

8th March 2019 hat have we been

Dates for your dian

Easter Holidays Monday 8th April

Monday 22nd April

Start of Summer Term 1 Tuesday 23rd April

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 6th May

Half Term Mon 27th May—Tues 4th June

Diary Dates

Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March Come with Crazy Hair for £1 Giant Red Nose Biscuits for sop will be on sale for children at breaktime.

> Wildside Residential Years 3 & 4

27th—28th June

After School Activities

KS₂ Gymnastics

Mondays 14th Jan-25th March (Club Full)

smART Club

Wednesday

Recommended for Years1-3 ease enquire in the office regarding availability

KS1 Tennis

Fridays 18th Jan-29th March (Club Full)

Saints Sports Club

Tuesdays from 15th January Please register on line https://www.saintssouthwest.co.uk/allcourses/afterschool-club/

TWITTER

Most school events are featured on our twitter fed @StDavidsCofE. Follow us so you don't miss anything exciting!



Book School Meals by 3.30PM ON WEDNESDAYS! Please CLEAR DEBTS AS SOON AS **POSSIBLE**

World Book Day

Everyone embraced completed the pirate themed challenges which were set throughout the day.

Waterstone's invited a couple of the classes for story time which

they really enjoyed and were invited to use their £1 book voucher to chose their very own book.

Don't forget to collect your child's well earned sponsorship money! Many thanks to those families who have already collected theirs and handed to the office!









Red Nose Day—Friday 15th March

Children are invited to come to school next Friday with Crazy hair for a £1 donation which will go toward Red Nose Day.

Diamond class will also be selling Giant Red Nose Biscuits at breaktime for 50p each.

Green Team

Green Team Badges—Well done to Harley and Zuzia in Diamond class who have achieved their first green team badges.

Reminder - we are still looking for items of reclaimed materials to make our bug hotel at the end of the month. we are looking for the following;terracotta pots, either broke or whole, pipes; any size that can be stuffed with sticks or straw, bricks whole or broken and bamboo canes any size. In addition, shells, stones and fir cones would be useful too!

Wildflower seeds - would you like some free wildflower seeds? If so, please let Mrs Wonnacott know. Seeds will be available at the end of the month.

Ruby Class — enjoyed taking part in 10 pirate challenges including—walking plank, searching for pieces of 8, and solving pirate puzzles. They also enjoyed celebrating shove Tuesday and got to try some delicious pancakes — yum

loing this week?

Emerald Class— have been very busy enjoying WBD. During the day they did lots of activities including icing pirate biscuits, making Jolly Roger Flags and using their book vouchers Waterstones they were invited on a guided tour and story telling!

Sapphire Class - had an amazing Waterstones Book store this week. The children got to explore the children's area of the library and used their voucher to buy a book all of their own to take home.

Diamond Classhave discussed how Commodore Cutter disappeared and who exactly has taken him. Could it be the Spanish navy? Could it be a rival group of pirates? Could the letter from King Charles be a cunning plan to trap the crew of the Diamond Destiny? We will all find out very soon!

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club magazines were sent home yesterday. It is really worth a look as there are lots of great value books. Orders to be returned to the school office by Friday 15th March. Many thanks



Respect







Ruby Class Ieshia—100 Oliver SR—125 Emerald Class Sapphire Class Kaddy—100 Ollie—75

Ollie—75 Laura—75 Isaac—75 Chloe—75 Holly—75 Olivia—100

Alfred-275

ire Class <u>Diamond Class</u>

Harley—140
Evie—140
Verity—150
Cayla—160
Mary—170
Jessica—180
Noor—220
Isabelle—220
Grace W—250
Kara—260
Zuzia—330
Ruby TM—330



Ruby Reception—Banu Writer

of the week

Emerald Y1— Holly Y2—Yaman



Sapphire Y3 — Ollie Y4 — Sophie







Star Learners

Ruby	Reception: Jacey —because she is such a brilliant role model for all her friends. Her kind and caring behaviour makes her a very supportive friend. She always speaks to others with respect and knows how to ask for help when she has a problem. Thank you for all your hard work Jacey. Well done!
Em	Year 1: Iowa — because she has shown a fantastic attitude towards her learning this week. It has been amazing to see Iowa producing such descriptive writing.
Emerald	Year 2: Evie — because she has shown great resilience and determination whilst coping with her poorly arm. Nothing has stood in Evie's way this week.
Sap	Year 3: Zuzanna — is an absolute delight in Sapphire class. She is participating more in lessons and is a caring friend. It is great to see her taking care with her learning and editing her writing with little support. Well done and thank you.
Sapphire	Year 4: Zara — is growing in confidence and she is able to share ideas and opinions when working as part of a small group. She has been working particularly hard in Maths, learning some fractions. Well done and thank you.
Diamond	Year 5: Jake — has worked extremely hard in maths this week, and is growing in confidence when answering questions in a group. Well done and thank you Jake!
	Year 6: Ruby T-M — has written an outstanding balanced argument this week which uses all the punctuation and grammar skills that we have studied this year as a class. Well done and thank you Ruby!

Out to LUNCH!

Lunch Time Star

Banu — always being well behaved in the dinner hall and sitting nicely and finishing her lunch each day.

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It has been brought to our attention that some of our children in school are aware of, and have been talking about videos and communications relating to a social media and internet challenge called "Momo Challenge". This challenge is very worrying as it shows an image designed to frighten children and uses media such as What's App to send messages encouraging children to become involved in harmful behaviours.

It has been evidenced nationally that discussing the challenge directly with young children has actually resulted in a spike of children then attempting to access information on the challenge, we are therefore requesting that parents are aware themselves of the risks and are vigilant of what their children are accessing when using IT at home.

Please be clear with your children what they should do if something scary or inappropriate appears on their screen and how important it is not to click on unknown links and to always inform an adult if they are at all worried by anything they see online.

We encourage parents and carers to look through the information on the National Online Safety website for further information regarding the "Momo Challenge"; See link below:

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/momo-online-safety-guide-for-parents/

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.

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 office.

Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

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.

Consideration Requested

We have had several reports of parents driving without care and consideration during school pick up. Can we please remind you to drive with caution around the school area. We also request that you have consideration for the local residents when you are parking so that you do not obstruct their access.

Ever Thought of Becoming a Primary School Teacher?

The opportunity is possible through the teacher training route called 'School Direct' led by Exeter Consortium. For more information contact Dawn Chapman at dawn@exeterconsortium.com or on 01392 92717.1 or visit

www.exeterconsortium.com

FREE COURSES FOR

ADULTS
Are you learning English as an additional Language?

- English for speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

FREE Courses running in Exeter at The Olive Tree (St Sidwell's Centre)

Tuesday 6-7pm: Intermediate Wednesday 10-12 noon: Lower Intermediate Thursday 6:30-8 pm: Upper Intermediate Friday 10-12 noon: Beginners

Friday 10-12 noon: Advanced For more details contact : 01392 666 222 or contact Paul Vass:

paul.olivetree@stsidwells.org.uk

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

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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 Thank you for your co-operation.

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

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.

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 -mail/SC/Insta etc.... details to strangers

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

Playground Security

Please ensure the front playground gate is closed after you enter or leave the playground.

Many thanks.

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

Packed Lunches

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

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