



11th December 2020

Thank you for helping us raise
£360 at Movie Night!

Proceeds go to the PTFA to support activities
and learning in 2021!



DIARY DATE

Christmas & Fundraising Events

- * Christmas Bags and Father Christmas Visit
Friday 18th December- PTFA fundraiser
- * Christmas cards—see page 2
- * Christmas Dinner - Thursday 17th December -
- * Emerald Class – Little Angel cards

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After almost 30 years at St David's we are sad to inform you that Mrs Mirehsan will be retiring at the end of term. She will be **HUGELY** missed by us all but we know her retirement will be full of love, care and Creativity—just as her career was! 7 sleeps to go!!!

Next week we will be embracing winter by wearing our warm snuggly jumpers—ALL WEEK!



The Advent Experience—Sundays at 4pm

The children have been asking Revd. Ash some big questions in Collective Worship recently, and he'll explore answers to their questions at The Advent Experience, Sundays at 4pm, from this Sunday 29th November until Christmas.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to hear the children's questions, and let them join in exploring some answers, head and heart, this Advent, Sundays at 4pm

On Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88685738289?pwd=WEh1dINCy3NRQTICcXfjK2ZlejR0UT09> Meeting ID: 886 8573 8289 Passcode: 159821

Ruby Class

Christmas, Christmas, Christmas! This week we have completed a range of Christmas activities, from counting the buttons on a snowman to making our own clay Christmas tree decorations. Movie night was a success - we enjoyed drinking hot chocolate and watching 'Arthur Christmas'.

Star Learner

Reception : Spencer is our star learner this week because of his amazing Christmas dancing! Spencer put Miss Bassett to shame this week when we had our 'Christmas dancing' morning. Spencer makes me (and everyone else) smile in a different way, every day. Thank you, Spencer. .

Sapphire Class

The pesky pixie has changed his ways... what a surprise for Tom! Father Christmas, the very man himself, is extremely interested in having the pixie work with him at the toy factory in Lapland... but does the pixie have the qualities needed to be successful at the job interview?

Star Learner

Year 3 : - Oliwier has been a focused and responsible learner in Sapphire class this week. He enjoys maths and is keen to contribute in every maths lesson. Well done Oliwier!

Year 4 : Oscar has been a super star this week. He has enthusiastically participated in all activities. He has produced some lovely pieces of written work in English. Keep up the great work Oscar!

Emerald Class

This week Emerald class have been exploring the story "Snow Dragon". The children have enjoyed writing descriptions about the fire and snow dragons! This week in maths the children have been busy multiplying numbers and solving problems using their times tables

Star Learner

Year 1:- Samuel has been working very independently in both maths and English tasks. He has shown great enthusiasm in his work this week.

Year 2 : Callum for making excellent choices this week ! He has been very focused on his learning and he has been really trying his best during writing tasks! Well done Callum

Diamond Class

This week in RE Diamond have learnt about Hindu gods and goddesses, including their histories and special roles. In writing Diamond have planned and written persuasive pieces to encourage members of the public to spend their next Christmas at the beautiful resort of Ignis, complete with an ice rink, skiing slopes, Christmas shops and a Santa's Grotto up in the mountains! Finally, Diamond class took part in live stream workshop from the RAF museum. The children learnt about the Blitz on its 80th anniversary and took the opportunity to ask several questions too!

Star Learner

Year 5: Phoebe has created a magnificent piece of persuasive writing to help advertise Ignis as a holiday resort this Christmas. She is also gaining confidence in maths and has worked extremely hard this week. Well done and thank you Phoebe!

Year 6: Jules has listened to advice and acted on it, achieving some fantastic practice test scores over the past week. Well done and thank you for your brilliant attitude Jules!

Our Christian Values

Respect

Forgiveness

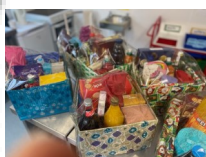
Compassion

Friendship

Justice

Trust

Christmas at St David's CofE Primary School



Raffle tickets
£1 per strip of 5 –
exact money only
(no change given)



Christmas Bags and Father Christmas visit - PTFA fundraiser

On the final day of term Father Christmas has agreed to fit in a visit to St David's – he will not be entering class bubbles but he will see the children (socially distanced) outdoors and has agreed to bring some early gifts for children. All children will be making a decorating a material Xmas bag and will collect together all the Xmas items they make in this bag together with their gift from Father Christmas. They will also add some Xmas puzzles, word searches and colourings etc to help keep busy on the lead up to Christmas.

Payment via parent pay only
- £4 per bag (including a gift from Santa)

Christmas cards

Any cards that children bring in to school will be collected together in a class post-box and will be distributed on the final day of term. The last day for posting will therefore be Tuesday 15th December – to allow 72 hours to quarantine cards. Cards will be added to each child's Christmas bag for opening at home.

Thursday 17th December - Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served in class bubbles. Traditional Roast Turkey or Vegetarian Wellington.

Payment via parent pay only
- £2.30 per child **FSM & UFSM – no charge**

Emerald Class – Little Angel cards – PTFA FUNDRAISER

Emerald class have produced some beautiful Christmas cards that can be ordered in packs of 5 cards. They show your very own little angel .. and will be lovely as a gift for a relative you haven't seen for a while or as keepsake!

Payment via parent pay only
- £3.00 per pack of 5 cards

Final Week

Get in to the Christmas Spirit and wear a winter woolly or Christmas jumper instead of your school sweatshirt each day in the last week of term (school trousers/ skirt should be worn – it is not 'wear what you like')



Newsletter

Please note we will be STRICTLY adhering to the Guidance below:

If your child is unwell with any symptoms of Covid-19 DO NOT SEND THEM IN TO SCHOOL as this poses a risk to their peers, teachers, teaching assistants and our wider school community.

Please continue to be alert for the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you or anyone in your household shows any of the three symptoms, everyone in the household must self isolate and not come to school. The person with symptoms should arrange for a test as soon as possible.

NHS Test and Trace - Update from Devon's Public Health Team

• NHS Test and Trace was launched to support the next stage of the pandemic. This is a national function to help trace close recent contacts of anyone who tests positive and notifies them if they need to self-isolate. The objectives of NHS Test and Trace are to control the rate of reproduction (R), reduce the spread of infection and save lives.

• It is supported by new Local Authority responsibilities.

If a child or staff member tests positive for Coronavirus then they will need to self-isolate at home for 10 days following the guidance given—the rest of their family will also need to isolate. Siblings must not attend school for 14 days even if they are asymptomatic.

It is important that you inform the school if your child or a member of the household tests positive as we are then required to follow a strict protocol.

Free School Meals (FSM)

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However entitlement will also have other benefits including the reduction in price of some trips and visits. Children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals & benefits (FSM):

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

If you think you may be eligible please apply through the Devon Citizens Portal. This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Alternatively you can call the school office 01392 255569 and Jackie or Sara will be happy to guide you through the process.

Is TikTok safe for children?

Although it is very popular, and can encourage creativity, the app can also reveal children at their most vulnerable, expressive and, in some cases, provocative, in their bid to become the next internet sensation. The app encourages videos to be shared, and the use of hashtags (#) increases the viewing audience. It has had some bad press over the years due to concerns over deadly pranks, grooming and unsuitable content. Inevitably, TikTok attracts some unsuitable characters due to its popularity with children, and we therefore advise you carefully monitor your child if they are using this site.

STAY & PLAY

Please use the following link to apply for Stay and Play after school childcare places.

[Click Here for sessions up until Christmas](#)

[Click Here for sessions from January 2021](#)

Please note there will be no Stay and Play sessions on the last days of term.

Friday 18th December

Thursday 31st March

Thursday 22nd July

Admissions Policy 2022-23

The draft admissions policy 2022-2023 for St David's Primary School is available on our school website

<http://www.stdavidprimary.devon.sch.uk/website/admissions/27369>

The formal consultation period for this policy starts on 1 November 2020 and ends on 31 January 2021. If you would like to comment on the proposed policy please send your responses to stdavids@ventrus.org.uk marking them clearly 'Admissions Policy 2022-23 Consultation' Thank you

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