





Term Dates

<u>Last Day of Term</u> Wednesday 19th December (NO STAY & PLAY)

<u>Christmas Holidays</u> Thursday 20th December

Friday 4th January

First Day of Spring Term
Monday 7th January

Diary Dates

Christmas Fair Planning
Meeting
Wednesday 27th November

Movie Night
Thursday 29th November

Non-Uniform Day Friday 30th November

<u>Christmas Fair</u> Friday 7th December 3.30—5.30

KS1 Christmas Performance Wednesday 12th December 2018

> <u>Christmas Lunch</u> Friday 14th December

<u>Carols around Tree</u> Tuesday 18th December

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

23rd November 2018

FIGANTEN We been doing this week?....

REWINDERS

Manual News

Thursday 29th November 5.30pm–7pm £2.50 on the door

Children are invited to our movie night on Thursday 29th November

Come dressed in your PJ's, bring a snuggly blanket and pillow and of course a feddy.

Ticket £2.50 on the door

to include Popcorn, Hot Chocolate and S'mores

Ks1 & Ks2 Separate
'Surprise' Movie

A great chance for grown ups to squeeze in an extra hour of late night Christmas Shopping!!!

Wear What you Like Day Friday 30th November

Children are invited to come into school in 'Non-Uniform' in exchange for donations for the Christmas Fair raffle.

Ruby—Chocolates Emerald -Toiletries Sapphire—Posh Biscuits Diamond—Bottles

Please bring your donations on the day of the exchange for Wearing 'What they Like'. If you are thinking about a Christmas jumper there will be several days before the end of term when children will be able to wear their jumpers.

Ruby Class - have been using our animal home designs to build houses for different animals. We've made and eaten Diwali bread and have enjoyed finding out about the Christmas Story.

Emerald Class - had their own debate. OakVille's precious tree was damaged in the storm and the council need to decide whether the tree should be cut and cleared or preserved. Emerald class in two teams shared their views and came to the conclusion that the tree should not be cut down. They then each wrote a persuasive letter to Mrs Jones giving their reasons why the tree should be saved.

Sapphire Class - We have become a team of expert conservationists called Treeo. We are hoping to help the Mayoress of Oakville save the oak tree and the precious Eewa bird. Hopefully the Mayoress will recognise how ethical, responsible and resilient we are and allow us to help... we know we're the right team for the job.

Diamond Class— took part in 'Go Ride!' - a free initiative by the British Cycling organisation. Every child took part in an hour-long session on the field led by a professional cycling coach, and our hope is that Sam will return for further sessions in 2019. Well done Diamonds for your excellent attitude and behaviour during this activity!

Christmas Fair—Friday 7th December

Things are coming together for the Christmas Fair thanks to all of the parents offering their time before and during the Fair. We are still needing your donations!

STALL ITEMS NEEDED-

- Second Hand Toys and Games If you plan to have a clearout before Christmas and would like to donate toys in good condition and puzzles/games that are complete and in working order
- Jam Jars filled with gifts—eg sweets, hair bobbles, marshmallows, rubbers, mini toys, stationery
- Clean empty jars to donate.

during this activity! .

Thank you to everyone who bought Jams and Chutneys in our Green Team Sale. We raised £15 (& 1 Euro!) which will go towards our sponsorship of Willow our Barn Owl. There are still a few jars left at £1. If you are interest please ask Mrs Wonnacott.

Green Team

Syrian Refugee Christmas Shoe Boxes

This week we have been filling the gift boxes for the Syrian Refugee Children in Lesvos. We were aiming to fill 8 boxes (2 per class) but we actually filled 19! Thank you so much to everyone for their generous donations



PE Kits/School Uniform

Could you please check that your child has not brought home Holly Ware's PE shorts. The shorts were named but did not make it home on Monday. A couple of other PE bits have gone missing but may not have been named. Could you please check all PE bags to make sure you have not got any kit that does not belong to your child.









Ruby Class

Lola—25 Ted—50

Reading Certificates Emerald Class Sapphire Class

Evie-25 Isabella-50 Kuba—50 Nina—50 & 75 Iowa-75

Olivia-25 Jack—75 Alfie—100 Diamona Class

Grace W-80 Jackie-80 Jamie-40 Sky-40 Jake-40 Isabelle-80 Noor-90 Kayleigh—100 Ruby T-M—110 Zuzia—110 Ibrahim-40 Louis-40 Gracie-50

Clara-50 Evie—60 Harley—60 Mary—60 Sara—70

Grace H-70



Ruby Rec- William Y1 — Marcus

Writer

Emerald Y2-

Sapphire Y3 - Alfred Y4 - Imogen





Star Learners

	Ruby	Reception: Oliver — because he is such a kind and caring member of the class. He's very thoughtful and enjoys asking big questions during class discussions. He's able to share his own ideas or opinions and listens well to others. We really enjoy talking with Oliver. Thank you for your hard work! Year 1: Oliwier — because he is an enthusiastic and energetic member of the Ruby team. He's always very kind and helpful to others and has really persevered with his learning this half term. Now he is beginning to challenge himself more regularly, well done Oliwier. Keep it up!
	Emerald	Year 2: Noah — because of his fantastic work in maths. Noah has settled well and worked really hard at securing his number bonds this week. Noah is always keen to join in with the input and whole class discussion at the start of the lesson. Well done Noah!
	Sapphire	Year 3: Kaiya — is coming to school every day with an excellent attitude towards learning. She is hard working and very resilient and she has been participating more in our carpet discussions, sharing her ideas. Well done and Thank you. Year 4: Riley — has been developing his art skills. He has been practising at home and in school, asking help from friends and being very resilient with adding details and blending colours. His confidence is growing his art work has been amazing! Well done and Thank you!
	Diamond	Year 5: Kara — has worked very hard to improve her spelling, punctuation and grammar and is making good progress. Well done Kara!! Year 6: Noor — is taking more risks with her writing now, and her use of vocabulary and varied sentence structures have made her work far more interesting for the reader. Well done Noor!!



Lunch Time Star

Ollie — for always being so helpful in the dinner hall.

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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. You can find out more here: TikToK

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 freeschoolmeals@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

Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155

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



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.

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 are included in lunch boxes.

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

Please either telephone 01392 255569 or email stdavids@ventrus.org.uk NB St David's have a strict 48 hour

is absent.



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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