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Newsletter No. 116

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

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to our first Spring Term Newsletter and a very belated, but nonetheless heartfelt, Happy New Year to you all.

We have had a very exciting and uplifting start to the new year with the launch of our new school Vision—I hope you enjoyed reading about it in my letter earlier this week and also hearing about it from your children. We are very inspired and enthused by the next phase of developing our school to be the very best that we can be.

'St Dunstan's – a thriving Christian school guided by the Good Shepherd, founded on faith, inspiring the best in everyone'.

For all members of our school family we celebrate:

- excellent achievement and progress in all that we do
- learning for life in all its fullness
- Christian values alive within our school
- being at the heart of our community

As part of our celebrations we enjoyed a wonderful Epiphany Service at church, led by Y3 linking Epiphany to the Beatitudes—thank you to the children and to all who joined us for the service. Please remember that you are all invited to worship with us in any Eucharist service, in school and church, whether or not your children are involved.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Newsletter as we share some of the exciting activities which have taken place in the past 2 weeks.

Ms J Corby



We are pleased to announce that SG Sports are holding a camp during the February half-term from Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February . Activities include dance, football, basketball, athletics, netball and cricket.

To book please visit <https://sgsport.co.uk/product-category/holiday-camps/>

If you book a place before 1st February, you will receive a 10% discount by quoting ACTIVEKIDS.

Many thanks

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Palaeontologists for the Day..



Pluto and Venus had so much fun at the dinosaur workshop.

"Dinosaurs lived 65 million years ago". Alfie



We were palaeontologists for the day and found different dinosaur fossils.

"I liked it when I saw the baby dinosaurs".

We found out how long ago dinosaurs were on the earth and also why stegosaurus had plates on its back. We enjoyed meeting Millie the T-Rex and the baby triceratops.



"We found fossils!". Max



Last night, we held our Annual General Meeting at the school. As well as it being a legal requirement as a registered charity, it is a chance to reflect and acknowledge our achievements over the past academic year. Thank you to all of you who have supported us with our fundraising and delivery of school community events. In the 2018/19 academic year we raised an impressive £19,950. As you are aware this money was used to pay for Athletics, a contribution towards Year 5 and 6 journeys as well the final phase of the playground refurbishment.

In the 2019/20 and 2020/21 academic years we will be fundraising in order to provide new replacement interactive white boards for every classroom and have set a target of raising over £30,000 in order to achieve this. These boards enhance students' learning experiences, accommodating different learning styles. We will also continue to support the ongoing funding of Athletics and school journeys which are an ongoing commitment. **PTFA**

House Points Results—Autumn Term 2019

1st St Patrick 5,495	2nd St Andrew 5,297	3rd St David 5,160	4th St George 4,959
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All the House Points from the Autumn Term House Points have been counted and the winning House for last term was announced in Worship.

The children worked extremely hard to be awarded House Points during the Autumn Term and we are very proud of them all.

The winning House with an incredible total of **5,495** points was St Patrick's. 'Congratulations' to you all.



St Patrick's House Captains for the Autumn Term, Alex & Fraser holding the winning trophy.

Football News

On January 13th, the Yr5 football team faced a tough match

against St Cecilia's Primary School.

In the first half, St Dunstan's scored the first goal and it was 1:0 at half time. The teams were evenly matched and both teams played well.

At the start of the second half, St Cecilia's scored bringing the score to 1:1. Both teams held their positions and the final score remained at 1:1. As this was a cup game, it meant that the boys needed to play extra time and if it was still a draw, it would go to penalties.

St Dunstan's matched St Cecilia's pass for pass but unfortunately, just in the last minute of the game, St Cecilia's scored making it 2:1 and there was no time left for St Dunstan's to score.

I would like to congratulate the boys on their impeccable behaviour and sportsmanship. Thank you to Mrs Webb and all the parents for their encouragement and support to the team.

Jamon, Yr5 & Mrs Bolt

We are pleased to announce the House Captains for the **Spring Term 2020**.

St Andrew's: Brian & Archie St David's: Mary & Isabella
St George's: Adam & Ruby St Patrick's: Rosie & Matthew
Congratulations to you all.

REMINDER

Please can we respectfully remind you that we are a Healthy School and, as such, we try to avoid treats such as cakes and sweets. If you are wishing to share your children's birthday

celebrations with their class please can we encourage a donation of a book/game to the class which they can all enjoy. Thank you for your support and understanding.

We are finding that we have an increasing number of children arriving into class late in the mornings—please can we remind you that the gates open at 8.35am and children can go straight into their classrooms. All children need to be in their classes and ready to learn by 8.45am when learning begins.

Thank you for your support.

House Points

St Andrew
362

St George
451

St David
474

St Patrick
462

Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 13/12/2019 was:

96.1% (4 day week)

Our target is **96.4%**

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

Nursery	Joel	Theo P
Venus	Phoebe	Sofia R
Pluto	Alfred	Amelie
Neptune	Bonnie	Florence S
Mercury	Kit	Talia
Jupiter	Ella	Ianthi
Saturn	James T	Lexi
Delphinus	Valentina	Luna
Phoenix	Conor	Bebe
Orion	Olivia B	Miranda
Pegasus	Bianca	Finley
Unicorn	Charlotte C	Daniel J
Hercules	Alicia	Hisham A
Aquila	Rajya	Grace C
Cygnus	Tia FB	Brian W

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

Mon 20 th	Clubs start this week
Tues 21 st	Jupiter Class Assembly 8.50am—9.10am Meeting for Year 5 parents for school journey to Dalesdown 6.30pm
Weds 22 nd	Year 3 visit to The Natural History Museum Year 5 Swimming
Thurs 23 rd	Nursery Workshop—'Phonics' 8.45am-9.15am for Sun and 12.30pm—1.00pm for Moon (Earth parents are welcome at either workshop) Girls League Football Match 3.45pm at Sutton United
Fri 24 th	Year 4 visit to The Science Museum
Tues 28 th	Boys' Cup Football Match 3.45pm at Sutton United SATs Workshop for Y6 parents 6.30pm Year 5 Swimming
Weds 29 th	St Dunstan's School Prayer Group—meet in library 8.45am
Thurs 30 th	Phoenix Class Assembly 8.50am-9.10am

February

Mon 17 th —Fri 21 st	Half Term
Mon 24 th	INSET DAY
Tues 25 th	Children return to school