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

Message from the Headteacher

I am delighted to inform you that we now have a dedicated officer outside of school in the mornings, looking after the children and parents of St Dunstan's at the crossing and in the car park to ensure everyone arrives safely at school.

We are very grateful to Sutton Council for listening to the concerns of the school and our parent body and taking such swift action.

Unfortunately we are still receiving messages from parents regarding unsafe parking outside the school – I would urge you please to consider the safety of others at all times. Thank you.

We would like to extend our deepest thanks to St Paul's Howell Hill for the donation of a piano which is in far better condition than one of ours. Huge thanks also to Colin and his neighbour, Gary for moving the piano to its new home – once we have a visit from a piano tuner we will be able to enjoy this wonderful new addition – community spirit at its best!

You will see from the Newsletter that it has been a very busy fortnight here at school for the children and staff; I hope you enjoy reading about some of the many learning experiences which have taken place. It has also been busy for you, the parents – thank you to all who attended the Y5 Dalesdown Parents' meeting and the Y6 SATs information evening; we had very positive feedback from both of these events.

Ms J Corby

Thank you to Mrs Thorpe who met with Nursery and Reception to tell them about Chinese New Year.

'Kung Hei Fat Choi' everyone!

She showed the Nursery children how to use chopsticks and talked about Chinese food. Mrs Thorpe also taught them a Chinese song!



In Reception, the children enjoyed acting out the story of the 'Jade Emperor and the Big Race'. We found out that this year is the year of the Rat.



The children had a very nice surprise last Friday as they went into the lunch hall. The catering team decorated the servery with a Chinese New Year theme. Thank you to the team for making such an effort.



On Wednesday 22nd January, Year 3 went on a trip to the Natural History Museum.

"We saw lots of different things in the museum and we even went on an earthquake simulator.

The ground was shaking and we wondered how they made the things fall off the shelves.' *Ruby*

'Tom led the workshop and he explained what happens with the tectonic plates

deep down underground. We now know that it is through their movement that magma is released and reaches the surface, creating a volcanic eruption.' *Gil*

'I feel that this trip has helped me with my learning about tremors. We even went through the core of the Earth on the escalator.' *Arwin*

'The best part was definitely going on the simulator, but if I were to go to the Natural History Museum again, I would love to visit the orange area and also see the dinosaurs.' *Evanna*



The children were very excited to meet Percy the Park Keeper. He came to show us pictures of all the animals he has in the park. We met Max the mouse. He was hiding in Percy's pocket. We talked



about how to keep our park clean. Percy read us the story 'The Rescue Party' and we all helped him pull the rabbit out of the well.

It was great fun!



Matched funding and donations of gifts: This week via parent mail a letter was sent out outlining matched funding from companies which can support our fundraising with events. As outlined the list we provided isn't exhaustive and so other companies may also

participate.

We would really welcome parents, carers and grandparents investigating this further with their employees in preparation for our school summer fayre. This type of support is invaluable and provides an amazing boost to our fundraising efforts. A number of companies also offer support by donating items for raffle prizes and so we would welcome people exploring this possibility as well.

If your employee is able to assist in anyway then please drop us a line at ptfa.stdunstans@gmail.com Thank you in advance for your support. **PTFA**

SCIENCE MUSEUM

On Friday 24th January, Year 4 went to the Science Museum in London.

We began in a theatre where we saw a show all about the digestive system called 'It takes guts'. We learnt about the main food groups, held a 'Burp Factor' and watched examples of what happens to food as it travels through the body. It was very entertaining and

informative.

We also spend time in the Museum's



'Wonderlab' where we experimented with lots of strange things.



We had a fun day and learnt a lot!



All the stations had an element of science behind them, so we learnt about friction, materials, gravity, sound and much more...



Sutton Primary Panathlon

Another good year for the Panathlon Event. The

children who attended experienced 10 different sporting disciplines and worked as a team to collect points. We encouraged each other to say 'I can' and enjoyed interacting with a smile. Throughout the afternoon, the children grew in confidence and also learned how to communicate and trust one another.



They became 'Good Sheperds' themselves and guided one another through the event with courage and charisma.

Well done to everyone who took part and to Mrs Webb and Mrs Penton for their support.



Volunteers Required!



Do you have a spare couple of hours each week to volunteer?

Are you a parent, grandparent or have parenting experience? **Home-Start** is a voluntary organisation supporting families with a young child under five who are struggling. We recruit volunteers to visit families in their own home for a couple of hours each week to offer emotional and practical support and friendship. Our Preparation Course will be starting on 27th February 9.30 at 2.30pm for eight weeks (excluding the Easter break). We pay travel expenses.

To find out more or to apply for a volunteer application pack please contact:-
Home-Start Sutton on 020 8647 6501

Pupils from St Dunstan's that are being taught to play the piano by Mrs Endler, went to the **Sutton Music Festival** at the end of last term. They all played duets with Mrs Endler on a beautiful grand piano in front of all their families.



The adjudicator enjoyed everyone's performance and said that they all brought great character to their pieces. Here's a picture of the happy pianists with their certificates. Two lucky people received medals for playing especially well on the day. Many congratulations to Caleb and Solomon.
by Mrs Endler



Half Term—Monday 17th—Friday 21st February followed by an INSET Day on Monday 24th February



On Wednesday 29th January, St Dunstan's netball team played against All Saints Carshalton. We were coached by Mrs Vasquez and

Mrs Webb.

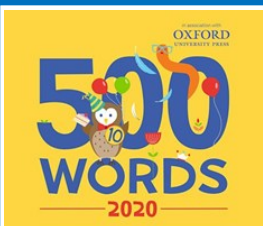
In the first half, St Dunstan's were in full control of the game and had very few mishaps. Therefore, we were able to get the ball into our attacking area allowing Tia to score 3 goals. Shortly, after the opposing team managed a lucky goal! This was quickly followed by a 4th goal by Tia. At the end of the first half, St Dunstan's were leading 4:1.

We started the second half feeling very confident. Tia quickly scored 3 goals in succession which was followed by a All Saints scoring. The final score was 7:2 to St Dunstan's.

We were very pleased with our performance and can't wait to play our next game.



by Tia, Year 6



This year's Radio 2 and Oxford University Press 500 Words story-writing competition was launched a couple of weeks ago. Although the children will not be participating in this event through school this year, it would be wonderful if some of our

budding authors took it upon themselves to write stories and enter the competition. All details can be found at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>.

If your child does enter a story, please encourage them to let their teacher know, and perhaps bring a copy of their story into school for us to share.

The closing date for the competition is

Thursday 27th February.



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/>

Book before 1st February, and receive a 10% discount by quoting ACTIVEKIDS.

House Points

St Andrew
473

St George
490

St David
476

St Patrick
461

Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 20/01/2020 was:

97.9%

Our target is **96.4%**

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If you are late arriving to school, please ensure you sign your child in at the school office.



Half Term

Mon 17th—Fri 21st February
Followed by

INSET DAY

Monday 24th February

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

Nursery	~	Thea
Venus	Niamh S	Alabama
Pluto	Ella H	Beatrice
Neptune	Benjamin B	Julia D
Mercury	Efrem	Jasmine S
Jupiter	Alex S	Scott O
Saturn	Nefeli	Andrew C
Delphinus	Imaan	James H
Phoenix	Rethish	Emily T
Orion	Emilie	Leen
Pegasus	Cobi	Hannah K
Unicorn	Sophie M	Jacob
Hercules	Vivi	Jess K
Aquila	Teo	Sam T
Cygnus	Dylan	Leo C

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

Weds 5 th	Year 4 Swimming (1)
Thurs 6 th	Girls League Football Match 3.45pm at Sutton United
Fri 7 th	Class Reps Meeting 2.15pm
Mon 10 th	Lady Kathryn visits Y2
Tues 11 th	Safer Internet Day
Weds 12 th	Year 4 Swimming (2)
Thurs 13 th	Reception Express to Parents 2.30pm
	Prayer Group 8.45am—meet in school library
	Year 1—100 Day
	Girls League Football Match 3.45pm at Sutton United
	Year 6 Wales Information Evening 6.30pm-7.30pm
Fri 14 th	Break up for Half-Term 3.15pm / 3.20pm
Mon 17 th —Fri 21 st	Half Term
Mon 24 th	INSET DAY
Tues 25 th	Children return to school
Weds 26 th	KS2 Eucharist at Church—9.15am all friends and parents are welcome

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