

# 21st September 2018



## Term Dates

**Non-Pupil Day** Friday 19th October

#### **Half Term**

Monday 22nd October

Friday 26th October

## **Start of New Half**

Monday 29th October

#### **Last Day of Term**

Wednesday 19th December

#### **Christmas Holidays**

Thursday 20th December

Friday 4th January

#### First Day of Spring **Term**

Monday 7th January

#### School Council

This week pupils had the opportunity to vote for the friends they would like to represent their views, ideas I and opinions at School Council meetings. The successful delegates are; Dylan M, Grace W, Grace H, Oliwia, Cole, Immy, Katie, Iesha, Ted, Dawid and Oliwer. The school council secretary is Clara. Well done everyone we know you are going to do a great job!

Ruby Class - have been thinking about how plants grow and have planted some bulbs and shrubs in the tyres in the construction area. Watch out for the springtime blooms!

Emerald Class - have been looking at healthy eating and the children designed and made their own fruit kebabs.

Sapphire Class - have met the Mayoress of Oakville who is hosting a wonderful birthday celebration for the oak tree. We needed to plan this special event. We are also studying the techniques used by different landscape artists and the features they include in their paintings

Diamond Class have working as if they are journalists and have interviewed five of the most profile people fictional town of Oakville: mayor, the police chief, the park keeper, the football manager and the headteacher. These interviews have been written up in a play script format ready for the children to act out in pairs!

## **Diary Dates**

#### Tempest Individual & Family Group Photos

Monday 24th September Family & Group photo's from 8.30am



Book School Meals by 3.30PM ON VEDNESDAYS!

Please CLEAR DEBTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE



Thank you to Alfred's mum for sending us this lovely photo of St David's being hugged by a rainbow this morning!

**Tempest Photos Individual and Family Groups Monday 24th** September **Family Groups from** 8.30pm



#### Scholastic Book Club

in main

Magazines have been sent home today, which have a huge selection of books at discounted princes. Please return your orders to the office by Wednesday 30th October

Our Christian Values Forgiveness

Friendship

**Trust** 

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Reading Certificates

Ruby Class

Emerald Class Sapphire Class Diamond Class

Sky-10 Jackie-10 Dylan—10 **Ruby—10** 

Verity-10 Kayleigh-10 Isabelle-20

Cayla—10

Mary-10 Sky McJ-10 Clara-10

Jamie-10

Gracie-10

Grace W-20 Zuzia-20













## Star Learners

	Ruby	<b>Reception:</b> Imogen—because she is a very caring, considerate member of the class who listens well to others. This week she has worked hard to create a healthy balance plate of food and even wrote some initial sounds next to her drawing! Well done Imogen.
	Emerald	Year 1: Eva—for brilliant writing this week! Year 2: Ralph — for fantastic Maths this week!
	Sapphire	Year 3: Alfred — has been reflecting on his learning and his friends at home. He has been doing his own learning using technology and it has been really exciting to listen to him describing all of his amazing projects. Well done and thank you.  Year 4: Stephi — has been developing her independent writing stamina. She has been focused on her work, producing great pieces of writing. She has also been really resilient with her handwriting and presentation. Well done and thank you.
	Diamond	Year 5: Clara — because of the resilience she has shown this week in Maths, particularly her excellent effort when rounding numbers to the nearest 100 and 1000. Well done Clara!  Year 6: Melody — because of the calm and mature way in which she has approached her work this week, including her excellent Esafety poster. Well done Melody!



### **Lunch Time Star**

Kaitlin—for always being so helpful during lunchtime.

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#### 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 <a href="https://">https://</a>
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- 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

## St Michael and All Angels Church Mount Dinham 150th Anniversary & Heritage Open Days

Wednesday 26th September—7.30pm 'Religion in Victorian Exeter' - Anniversary Lecture by Richard Parker.

#### Saturday 29th September—Michaelmass

4pm—Procession begins at St David's to St Michael's Church 5pm—Michaelmass—Sung Mass followed by celebration supper.

Actively Fundraising—Produce stall, Cakes, Books, CDs, Bric a Brac Information on Michaelmass, supper and Events please visit website: Www.stmichaelsmountdinham.org.uk

# Exeter Foodbank Harvest Festival Donations

Donate this Harvest and help feed someone in crisis in your local community.

Full details will be displayed on the notice board in the playground.

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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

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 administrate medicines at the required times, although this cannot always be guaranteed.

### 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

#### Packed Lunches

A reminder that no sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks

#### 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 NB St David's have a strict 48 hour isola-



#### 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.

## 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 SHARP.

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