



4th December 2020

The Christmas Spirit is still at St David's

**DIARY DATES****Christmas & Fundraising Events**

- Thursday 10th December - **Movie night straight after school PTFA FUNDRAISER**
- **Christmas Bags and Father Christmas** visit PTFA FUNDRAISER
- 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**The Advent Experience—Sundays at 4pm**

Don't miss this opportunity to explore spirituality, questions and more this Advent with Rev Ash.

On Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88685738289?pwd=WEhldlNCY3NRQTlCcXFjK2ZlejR0UT09>

Passcode: 159821

Ruby Class

"It's a long way on a donkey, it's a long way to go, it's a long way on a donkey, it's a long and windy road!" As you can guess, this week we have been practising our Christmas song, that will be sent to parents on Tapestry. We hope you enjoy the catchy song about the travels of the donkey carrying Mary to Bethlehem.

Please see Tapestry for your child's 'next steps' in phonics and information on how you can help at home.

Star Learner

Reception : Albertine has been an absolute superstar, not only this week, but for the whole of the autumn term. She has been applying her phase 2 knowledge to read and write words. Albertine can also speak French and has been teaching Miss Bassett and the rest of the children. Thank you Albertine - we are very lucky to have you!

Year 1:- Charlie has shone this week when learning our class Christmas song. He has picked up the lyrics quickly and has been helping others. Charlie is kind and considerate and is always trying to help others during his time in school. He also wears a huge contagious smile. Thank you Charlie!

Sapphire Class

Wings, Roars and Claws have been researching a community in Kenya - Africa. We have gathered advice from the Kenyan Wildlife society on how we can support the people of Ignis and the magical creatures co-exist and live alongside each other in peace. We were able to identify many ways we can prevent conflict, as well as ways to support the community if conflict occurs. The advice from the Kenyan experts has been extremely valuable to us in Ignis.

Star Learner

Year 3 : Marcus has been a focused and responsible learner in Sapphire class this week. He has worked very hard on his maths and can multiply any number by 10 and 100. Marcus enjoys maths and is keen to contribute in every maths lesson. Well done and Thank you.

Year 4 : Dawid is a focused and responsible learner. He works hard in all areas of learning and is keen to contribute ideas and opinions. He respectfully listens to other people views.

Emerald Class

This week Emerald class made a shocking discovery !! Mrs Bojang has been hiding a pet dragon! The children have been thinking about responsibility and the importance of taking care of animals, but also considering how vital it is that animals are protected in their natural habitats. Emerald Class have been continuing their Christmas crafting and are very much looking forward to taking their beautiful creations home to share with their families at the end of this term.

Star Learner

Year 2 : Amelia H has really impressed all the grown ups this week with her use of phonics and attempts at writing this week! Well done Amelia!

Diamond Class

This week Diamond have completed their angel decorations and they are now all on display near the office. The Diamond children have discussed the personalities of some of the more high-profile inhabitants of Ignis and they have used a playscript format to interview them. In maths, we have looked at area and perimeter and centimetres, square centimetres and cubic centimetres. Finally, we have used textile pens and stencils to create fantastic designs on our lovely linen Christmas bags!

Star Learner

Year 5: Ollie's incredible effort and enthusiasm across all the subjects this week has been fantastic, but he has been particularly impressive during our arithmetic lessons. Ollie is a really enthusiastic and keen learner who regularly makes fantastic contributions to our lessons and discussions. Well done Ollie!

Year 6: Zara, as always, has worked extremely hard in Diamond class this week. She has excelled in spelling, punctuation and grammar and achieved a really superb score this week. Well done and thank you Zara!

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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
- £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
- £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 **FSM & UFSM – no charge**

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
- £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.

Coronavirus Support

The impact of the coronavirus pandemic is continuing to put a huge financial strain on some families and we want you to know that we are here to help and support in any way we can. Employment situations are changing rapidly and for some families, their income now no longer covers what they need or they have lost their jobs completely. If you, or someone you know is worrying about money and how to pay for basic household essentials, it may be possible to apply for extra assistance through funding that has been made available via the District Council's hardship fund.

To find out more about what support is available in Exeter, including how to access local financial support, healthy start vouchers and free school meals, where to find foodbanks and community larders, free meals during the school holidays and what to do if you're on a low income and need to self-isolate [CLICK HERE](#)

Free School Meals (FSM)

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 with children, and we therefore advise you carefully monitor your child if they are using this site.

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.stdavidprimary.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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