



20th November 2020

**DIARY DATE****Christmas & Fundraising Events**

- * Friday 4th December - **Christmas/Winter Mufti - PTFA FUNDRAISER**
- * Thursday 10th December - **Movie night PTFA FUNDRAISER**
- * **Christmas Bags and Father Christmas visit - PTFA fundraiser**
- * Christmas cards—see page 2
- * Thursday 17th December - **Christmas Dinner**
- * **Emerald Class – Little Angel cards PTFA FUNDRAISER**
- * Final Week—**Winter Woollies/Xmas jumper** instead of school sweatshirt/cardigan

FULL DETAILS ON PAGE 2**Ruby Class**

"Swamp, forest, mountain and meadow! A list of different types of dragons in Ignis. Which is our favourite and why?" We have had amazing discussions this week around the different types of dragon and what they need to survive. We have continued with our story 'The Egg' and look at other animals that lay eggs. We have also looked at a life cycle of a dragon. In maths we have looked at numbers 0-20, ordering them, finding one more and one less. Another fantastic week in Ruby class.

Star Learner

Reception : Freddie—Wow—Where do I start? Freddie has been an 'all-rounder' this week in Ruby class. He has been kind, considerate and caring towards his friends. Alongside this, Freddie is applying his phase 2 phonics when writing! Freddie is also using 'wow' words in his everyday language. Well done Freddie, we are very proud of you in Ruby!

Sapphire Class

The magical creatures are unsettled. Some are running frantically in all directions looking scared and lost. What is happening? Is it an earthquake? Has there been an avalanche up in the mountains? The vibrations intensify. People leave their homes and look at one another, questioning what it could be. Then an explosion shakes the ground around them. The vibration is so severe it shakes pictures off the walls. People hold their ears. The volume of the sounds rise and the strength of the vibrations increase.

The quarry billionaire finds out about the magical gems and starts digging a quarry on Jabberwocky territory. Some villagers are happy, however, our team along with other villagers know the implications of this. The Jabberwocky's may be killed or forced out of their territory into other habitats or worse, into the town where people live. This week Sapphire class produced posters, wrote letters and created powerful speeches opposing the quarry.

Star Learner

Year 3 : Iowa is a delightful member of the class. She is a keen and responsible learner. She helps others whenever she can and she is a joy to have in Sapphire class. This week she has written a powerful letter using persuasive language. Well done Iowa.

Year 4 : Noah is a responsible member of Sapphire class. He is an enthusiastic learner, who enjoys taking his learning deeper. This week he has written a powerful letter using persuasive language. Well done Noah!

Emerald Class

This week Emerald class have been busy preparing for Christmas events! The children have been learning songs and actions for this year's nativity. We have started filming each angelic scene!

In the world of Ignis the children have been designing posters and writing letters to stop the destruction of the Ignis dark forest!

Star Learner

Year 1—Samia because she has taken responsibility for her own learning this week. She has been working very independently during maths and writing tasks. Well done Samia!

Year 2 : Grace—It has been wonderful to see Grace's confidence flourish this week. She has been using her English very confidently when talking to her peers and the grownups. This is also clear in her writing as she is structuring her own sentences! Well done Grace!

Diamond Class

This week Diamond have planned, drafted and written stories detailing the events of their second mission for the WRC where they are secretly evacuating the dragons from the mountain caves. In RE Diamond class have studied the traditional Hindu stories behind the festival of Diwali, and they have also produced anti-bullying comic strips for national anti-bullying week. Not only that, but Tommy and Timmy have also joined them this week and every child in Diamond has had the opportunity to spend some time with them!

Star Learner

Year 5: Chloe's effort and enthusiasm in maths this week has been fantastic! She has excelled with data handling and has been able to interpret data from a wide variety of different graphs and tables. Well done Chloe!

Year 6: Krzysztof has worked tirelessly with our writing task this week and his writing is now showing a greater degree of maturity and sophistication. It's also his birthday today! Well done and thank you Kris!

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Christmas at St David's C of E Primary School

Unfortunately, Covid-19 restrictions this year mean that we are unable to celebrate Christmas in the way we do usually – we cannot put on a Nativity play or join together to sing carols and Christmas songs but we are keen to ensure that the children don't miss out so we have put together some Covid safe celebrations that will take place in December.

Friday 4th December - Christmas/Winter Mufti - PTFA FUNDRAISER

– wear what you like (with a winter theme) and bring an item to be put in to a Christmas hamper.

Ruby Class – Chocolates **Emerald Class** – Bubble bath/soap/bath time products
Sapphire class – Fancy biscuits/package cake **Diamond class** – Bottled drinks

Raffle tickets will be sold at drop off and pick up times and there will be raffle held for each class hamper in the final few days of term.

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

These products will be quarantined and wrapped in cellophane for min 72 hours before being raffled

Thursday 10th December - Movie night PTFA FUNDRAISER

Children are invited to stay on to the end of the school day to watch Christmas Movie with their friends – this will take place straight after school in class bubbles with the same staff children are with during the day.

Pyjamas/Onesies are optional but if required should be worn all day (no changing in school). Cushions and teddies can not be brought in.

Collection: **Ruby/Sapphire 5.15pm** **Emerald/Diamond 5.30pm**

There is no S&P that day so children will instead attend the movie.

Payment via parent pay only from Tuesday 24th November
- £3 per child

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—Tuesday 24th November
- £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

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—Tuesday 24th November
- £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.

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.stdavidsprimary.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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