



# St. David's C of E Primary School

## 25th September 2020

Dear Parents,

Well done to all our new Reception children who started school this week—they have done brilliantly and all the Ruby staff are so impressed at how easily they have slotted in to school life—Well done Rubies!

I would like to say a big thank you to all of our families who are continuing to support us by observing our staggered drop-off times and social distancing guidance. This helps keep our children safe and also means that the beginning of the school day is calm and settled. It has also been noticed that the parking issue seems a little easier this week and it appears that greater caution is being used when driving along Dinham Rd. Thank you—please keep adhering to this request for considerate driving and parking as it means our children can enter school safely.

It has been a really Egg-citing week in school this week. Please check out our school [Twitter](#) for more details of the strange and rather large nest and egg that appeared on Wednesday morning! The children have loved having a closer look and predicting what they think may hatch out of the egg.... Whatever it is, I hope it's a herbivore!

As usual for this time of year, we are seeing an increase in children being absent with cold-and-flu type symptoms and we understand that this can be concerning for families, especially given the current climate; please use the COVID leaflet that was sent to you earlier this week for more information on the specific symptoms of COVID-19 and the steps to take if anyone in your household falls ill.

Best Wishes, Fran Brinicombe

### Ruby Class

What a positive and lovely place Ruby class has been this week. Their EYFS children started full time, it feels like they have always been with us. They have had great fun reading their new focus book 'Zog'. They have been practising speaking in full sentences and using describing words. Remembers parents, to log into Tapestry daily to see what your child has been up to and receive Ruby class updates—downloading the app will be the easiest way to use this. Any problems with Tapestry please speak to Miss Bassett.

### Star Learner

**Reception : Ava**—for her fantastic contributions in phonics this week. A positive first week to school life—great job Ava!

**Year 1— Wiktor**—for using his phase 2 knowledge to blend and segment CVC works whilst using his in 'I Can' attitude! Keep this up Wiktor!

### Sapphire Class

Strange nests and eggs have been appearing around the school, leading to some insightful thoughts and feelings about them. Mrs Brown is a villager who lives in Ignis, she has found a few eggs at the bottom of her garden. She is concerned about the eggs but also worried and confused about what they could be. Together we wrote emotive and persuasive letters to the 'Ruling Council of Ignis' as Mrs Brown, expressing our thoughts. Will they help her?

### Star Learner

**Year 3: - Ieshia** has enjoyed her learning this week. She has written a fabulous letter in character as Mrs Brown using some emotive and persuasive language. She was keen to share her writing with the class and with other adults around the school.

**Year 4: - Noah** has been showing amazing resilience in all areas of learning. He has been working independently, finishing every piece of work to a high standard. His writing this week has been fabulous.

### Emerald Class

This week has been a very exciting week for Emerald Class! We were amazed to find the giant egg and nest in the hall; the children have many questions that they are keen to find the answers too! We have been using our scientific knowledge of animals to help us identify the types of dragons that live in Ignis and what they eat!

### Star Learner

**Year 2 : Amber** because she has completed some amazing pieces of writing! The adults in the class have been very impressed! Amber has put great effort into her writing this week, she has also been doing brilliantly during her phonics sessions this week. Well done Amber!

### Diamond Class

In Diamond class this week we have discovered what looks like a huge egg in the hall. Not only that, but it appears to have been laid on a huge nest! The Diamond team have been investigating the strange connections between the smoke on the playground, the egg, the incredible cave and what could be a dragon's tail hanging from the corridor ceiling. What could it all mean? Diamond class have been learning to compile evidence and then speculate and make predictions in their written work.

### Star Learner

**Year 5: Cole** has produced a beautifully written piece of work on discrimination and diversity which shows real maturity and a good understanding of the subject. Well done and thank you Cole!

**Year 6: Stephi** has made an excellent start to Year 6 and is working incredibly hard. Stephi has an excellent attitude to work and play and is determined to try her hardest and do her best. Well done and thank you Stephi!

I am sorry to inform you that Mrs Wonnacott who is a TA in Diamond class and who also works across the school delivering PPA sessions and Green team activities was involved in a car accident last weekend. After a few days in hospital she is now back at home recovering with her family. It will be a few weeks before she is up and about again and a few more before she is back in school but I am sure you would join me in sending good wishes for a speedy recovery!

### Drink Bottles

Please ensure your child's drinks bottle is only filled with WATER and not juice or squash.

Many thanks

## Our Christian Values





# 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.**

## **Entitlement to Free School Meals**

Thanks to a high publicity campaign initiated by the Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford, Children in England who are eligible for free school meals will receive a six-week food voucher to cover the summer holiday period. The decision will provide around 1.3 million children with meals throughout the summer holidays.

If your personal circumstances have changed during the lockdown period you may find that you are now eligible. FSM vouchers provide £15.00 per child per week, so it is definitely worth checking if you are entitled.

You can check the criteria for **free school meals is on the government's website.**

If you think you are eligible you can then make a quick application online where your eligibility can be assessed immediately, and they will know straight away. You just need your National Insurance number and the system will be able to access your information.

Application can be done through the **Free School Meal Portal.**

## **STAY & PLAY**

Please use the following link to apply for Stay and Play after school childcare places.

**[Click Here](#)**

*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*

**There is be NO Stay and Play on Friday 23rd October due to a Non-Pupil Day**

**Our Christian Values**

Respect

Forgiveness

Compassion

Friendship

Justice

Trust