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

Message from the Headteacher

Happy Half Term Holiday!

We have enjoyed a very busy half term here at school— children and staff alike have been working so hard and I hope that you are able to enjoy some relaxation with your families over the break. We are all so proud of the children's achievements and it is so gratifying to be able to celebrate each step in their learning along the way.

I would like to personally thank you for embracing our request to donate books and games to your child's class in celebration of their birthdays, rather than giving cakes and sweets. Many classes are now enjoying fabulous new books and these gifts have bookplates in so that the children know that they have been given in celebration of individual birthdays.

Thank you also to all of our parents and carers for thinking carefully about where you park to drop off your children—we all need to work together to ensure the safety of all of our school and local community.

I would like to wish you all a very happy half term holiday—stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday 25th February.

Ms J Corby



CELEBRATION TIME!!!!

On Thursday 6th
February, 4 KS2 children

represented our school at the National Inter Schools General Knowledge Quiz Championship 2019/2020. After 30 challenging general knowledge questions our team came out top! With a score of 2010 points, St Dunstan's beat all the other 11 competing teams.

We are so proud of them all; their knowledge, team work and approach throughout led to this fabulous winning combination.

Next stop... The Dominion Theatre in London in June 2020 for the Finals!!! If you see any of these children, ask them a question!! Mrs Porter



Lady Kathryn visits Year 2

Last Monday,
Yr 2 had a

special visitor. Lady Kathryn came fresh from the Middle Ages, looking for children to train to become pages to work at her castle. She taught us lots of new skills, like medieval dancing. Did you know that it was important for knights to be able to dance so that they had good balance and fast footwork for when they were fighting?

'Did you know that you cannot look in the queen's eyes or turn your back on her? You had to walk backwards and keep your eyes looking down!' Bella and Oliver (Jupiter). *'We learned how to dance mediievally – it was fun!'* Alice (Jupiter). *'I enjoyed it when we made the catapults because we had to find different materials to make them with.'* Eleora (Jupiter).



All children have now received their pouches for the half term holiday **'Bob a Job'** Challenge. This fundraiser is aimed at raising money for the new interactive whiteboards for every class and year group.

As outlined, the idea of the challenge is that over the half term we would ask pupils to do extra jobs (different to those they already do at home) for parents, family and friends and in return request a donation for their efforts.

Please could we would ask for donations raised to be returned to school by [Thursday 27th February](#). We would also ask them to enclose a little note with some of the things they carried out to raise the money so that we can acknowledge their hard work towards raising funds for their school.

Please note if you lose the pouch or haven't received one for any reason, please return the money in an envelope marked **'Bob a Job'**.

We thank you in advance for your support with this fundraising challenge and we look forward to hearing all the things your children helped with during the school holiday.

PTFA



As part of our maths learning, we have been using our place value knowledge to count up the days we have been at school. We celebrated 100 days of school by



dressing up in number themed clothing and completing lots of fun activities. We thought about what

Ten groups
of ten
equals 100!



makes 100 and counted objects such as beads, pasta shells, paper clips and pennies.

We wrote a story about a magic penny. My penny had an amazing adventure!



On Wednesday 11th February, the Yr6 Netball Squad played against Dorchester Primary School.

The girls played very well and maintained their positions at all times. The game was dominated by St Dunstan's and the final score was 10:0.

Well done to the whole team for their determination and great sportsmanship that was shown throughout the match.

by Ruby, Yr6



On Monday 10th February, the Yr6 football team headed to Sutton United Football Ground to play a football match against Cheam Common Primary School.

It rained heavily and was extremely cold.

However, this did not deter the team and they played with power in their minds and much determination. The first half was pretty even with both teams playing some great football. Towards the end of the first half, Cheam Common scored two amazing goals.

In the second half, St Dunstan's started strong and scored a goal which was unfortunately disallowed due to being offside. St Dunstan's continued to play well but Cheam Common scored a further 3 goals during the second half. The final score was 6:0. to Cheam Common.

by Teo, Yr6



The children had a very nice surprise today as they went into the lunch hall. The catering team decorated the servery with a Valentines theme.

House Points

St Andrew
496

St George
478

St David
537

St Patrick
575

Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 07/02/2020 was:

96.2%

Our target is **96.4%**



SG Sports are holding a camp during the February half-term from Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February.

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



Half Term

Mon 17th—Fri 21st February
Followed by

INSET DAY

Monday 24th February

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

Nursery	Samya	Zion
Venus	Anna W	Melissa
Pluto	Charlotte W	Luxi
Neptune	Emilia	Alice
Mercury	Seren	Evie
Jupiter	Charlotte W	Scott
Saturn	Lucia	Holi-Mae
Delphinus	Billy	Ryan
Phoenix	Isabella P	Cameron W
Orion	Maisie H	Peyton
Pegasus	Joseph H	Joshua B
Unicorn	Jamon	Hasti
Hercules	Joshua P	Oscar S
Aquila	Ayla	Pearl
Cygnus	Elisha	Mary

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

Mon 17th—Fri 21st **Half Term**

Mon 24th **INSET DAY**

Tues 25th Children return to school

Weds 26th KS2 Eucharist at Church—9.15am all friends and parents are welcome

Year 4 Swimming

Thurs 27th Prayer Group—meet in school library 8.45am

Year 4 Traders and Raiders Workshop

Fri 28th Yr2 Walk around Cheam Village

Saturday 29th Messy Church at St Oswald's 2.00pm-4.00pm

March

Tues 3rd Yr5 visit to Sutton Synagogue

Yr6 Boys league football at Sutton United 3.45pm

Weds 4th Year 4 Swimming

Thurs 5th World Book Day

Class Assembly Neptune 8.50am

Friday 6th Author Visit to KS2—books available to purchase after school

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The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad.

The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains low. However we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China.

Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling to the area.

This can be found at:

- * <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>
- * <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china>

Latest information and advice can also be found at:

- * <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>



Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

What action you can take

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus.

Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

Catch it



Bin It



Kill It

