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

## Message from the Headteacher

We have enjoyed another very busy 2 weeks here at school and I am sure you will enjoy reading about some of the opportunities that the children have had to enhance their learning.

Last Wednesday saw KS2 children attend a very special Eucharist at church to celebrate Ash Wednesday. Many of the children chose to come to the altar and have the symbol of the cross marked on their forehead in Ash, symbolising the love God has for us all. It was a real honour to assist Nick in the imposition of the ashes this year—a poignant start to the season of Lent.



I am delighted to confirm that Bishop Christopher, Bishop of Southwark, will be joining us here at St Dunstan's on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. He will lead a KS2 Eucharist service in the school hall at 9am and lead KS1 in worship at 10.30am, as he blesses our school Vision and our newly commissioned crook for use during worships. I would like to extend a welcome to any parent who would like to join us for one of these acts of worship and we will send out a letter in the coming days to get an idea of numbers.

As you may know, there are local elections on 7<sup>th</sup> May but I am thrilled to confirm that we will NOT be being used as a polling station. We are indebted to Cheam Baptist Church for volunteering to take on the role of being polling station for the Cheam Ward and school will, therefore, remain open to all of our children on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

*Ms J Corby*

## THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK'S LENT CALL 2020

*"But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them;*

*for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs'". Matthew 19:14*

Developing our maths skills is the focus for our fundraising for the Southwark Bishop's Lent Appeal 2020. Next week, the children will receive information and sponsor forms which we hope you will support us in raising money for the Bishop's charities both abroad and locally. The children will learn more about these charities over the coming weeks.

"We had the pleasure of visiting the Sutton Synagogue on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

We were greeted by three members of the Synagogue and were made to feel instantly welcome. Once seated, we were able to learn all about the Jewish festivals and important religious artefacts.

We were given the opportunity to ask and answer questions about what we had learned. In addition, we were also allowed to read from the Torah scrolls which were over 300 years old.



After learning even more Judaism, we tasted some Jewish bread: matzo and challah, which was a lovely treat to have at the end of the trip.

We really enjoyed learning about the Jewish faith and appreciated the Synagogue's hospitality and opportunities provided for us to extend our understanding.

We would like to thank our parents for their time and support during the trip."



*by Year 5*

Please see our next newsletter with details of the visit to KS2 by the author Jennifer Bell today.

## SG Sports

### 3 Day Easter Camp at St Dunstan's

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>  
April

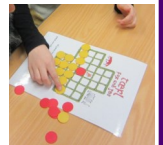
Street Dance and  
Multi-sports  
Activity Camp

Please visit  
[holiday-camps to book a place.](#)



On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March the Vikings invaded St Dunstan's. Year 4 learnt all about how and

when the Vikings and the Saxons invaded Britain. We played a Saxon game called Fox and Jez that



taught the players battle strategies. We got to hold and see lots of different artefacts from Viking times. We also did some 'Legend' roleplay and fact finding as part of a big board quiz. It was a great day.



## Bob a Job Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone for all their support with this fundraiser. Thank you to the children for their hard work and for the generosity of those who they did jobs for, we have raised an amazing

**£877.26!!**

We will be producing a poster to display in the school for all the children to see and to say a big thank you! As well as stating the amazing amount they raised we will also outline some of the jobs they did, thanks to the notes provided.

**Quiz Night Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** Thank you to all of you who have bought tickets for this event. We are looking forward to a fun night.

If you didn't purchase tickets but are still interested in attending then please email us at [ptfa.stdunstans@gmail.com](mailto:ptfa.stdunstans@gmail.com)

**New Storage Shed** We are looking into putting in place a new storage shed for the PTFA. If you are DBS checked and happy to help with sorting the foundations and building the shed, please could you email Ally at the PTFA e-mail address; [ptfa.stdunstans@gmail.com](mailto:ptfa.stdunstans@gmail.com)

Thank you for your continued for all your support.

**PTFA**

## Year 2 Walk

Last Tuesday, Year2 finally managed to find a day when it wasn't raining and went for our walk around Cheam! Our topic is called 'Street Detectives' and we were being 'detectives' around the village. We made our own maps in Cheam Park, thinking about what we could see and what we knew was further away. We spotted landmarks and tried to work out which buildings were the oldest. We talked about what was different about the really old houses and the houses that we live in now. Finally, we carried out a survey, thinking about what we liked about Cheam and what we would like to improve. It was a very busy day!

"I enjoyed looking at the buildings and seeing what had changed from the old pictures we have in our classroom," Alice. "The old buildings are made from wood, new buildings are made from bricks!" Rio. "There's lots of things I like about Cheam, but I think it would be even better if we had a tree top walk around the park!" Annie.



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**  
5 MARCH 2020

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March our school took part in the countrywide celebration of **World Book Day**. Many of us dressed up as our favourite book characters, which we all really enjoyed. During our day, we took part in a range of activities that involved books and the sharing of stories. We were able to share stories with reading buddies, who were in different year groups. After lunch, all key stages took part in a World Book Day Parade in the hall so that we could share our fantastic costumes with each other. Please see the next newsletter for more information. We now all have a book token to spend on a book of our choice. Great fun was had by everyone! A very big thank you to all parents for your support with creating the fantastic costumes that the children were wearing.



Miss Toms



## Coronavirus

A new helpline has been launched to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education, staff, parents and young people. Telephone 0800 046 8687— opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday) or e-mail: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk) for further advice.

## House Points

St Andrew  
**496**

St George  
**504**

St David  
**571**

St Patrick  
**585**

## Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 28 / 02/2020 was:

**95.7%**

Our target is **96.4%**

## Notification of gas works: Malden Road, Sutton



Please be aware that there are forthcoming upgrades to the gas network in Wordsworth Drive and Malden Road. These will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 for approximately 2 weeks, at the junction of Wordsworth Drive and Malden Road.

If you are traveling to school from this direction, you may need to leave home in plenty of time in order to arrive at school on time.

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

Nursery	Elizabeth B	Rukiyye
Venus	Eden	Thea S
Pluto	Angelina	Amy
Neptune	Florence J	Kimberly
Mercury	Violet	Elizabeth D
Jupiter	Mythili	Bella C
Saturn	Abi	Sebastian
Delphinus	Lilly-Mae	Mayah
Phoenix	Luca D	Olivia C
Orion	Nicole A	James B
Pegasus	Lauren	Emily D
Unicorn	Lukas	Maia
Hercules	Bernardo	Aayan
Aquila	Erin	Arlene
Cygnus	Emaya	Elizabeth S

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### March

Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Swimming Year 4  
 Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Prayer Group—meet in school library 8.45am  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Yr1 Hearing Tests  
 PTFA Quiz Night  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Swimming Year 4  
 Bishop Christopher , Bishop of Southwark to lead KS1 & KS2 Eucharist at school - details to follow  
 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Class Assembly—Pluto 8.50am-9.10am  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Year4 Easter Experience

### Future Dates

#### March

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Parent / Teacher Consultation Evening 3.40pm (no children please)

#### April

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent / Teacher Consultation Evening 3.40pm (no children please)  
 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Break up for Easter at 1.30pm  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

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