



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

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

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**The Advent Experience—Sundays at 4pm**

The children have been asking Revd. Ash some big questions in Collective Worship recently, and he'll explore answers to their questions at The Advent Experience, Sundays at 4pm, from this Sunday 29th November until Christmas.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to hear the children's questions, and let them join in exploring some answers, head and heart, this Advent, Sundays at 4pm

**On Zoom:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88685738289?pwd=WEh1dINCY3NRQTICcXFjk2ZlJlR0UT09> Meeting ID: 886 8573 8289 Passcode: 159821

**Ruby Class**

This week in Ruby we have been more busy than usual! We have started to rehearse our Christmas song for the nativity, there is lots of socially distanced singing and dancing involved. In maths, we have looked at 2D shapes, focusing on how many sides and corners they have. We have also been looking for 'real life shapes' in the classroom and beyond. Thank you to all the parents that are continuing to post to Tapestry every week.

**Star Learner**

**Reception : Maisie** could be our star learner every week! But this week she has shown particular independence when completing her activities. Maisie and her family have been regularly using Tapestry to show Miss Bassett what she gets up to outside of class. Maisie is a great friend to everyone around her and is always so kind and considerate. We are lucky to have you in our class Maisie.

**Emerald Class**

This Week Emerald Class have been exploring the caves of Ignis, we have discovered the Jabberwocky dragons! We have been investigating the caves and what these mysterious dragons are hiding ! In science Emerald class have been testing their senses and exploring sound !

**Star Learner**

**Year 1—Eden** has shown great enthusiasm for her creative writing this week. She has impressed the grown ups during phonics and English sessions and we are proud of her effort. Well done Eden!

**Year 2 : Olly** has demonstrated fantastic focus and concentration during tasks, he has been making great choices and has shown that he is trying to take responsibility for his own learning. Well done Olly !

**Sapphire Class**

This week Sapphire class completed posters, wrote letters to ruling council of Ignis and created powerful speeches opposing the quarry. We discussed the importance of democracy and what British values and citizenship means to us. We used this to influence our writing. Collectively, we passionately protested the quarry and expressed our rights for a fair vote by going on a march using our posters, banners and speeches.

**Star Learner**

**Year 3 : Sam** wrote a powerful and persuasive letter to the Ruling Council expressing his anger towards the quarry and lack of democracy in Ignis. He also passionately led our protest march. Well done and Thank you.

**Year 4 : Ezzy** has been very creative this week, making Christmas bags and decorations. She also created a great poster which we used as part of our protest march about the building of the quarry. Well done and Thank you.

**Diamond Class**

This week Diamond class have created angel Christmas decorations and have looked at pie charts, data handling and found the mean averages. The children have looked at the 'law of thirds' when creating portraits and have begun to draw portraits of the residents of Ignis using a variety of different sketching pencils to achieve a range of tones. They have also looked at using the internet safely and have had an introduction to using Microsoft Teams ahead of this week's homework—Good Luck Diamonds!!

**Star Learner**

**Year 5: Dylan** - Dylans's effort and enthusiasm across all the subjects this week has been fantastic! He is an enthusiastic and keen learner who has made several important contributions to our lessons. Well done Dylan!

**Year 6: Oscar** has worked extremely hard on our writing task this week and, through great determination and resilience this term, his punctuation and grammar is far more accurate. Well done and thank you Oscar!

**Our Christian Values**



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> December – to allow 72 hours to quarantine cards. Cards will be added to each child's Christmas bag for opening at home.

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## 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 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](mailto:stdavids@ventrus.org.uk) marking them clearly 'Admissions Policy 2022-23 Consultation' Thank you

## Our Christian Values

Respect

Forgiveness

Compassion

Friendship

Justice

Trust