



15th March 2019

# Friday Flyer

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



## Term Dates

### Easter Holidays

Monday 8th April

Monday 22nd April

### Start of Summer Term 1

Tuesday 23rd April

### Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 6th May

### Half Term

Mon 27th May—Tues 4th June

## Diary Dates

### Wildside Residential

Years 3 & 4

27th—28th June

### KS2 Gymnastics

Mondays 14th Jan-25th March (Club Full)

## After School Activities

### 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/afterschool-club/>  
[all-courses/afterschool-club/](https://www.saintssouthwest.co.uk/all-courses/afterschool-club/)

### TWITTER

Most school events are featured on our twitter fed  
@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**

## Red Nose Day

The children looked amazing with their Mad Hair today and some of the staff joined in with the fun too! Total raised for Red Nose Day was approx. £50.

The biscuits were also a great success and we Diamond Class raised nearly £50

## World Book Day

Wow the sponsorship money keeps coming in and we have been blown away by the generosity of children's family and friends. We have raised in excess of £300 and will be looking at purchasing a reading chair in the very near future. Our fundraising days makes a huge difference to our school.

Many thanks for your continued support.

## BAGS for HELP

Children will be bringing the BAGS of HELP home today so please check in their book bags. We would be grateful if you can make a start on your spring clear outs and fill as many bags as possible. The heavier the load the more funds will be raised for St David's. We have very limited storage, so can you ask that filled bags be returned to school on Monday 25th March for collection on the Tuesday. Many thanks in advance.

## Green Team

The items arrived this week for the area on the field which is going to be designated to outdoor teaching and maintained by the Green Team. Amongst the items, that were purchase from a generous donation from Western Power—was a fire pit, four rustic benches and a kettle. Watch this space or should be say the space in the field!

Reminder - we are still looking for items of reclaimed materials to make our bug hotel at the end of the month. we are looking for the following;- terracotta pots, either broke or whole, pipes; any size that can be stuffed with sticks or straw, bricks whole or broken and bamboo canes any size. In addition, shells, stones and fir cones would be useful too!

Wildflower seeds - would you like some free wildflower seeds? If so, please let Mrs Wonnacott know. Seeds will be available at the end of the month.

**Ruby Class** — have enjoyed listening to the Hungry Caterpillar story and have had a visit from local artist/Community worker Kerrie who worked with the children to create clay decorations for the Veg Box Community Scheme.

**Emerald Class**— have begun their journey to Madagascar! We have been learning all about the landscape, climate, animals and of course the country's pirate history!

In science we have been making observations and recording changes as we are watching our sunflower seeds grow.

**Sapphire Class** - have been learning about Mental Health and Mindfulness this week. The children have been keen to understand the importance of mindfulness and how it can benefit us all in our daily lives. They have linked this to their literacy work, writing a letter to Mrs Brinicombe promoting the use of mindfulness sessions in school.

**Diamond Class**— have been busy raising money for Comic Relief by icing biscuits and then selling them to children in all four classes for 50p each on Red Nose Day.

## Scholastic Book Club

Book Club magazines were sent home yesterday. It is really worth a look as there are lots of great value books. Orders to be returned to the school office by Friday 15th March.  
Many thanks

ParentPay

our Christian Values

Forgiveness

Friendship

Trust

Respect

Compassion

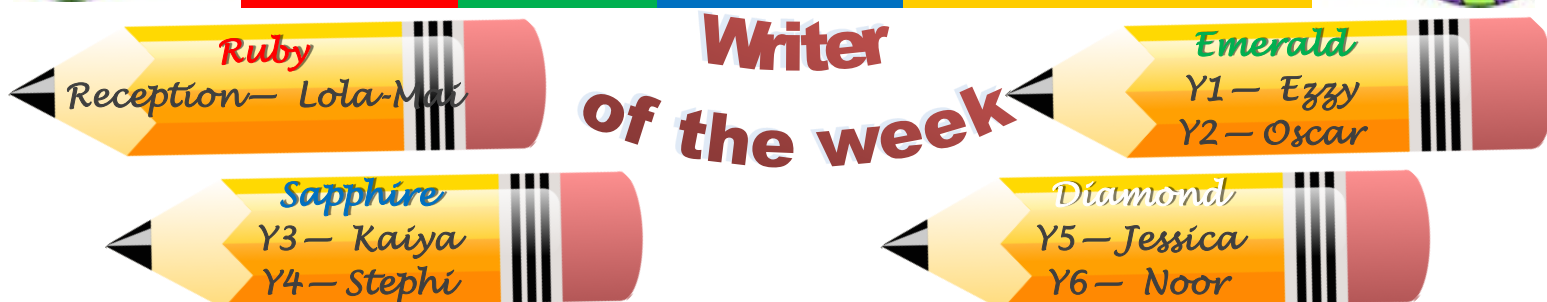
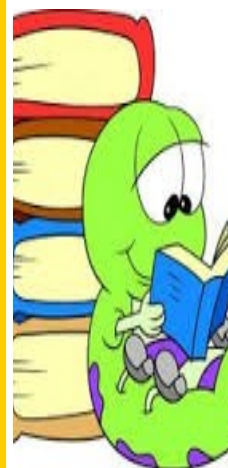
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# STAR AWARDS

## Reading Certificates



<u>Ruby Class</u>	<u>Emerald Class</u>	<u>Sapphire Class</u>	<u>Diamond Class</u>
Jacey—75 Stuti—75		Kaitlin—75 Holly—75 Isaac—100 Alfie—200 Jack—200	Misho—50 Jake—120 Louis—140 Verity—160 Cayla—170 Jackie 180 Mary—180 Sara—180 Grace H—190 Jessica—190 Lacey—200 Kayleigh—230 Isabelle—230 Noor—240 Grace W—260 Kara—270 Ruby TM—350 Zuzia—350



## Star Learners

<b>Ruby</b>	<b>Reception: Lola-Mai</b> — because she has been thinking more carefully about her learning choices and is working hard to improve her listening skills and behaviour. She has also produced some lovely independent writing this week and we are very proud of her achievements so far. Well done Lola!
<b>Emerald</b>	<b>Year 1: Kaddy</b> — because she has shown some great team work skills during maths this week. It has been great to see Kaddy taking in-turns when using the equipment, communicating and listening to her peers when completing learning challenges. <b>Year 2: Romany</b> — because she has demonstrated some brilliant skills in P.E. Romany is a great team player and it has been fantastic to see her encouraging her peers and motivating her team. She has also shown great communication and listening skills.
<b>Sapphire</b>	<b>Year 3: Isaac</b> — has made wonderful contributions during drama sessions this week. He has been imaginative and descriptive with his language. Well done and Thank you! <b>Year 4: Alfie</b> — has shown good participation and enthusiasm during outdoor PE with Mr Parkin. Fabulous dodging and movement work in tag rugby. Well done and Thank you!
<b>Diamond</b>	<b>Year 5: Kara</b> — is a very kind and friendly person and she is always willing to lend a hand to help another member of the class. Well done and thank you for being so thoughtful Kara! <b>Year 6: Jamie</b> — has worked exceptionally hard on his practice SATs papers this week and has achieved fantastic results. Well done and thank you Jamie!



### Lunch Time Star

**Cole** — for being so helpful in the playground and helping the Meal Time Assistants to clear away and keep everything neat and tidy.

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It has been brought to our attention that some of our children in school are aware of, and have been talking about videos and communications relating to a social media and internet challenge called "Momo Challenge". This challenge is very worrying as it shows an image designed to frighten children and uses media such as What's App to send messages encouraging children to become involved in harmful behaviours.

It has been evidenced nationally that discussing the challenge directly with young children has actually resulted in a spike of children then attempting to access information on the challenge, we are therefore requesting that parents are aware themselves of the risks and are vigilant of what their children are accessing when using IT at home.

Please be clear with your children what they should do if something scary or inappropriate appears on their screen and how important it is not to click on unknown links and to always inform an adult if they are at all worried by anything they see online.

We encourage parents and carers to look through the information on the National Online Safety website for further information regarding the "Momo Challenge"; See link below:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/momo-online-safety-guide-for-parents/>

### 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.

