfortunately lost 2:1.



Our team played with great determination, energy and worked brilliantly as a team. We won Silver at this competition. Well done to all our Quicksticks players.



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. We look forward to seeing many mismatched socks.

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

Nursery	Musfata	Carter
Venus	Zeph	Erick
Pluto	Florence	Leo
Neptune	Whole Class	Emily H
Mercury	Insiya	Muireann
Jupiter	Grace	Harry
Saturn	Daniel	Daphne
Delphinus	Jeremy L	Joshua
Phoenix	Calli	Mimi
Orion	Zafran	Emily GA
Pegasus	Sapphire	Cora
Unicorn	Xavier	Lucy
Hercules	Ethan	Evie
Aquila	Bella	Alice
Cygnus	Andrew	Anika

**House  
Points  
totals  
for this  
week**

St Andrew  
**388**

St David  
**462**

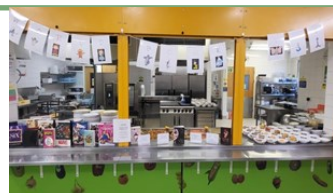
St Patrick  
**403**

St George  
**382**



**WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY**  
7 MARCH 2024

We celebrated World Book Day this week with a range of reading-related activities. Some people dressed up as book characters and their costumes



were much admired in our special assemblies and throughout the day. When the bell rang, at random times, everyone

stopped what they were doing and read for a few minutes. Pupils took part in live lessons, had a zoom conversation with one of our grandparents who is an author and Years 5 & 6 took part in a 'Footy & Booky Quiz'. Each class also created a new 'Reading in our class' poster to go up in the school library. Many thanks to everyone for the part they played in celebration of books and reading.



**Open Morning** As you are aware, on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** we will be having an open morning here in school. This will be an opportunity for you to come and celebrate your child/children's work with them during the school day. The times that you may visit your child's class were sent out via ParentMail on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

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

### Future Dates for your Diary:

#### March

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Good as New Uniform Sale
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Walk to Cheam Park (Saturn)
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Walk to Cheam Park (Jupiter)
	Year 4 Swimming
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Swimming
	Online E-Safety Meeting 6pm—7pm
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 1 Rio Carnival Day
	Year 5 Portals to the Past
	Rock Your Socks (as above)
	Prayer Group in School Library 8.45am
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Morning (see above)

#### Future Dates for your Diary

Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Break Up for Easter 1.30pm
<u>April</u>	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school



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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.

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# FOOTBALL ACADEMY

[www.ca-sportscoaching.co.uk](http://www.ca-sportscoaching.co.uk)

Providing football coaching for over 15 years

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING  
 10.30AM - 12.00PM

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

Boys and Girls  
 from U5 - U11 (Rec - Year 6)

- Ball Skills
- Fun Games
- Matches

## Qualified Football Coaching

All Coaches have a DBS Disclosure and are First Aid Trained

We offer every child a free taster session.  
 To reserve a place for your child, please call  
**Naz (Head Coach) on 07793 815 752**  
 or email: [info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk)

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...



- ✓ Full training provided
- ✓ DBS checks
- ✓ First Aid certification
- ✓ Free leaders shirt
- ✓ Boost your CV
- ✓ Make a Difference

Ready to embark on this exciting journey?  
 Send us an email at:  
[8thcheamscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:8thcheamscoutgroup@gmail.com)

BEAVER  
 6-8 years

CUBS  
 8-10½ years

SCOUTS  
 10½-14 years

EXPLORERS  
 14-18 years

Scouts  
 8th Cheam

## COME JOIN OUR EASTER EGG TRAIL

at Rosebery Park  
 on Saturday 23rd March 10am - 1pm

FOR UNDER 12S  
 CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES

ADVANCE BOOKING:

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/eastereggtrailatroseberypark>

OR YOU CAN TURN UP ON THE DAY  
 SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

FIND THE CLUES TO REVEAL YOUR PRIZE

EASTER EGG TRAIL  
 EASTER GIFTS  
 REFRESHMENTS

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CALL  
 01372 732 451

AGE  
 CONCERN  
 EPSOM & EWELL

£3  
 per entry

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THE FAMILY  
 SUPPORTERS

This is a fundraising event to support Age Concern Epsom & Ewell.  
 A local charity helping our older community to feel less alone.  
 Registered Charity 1139652

## junior parkrun

Free, fun & friendly 2km event for 4-14 year olds, 9.00 am each Sunday

We are looking for volunteers to help bring a junior parkrun to WALLINGTON

To find out more please scan the QR code or email [publichealth@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:publichealth@sutton.gov.uk)

Sutton



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.

## UNIFORM PTFA SALE!



MONDAY MARCH 11TH  
 3-3:30  
 IN FRONT OF SCHOOL OFFICE

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

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