

# Friday Flyer

What have we been doing this week?.....

## Dates for your diary



## Term Dates

### Last Day of Term

Friday 15th February

### February Half Term

Monday 18th Feb

Friday 22nd Feb

### Start of Spring Term 2

Monday 25th February

### Easter Holidays

Monday 8th April

Monday 22nd April

### Start of Summer Term 1

Tuesday 23rd April

## Diary Dates

### Parent Consultation Evenings

w/c 4th March

Details to follow

## After School Activities

### KS2 Gymnastics

Mondays 14th Jan-25th March

(Club Full)

### smART Club

Wednesday

Recommended for Years 1-3

Please enquire in the office regarding availability

### KS1 Tennis

Fridays 18th Jan-29th March

(Club Full)

### Saints Sports Club

Tuesdays from 15th January

Please register on line

<https://www.saintssouthwest.co.uk/all-courses/after-school-club/>

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### TWITTER

Most school events are featured on our twitter feed @StDavidsCoFE. Follow us so you don't miss anything exciting!

### REMEMBER

Book School Meals by

**3.30PM ON**

**WEDNESDAYS!**

Please **CLEAR DEBTS**

**AS SOON AS**

**POSSIBLE**

On Tuesday 5th February OFSTED visited St David's Primary School in order to inspect the Quality of Teaching and Learning in our school.

Although we are unable to share the final outcome of the inspection yet, I could not be more proud of the children and staff - they were all absolutely AMAZING! The Inspector was extremely positive about the work of the school and the educational outcomes achieved. It is anticipated that the report will be available to read shortly after half term. In the meantime thank you to those of you who took the time to complete the parent questionnaire and give such positive feedback on your child's experience of the school.

## Thank You Miss Papadopoulou

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to Miss Papadopoulou who has worked alongside Mrs Jones-Whyte this year as class teacher(s) whilst Mrs Wilson has been on maternity leave. After half term Mrs Wilson will return to work and Miss Papadopoulou will resume her other roles across the school.

Throughout the year Miss Papadopoulou has given boundless energy and enthusiasm to her role as class teacher and I am extremely grateful for all her hard work. Whilst it is most certainly not Goodbye - I know that children and parents of Sapphire class will definitely want to join me in saying a very big heartfelt 'THANK YOU'.

## Valentine's DISCO

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February

KS1 - 3:45 -4:45 KS2 - 5:00 - 6:00

Don't forget to purchase your tickets in advance

£3 Entry Fee in advance

Or 2 siblings for £5

to include Popcorn & a Drink

### Green Team

Well done to the following children who have received their green team badges today for completing either 6 or 12 tasks with the Green Team.

- \* Jake Brannigan badge 1
- \* Grace Wilkins badge 1
- \* Phoebe Jackson badge 1
- \* Zara Lavers-Mason badge 2
- \* Stephi Walker badge 2
- \* Dylan Richards badge 1

Green Team will be making changes to the field including sowing a wildflower area. We will be given seed by Devon Wildlife Trust but will have some left over, If you think you could plant a small area of your garden or a pot and you would like some seeds, please let Mrs Wonnacott know. Instructions and seeds will be with us before the Easter holiday so they can be planted over the Easter break.

**Ruby Class** — have received a letter informing them of their forthcoming journey to Turtle Island. They have been imagining what it might be like there, finding out about real sea turtles and creating their own!

**Emerald Class**— the Emerald Explorers set sail to Port Royal in Jamaica. Emerald class have written diary entries recording their first few days at sea. All sorts of things have happened including storms, battles and encounters with sea monsters!

**Sapphire Class** - Have you heard the legend of the Ice King? He was the horrible king who ruled Greenoak in the Southern hemisphere. Legend says that, before he was executed by his people, he cursed the land. After his death, Greenoak was covered in ice and is now known as Antarctica.

**Diamond Class**— This week several of the children from Diamond class took part in cyclocross training on the school field with Justin from British Cycling. The children rode around a course designed by Justin, and learnt about effective turning, how to ride side-by-side and how to use your brakes to achieve a faster start. Justin was very impressed by the attitude and questions from the children, and we look forward to seeing him again at St Luke's High School at the end of the month when the children will compete against other schools.

## A Busy Week Ahead of Us.....

- ◆ Tuesday 12th February—KS2 Cygnet Theatre
- ◆ Wednesday 13th February—Year 2 & Year 3 Clip n Climb
- ◆ Thursday 14th February - Reception & Y1 Clip n Climb
- ◆ Thursday 14th February—Valentine School Disco
- ◆ Friday 15th February—break up for half term!

# STAR AWARDS

## Reading Certificates

**Ruby Class**

Amber—50  
Lola-Mai—50  
Ghaliyh—75

**Emerald Class**

Iowa—125

**Sapphire Class**

Krzysztof—25 &  
50 & 75  
Cole—50

**Diamond Class**

Misho—30  
Evie—110  
Ibrahim— 110  
Louis—110  
Clara—130  
Verity—130  
Mary—140  
Jessica—140  
Kara—190  
Noor—190  
Kayleigh—200  
Grace W—200  
Ruby TM—270  
Zuzia—270

**Ruby**

Reception— Oliver

**Writer****of the week****Emerald**

Y1— Eva  
Y2— Oscar

**Sapphire**

Y3— Phoebe Jackson  
Y4— Krzysztof

**Diamond**

Y5— Louis  
Y6— Ruby

## Star Learners

<b>Ruby</b>	<b>Reception: Albandari</b> — because she has worked very hard this week and has been joining in more with her friends during her learning time, She has also worked very hard in phonics this week and created a steady beat on the drum whilst singing a pirate song. Fantastic!
<b>Emerald</b>	<b>Year 1: Isabella</b> — because she has written a fantastic pirate diary entry this week. Isabella has been able to carefully think about our own ideas and use some wonderful descriptions in her writing. Well done Isabella" <b>Year 2: Antonina (Tosia)</b> — because she has been tackling new maths challenges independently and has grasped multiplication and division concepts with confidence. Well done Tosia!
<b>Sapphire</b>	<b>Year 3: Malaika</b> — is coming into school every day with a great attitude towards learning. She has been participating in class, sharing ideas during our class discussions and working independently. She has also made friends with everyone in Sapphire Class! Well done and thank you! <b>Year 4: Isaac</b> — has been showing amazing resilience in all areas of learning. He has been working independently, finishing every piece of work. He has also been sharing his ideas in class steering our learning and pushing our learning balloons. Well done and thank you.
<b>Diamond</b>	<b>Year 5: Grace W—</b> is really growing in confidence with maths now, and this week she has been able to multiply and divide fractions, and then calculate the simplest form for both. Well done Grace! <b>Year 6: Ruby TM</b> — has worked tirelessly in class this week, and her tremendous work ethic during cyclocross, and her great enthusiasm for school life has been a joy to see. Well done Ruby!

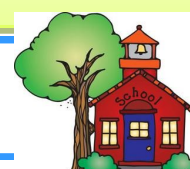


### Lunch Time Star

**Zuzanna T** — for showing so much care and comfort towards her friends during break times.

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University of Exeter will be hosting its annual Chinese New Year Celebrations on Sunday 17 February from 3-6.45pm in the Forum, Streatham Campus

<http://www.exeter.ac.uk/chinesenewyear>

This is a free event for families, local residents and students to discover all about Chinese culture Chinese and Han Culture Societies.

Given that Chinese New Year is covered in most curriculum, I hope the following might be of interest to your pupils and staff. Please publicise as widely as you can.

1pm	<b>City Centre Parade</b> —Dragon and Lion traditional dancing, starts at Buffet City, through Cathedral Green, performance in Bedford Square, processing along the High Street and Gandy Street to the Royal Albert Museum (weather dependent)
3pm	<b>On Campus Celebrations</b> - Dragon and Lion dancing parade inside Great Hall.
3.15pm	Chinese displays, craft stalls, food, Chinese language workshop and activities suitable for all (inside the Forum).
5.15pm	Cultural performances from our talented students in the Great Hall
6.15pm	Performances conclude
6.30pm	Fireworks to be viewed from XFI Building (weather dependent)

#### Parking

Campus parking is free on Sunday. Please follow signs for Car Parks A and B and walk to the Forum (next to the Great Hall) <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/visit/directions/carparks/>

#### Families

This event has been designed with students and families in mind and all are welcome. Please note, however, that there is no crèche facility available and parents are responsible for their children whilst attending the event.

#### Internet Safety

##### Musical.ly has a new name - TikTok

The social network app Musical.ly has often given cause for concern, because of the way that children use it to generate and share their own short videos and lip sync to popular audio clips. The app has a new name and new features, and now includes live streaming. Although the app has an age-limit of 13 years old, in practice there will be younger children using it, and the content may not be suitable.

Profiles on TikTok are automatically set to public, so that any content you post can be seen by anyone within the app. There is also a Restricted Mode which can help to filter out inappropriate content and prevent the user from being able to start their own live streams.

#### Consideration Requested

**We have had several reports of parents driving without care and consideration during school pick up. Can we please remind you to drive with caution around the school area. We also request that you have consideration for the local residents when you are parking so that you do not obstruct their access.**

#### Ever Thought of Becoming a Primary School Teacher?

The opportunity is possible through the teacher training route called 'School Direct' led by Exeter Consortium. For more information contact Dawn Chapman at [dawn@exeterconsortium.com](mailto:dawn@exeterconsortium.com) or on 01392 92717.1 or visit [www.exeterconsortium.com](http://www.exeterconsortium.com)

#### FREE COURSES FOR ADULTS

Are you learning English as an additional Language?

- English for speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

FREE Courses running in Exeter at The Olive Tree (St Sidwell's Centre)

Tuesday 6-7pm: Intermediate  
Wednesday 10-12 noon: Lower Intermediate  
Thursday 6:30-8 pm: Upper Intermediate  
Friday 10-12 noon: Beginners  
Friday 10-12 noon: Advanced

For more details contact : 01392 666 222 or contact Paul Vass: [paul.olivetree@stsidwells.org.uk](mailto:paul.olivetree@stsidwells.org.uk)

#### Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional 'Pupil Premium' funding to support learning.

Please register if you are eligible, even if your child does not want a school dinner.

Children with Pupil Premium funding are eligible for subsidies for certain trips/visits and residential.

If you receive any of the following benefits you may be eligible:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit.

Children who receive any of the above benefits in their own right (i.e. they get benefits payments directly, instead of through a parent or guardian) can also get free school meals.

How to apply: Use the online application form at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/schoolinformation/school-meals> which you can email to [reeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk](mailto:reeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk) or print out and post to FSM Team, Room L102, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QD.

Alternatively, a paper copy of the form can be collected from the school office.

Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

As always, if you have any worries or concerns then class teachers are always happy to help, just pop in for a chat. Alternatively I am at the front of the school most mornings, so just have a chat or share good news with me about you and your family. For more confidential matters, please speak to Sara or Jackie in the office to make an appointment.

#### School Meals and Packed Lunches

At St David's our school meals meet the Educational Nutritional Standards and Requirements for School Food (Department for Education legislation) and we also promote healthy eating at other times in the school day.

However, we have increasingly found that some children's packed lunches include considerable amounts of salty and sugary items and very few items with any significant nutritional value. For this reason, we are having a strong focus on healthy food and would appreciate your support in ensuring that packed lunches contain a balance of foods and also include fruit and vegetables.

A child's packed lunch should include:

- A portion of starchy food e.g. bap/bread, plain crackers, pasta or rice salad
  - Fresh fruit and vegetables
  - A portion of milk or dairy food, e.g. cheese, plain/fruit yoghurt
  - Portion of lean meat, fish or alternative, e.g. Quorn, cheese, tuna, egg
  - A drink: fruit juice (not fizzy or energy drinks), plain water and or milk
- Savoury crackers or breadsticks – occasionally crisps  
A child's school packed lunch must not contain any of the following:

- Salted or flavoured nuts (Instead, include nuts, seeds, vegetables and fruit – with no added salt, sugar or fat – savoury crackers or breadsticks – occasionally crisps.)
  - Confectionery such as chocolate bars, and sweets.
- Fizzy or sugary drinks. Water is always available for children at lunchtime

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# GENERAL NOTICES AND REMINDERS

## Stay and Play Bookings

We are experiencing a lot of late bookings and late cancellations. As places are very limited, please ensure you give the office as much notice as possible if your child requires a place at Stay and Play. Whilst we appreciate late cancellation can sometimes not be avoided, please try and give us at least 24 hours notice as this will free up a place.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Absences

Could all absences please be reported to the school office before 9am. If the school has not been informed, your child will be marked as having an unauthorised absence. Please also ensure you phone each day your child is absent.

Please either telephone 01392 255569 or email [stdavids@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:stdavids@ventrus.org.uk)  
NB St David's have a strict 48 hour

## Administration of Medicines in School

A reminder that we can only accept PRESCRIBED medication that is in-date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and includes instructions for administration, dosage & storage. A parental agreement must also be completed. No over the counter medicines (non-prescribed) will be accepted. We will of course endeavour to administer medicines at the required times, although this cannot always be guaranteed.

## Mobile/Internet Safety

As your children become more and more reliant on the Internet for both school work and entertainment, we must all, as a community, be more aware for the need to monitor the sites your child visits. In school, through classroom activities and discussion, we highlight positive uses of technology, but also ways in which we can all keep safe through responsible use of the internet, our mobile phones and social media (e.g. WhatsApp, Snapchat Instagram etc...). At home you can ensure the security systems on your computers, tablets and mobiles are up to date and also, please talk to your child about the dangers of accessing unfamiliar sites, or giving parents' e-mail/SC/Insta etc... details to strangers.

**REMEMBER**  
Book School Meals by  
**3.30PM ON**  
**WEDNESDAYS!**

All meals to be ordered  
using Lunch Time drop  
down!!

**PLEASE**  
**CLEAR YOUR DEBTS**  
**AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

## Playground Security

Please ensure the  
front playground  
gate is closed after  
you enter or leave  
the playground.

Many thanks.

## THE SCHOOL DAY

All children should be in  
class & seated ready for  
registration before 9am.

We are required to  
record anyone arriving  
after 9am  
**AS LATE**

**THE RAMP DOOR WILL  
BE LOCKED AT 9AM**

## Packed Lunches

A reminder that no sweets,  
chocolate bars or fizzy drinks  
are included in lunch boxes.

