

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016

# Friday Flyer

## Harvest Festival

Thank you to all the families who gave so generously to our Harvest Festival collection. We hope that those of you that were able to join us at St Michaels enjoyed the celebration. All of our children sang beautifully and we are extremely proud of how well prepared they were.

The children were very well behaved and a credit to St Davids.

Our collection raised £30.76; this will be used to continue to support Edison.



## NSPCC Visit

On Monday the NSPCC delivered assemblies in Key Stage 1 & 2 and also a workshop in Diamond class.

The focus of all 3 sessions was to help pupils to stay safe:

- To understand abuse in all its forms and recognise the signs (including online safety).
- know how to protect themselves from all forms of abuse and neglect.
- know how to get help, and the sources of help available to them, including child line services.

We hope that all children who experienced the sessions will feel more confident to speak out about any worries or problems. If you would like more information on the content of what was discussed please speak to your child's class teacher.





### **Operation Christmas Child – Samaritan's Purse**

We at St Davids also need empty shoe boxes for the packing of donations that the children will help with in their classrooms. Here's the list of items that each class has been asked to contribute toward the appeal:

**Ruby** – Small Toys for ages 5-9 e.g. skipping rope, musical instruments, bouncy balls, tennis balls, animal figures etc.

Items should be new/nearly new – clean and intact

**Emerald** – Small cuddly toys, small dolls/ rag dolls, puppets or wooden/plastic people.

**Sapphire** – Art and craft items (pens, glitter, rubbers etc.) or toiletries e.g. toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, flannels or hairbrushes.

**Diamond** – school stationary e.g. pens, pencils, rulers, exercise books, felt tips etc. or things to wear e.g. hats, gloves, scarfs, hair bands/clips, dress up items.

**Please can all donations be in school before Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November.**

### **Reading Certificates**

Congratulations to the following children who have all read 25 times at home and in school.



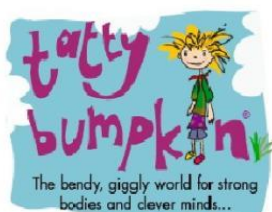
**Emerald** - Leona & Abdul

**Sapphire** - Dylan, Zuzia

**Diamond** - Carla, Tori, Byron, Abby, Riley and Layan.

Congratulations to Szymon (Emerald), Stephi (Emerald), Grace (Sapphire) and Noor (Sapphire) who have read 50 times. Jay (Diamond) has read an amazing 75 times! Well done to you all

### **Tatty Bumpkin After school sessions**



We still have a couple of spaces open to our Reception Children

The sessions will be held on Wednesdays in the hall, finishing at 4:20pm.

If you are interested pop in to the office for a registration form.

These sessions are free of charge as they're funded by the school.

## **Special person**

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| Ruby Class     | Ralph – Ralph has been willing to take part in all of our new activities this week. He challenged himself with the weaving and joined in with the music making and he loved making a fish.  |
| Emerald Class  | <p>Year 1: Gabriela – Gabriela has a fantastic attitude to all areas of her learning – producing great pieces of writing that have been well thought out. She is also such a kind and caring friend. Well done Gabriela.</p> <p>Year 2: Szymon – Szymon is a resilient learner and has a great stamina in his maths and written work. It has been a really positive week For Szymon- much better focus and listening has allowed his learning balloon to grow and grow and grow! Well done.</p>   |
| Sapphire Class | <p>Year 3: Isabelle – Isabelle has been working very hard this week in planning her twisted fairytale. She has lovely creative ideas. She is making good choices this week and is taking her own actions. Also, thank you for caring for our wildlife around the school. Thank you Isabelle.</p> <p>Year 4: Noor – Noor has a wonderful attitude to learning. She has been working more independently this year and has been challenging herself, particularly in maths. Noor is taking responsibility for herself as well as supporting others to make good choices. Thank you Noor.</p> |
| Diamond Class  | <p>Year 5: Jack L.M – Jack is star worker because of his enthusiastic approach and brilliant contributions for the Wildlife Champions day at St. Luke's on Monday. Jack was also an outstanding ambassador for our school. Well done and thank you Jack!</p> <p>Year 6 : Miya – Miya has made an incredible effort with her maths this week. Miya Has approached algebra and data handling in an enthusiastic manner and has made brilliant contributions in class. Well done and thank you Miya!</p>   |



## **Term dates**

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| <b>AUTUMN TERM 2016</b>  |  |
| Half Term                | <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>                  |
| Non-Pupil Day            | <b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>                                    |
| World Food/Bingo Evening | Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November                                       |
| End of Term              | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December – <b>NO STAY &amp; PLAY ON THIS DAY</b> |
| <b>SPRING TERM 2017</b>  |  |
| Non-Pupil Day            | Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2017                                     |
| Start of Spring Term     | Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2017                                   |
| Half Term                | Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 |
| End of Term              | Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017                                       |

## **ParentPay - our new online service for ordering dinners and payment**

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money and school trips. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

**You will also be ordering meals on this new system.**

### **What are the benefits to parents and pupils?**

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely – offering you peace of mind
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card.
- full payment histories and statements are available to you securely online at anytime
- Your children will not have to worry about losing money at school
- Parents can choose to be alerted when their balances are low via email and/or SMS text

### **What are the benefits to our school?**

The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school.

You can help us reduce workloads for all staff, creating more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school.

Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises.

### **How to get started with ParentPay**

**We will shortly be sending you your account activation details, just follow the instructions in the letter we give you to get started with ParentPay.**

**If you want to find out more about ParentPay go to:**

[www.parentpay.com/Parents](http://www.parentpay.com/Parents)



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Enjoy the half term break – See you all on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November ☺