

7th September 2018



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

**Half Term** Monday 22nd October

Friday 26th October

#### **Start of New Half term**

Monday 29th October

#### **Non-Pupil Days**

Thursday 20th December &

Friday 21st December

## **Christmas Holidays**

Monday 24th December

Friday 4th January

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

Monday 7th January

**Tempest Photos Individual and Family** Group

Monday 24th September 2018

#### **Dear Parents Welcome Back!**

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. The children have certainly had lots of exciting stories to share.

Next week we welcome to our new Foundation Stage children and their families to St David's Primary School – We are very much looking forward to working with all of our families over the next academic year. I know you will continue to work with us, so your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be. We endeavour to do everything we can to help your child to do their best. Let us know if we can support you in any way. We operate an open door policy - feel free to book an appointment with your child's class teacher/teaching assistant if you have concerns or need support, help or advice.

I would also welcome our new teacher, Mrs Bojang, who will be teaching in Emerald Class and our new pupils; Gracie (Y5) to Diamond Class, Annie and Isaac (Y4) to Sapphire class and Kaddy (Y1) to Emerald Class. I am sure that everyone will make them all feel at home in our school.

#### 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 (eg WhatsApp, Snapchat Instragram 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.

Ruby Class - had a lovely walk to the park where they enjoyed some stories, played some traditional children's games and had a leaf hunt!

**Emerald Class** - It has been a great start to the new term. The children have settled extremely well into their new year groups and it has been lovely to see how the children support and interact with each other in class. They are enjoying exploring our new topic - Oak Ville and creating their own amazing ideas and questions.

Sapphire Class - have been reflecting on the inner circles of an ancient oak tree's life. We have become the villagers of Oakville explaining why the tree is so important to us. We also know that the tree meant so much to the Nokuku tribe hundreds of years ago...

iamond Class - have been introduced to the town of Oakville and have drafted, edited and completed guides to this fascinating place. They have also looked at Roman Numerals and place value up to ten million in maths, and have identified the largest towns and cities in the UK in Geography.

#### **Class Meetings**

You are invited to come in to school next week to meet with your child's class teacher (s) and to find out about the class curriculum, systems and routines.

**Sapphire**—Monday 10th Sept—3.30

Diamond—Tuesday 11th Sept 3.30

**Emerald**—Thursday 13th Sept 3.30

**Ruby**—Friday 14th September 3.10

If you are unable to attend the meeting please let the class teacher know and they will provide you with some notes on the areas discussed.

#### REMEMBER

Book School Meals by 3.30PM ON WEDNESDAYS!

#### **Lunchboxes**

As you know we encourage children at St David's to develop healthy habits for life. With this in mind, please can we request that lunchboxes do not include chocolate or sweets or fizzy drinks!

**PLEASE CLEAR YOUR DEBTS** 

Our Christian Values Forgiveness

Friendshi

**Trust** 

Respect

Compassion

**Justice** 

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

#### Saturday 8th September 8am—6pm

8am—Prayers to start Prayer Walk—Devon Historic Churches Trust 'Ride & Striders' 3pm—Presentation 'The Exeter Peregrines' by noted raptor biologist Nick Dixon.

### Sunday 9th September 10am—5.30pm

11am—Sung Mass

3pm-5pm—Devon Cream Tea £4 with informal music

## Saturday 15th September 10am—4.30pm (refreshments served)

3pm—Guided Tour of St Michael's Church by renowned architectural historian Richard Parker.

#### Sunday 16th September 10am—1.30pm

11am Sung Mass

12.30pm—'Tour of Pipe Organ 'by local Organ Expert and a chance to play.

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

### Saturday 29th September—Michaelmass

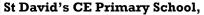
4pm—Procession begins at St David's to St Michael's Church

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:

## Star Learners

Ruby	Year 1: <b>Ieshia</b> — because she has returned to school a brilliantly positive attitude. She has tried very hard in all of her activities this week. Most importantly she has been a fantastic and caring friend. Well done Ieshia!
Emerald	Year 2: <b>Taseen</b> — has worked really hard this week. He has done some super writing with lovely descriptive words. Well done Taseen!
Sapphire	Year 3: <b>Dylan</b> — has worked really hard in both English and Maths. He already is a valuable member of our team, participating in class, sharing his ideas and helping many friends with their Maths work. Well done and thank you.
	Year 3: <b>Isaac</b> — has been a very resilient learner. He has worked really hard to finish every piece of work and he has been participating in all of our class discussions, sharing his ideas and listening respectfully to the others. Well done and thank you Isaac
Diamond	Year 5: <b>Sara</b> — because of the amazing effort that she has put into her maths work on place value this week. Well done and thank you Sara!
	Year 6: <b>Lacey</b> — because of the excellent start that she has made to Year 6. Lacey has worked very hard this week and produced a lovely piece of writing about Oakville. Well done and thank you Lacey!



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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.

#### **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 isolation period if your child has suffered from sickness and/or diarrhoea. Please ensure you keep them home for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness.

# Packed Lunches

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

## 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

# 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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