

# 28th September 2018



**Non-Pupil Day** Friday 19th October

### **Half Term**

Monday 22nd October Friday 26th October

Start of New Half term Monday 29th October

### **Last Day of Term**

Wednesday 19th December (NO STAY & PLAY)

### **Christmas Holidays**

Thursday 20th December

Friday 4th January

### First Day of Spring Term

Monday 7th January

### Wildlife Champions

On Tuesday a group of children went to Mincinglake



Valley park to take part in 4 annual Champions conference. Children had a fantastic taking different activities which included making bombs, finding out how bee finds flowers, listening to an old oak

tree taking up water through xylon tubes,

identifying bird song tub snorkelling! Watch out for photos and children's comments on the green team board at the back of the hall next week.

A big thank you to Karen, Zara's

mum who came along to help us.



Ruby Class - Have been thinking about the lifecycle of an Oak

Emerald Class - have created aerial maps of the playground which will be used for a treasure hunt next week!

Sapphire Class - Whilst Jimmy and Zoe Spencer were playing in their favourite oak tree they came across something fascinating and precious... but where is it from? Who did it belong to? Why is it hidden in the tree? Most importantly, were Jimmy and Zoe always supposed to find it ..?

Diamond Class— have delved into Oakville's past, comparing and contrasting life in 1018 when the tree was first planted, to life in 2018 when the tree is in the centre of a bustling town. Diamond class have discussed and then created a museum for the town, and identified the curators who work within it.

# **Diary Dates**

### **Autumn Disco** Thursday 11th October

KS1 3.45-4.45 KS<sub>2</sub> 5.00-6.00 (Full details to follow)

### **Harvest Festival**

Thursday 18th October at 9.15am

### REMEMBER

Book School Meals by 3.30PM ON VEDNESDAYS!

Please CLEAR **DEBTS AS SOON** AS POSSIBLE

### Exeter Foodbank Harvest Festival Donations

Donate this Harvest and help feed someone in crisis in your local community.

Full details will be displayed on the notice board in the playground.

### Scholastic Book Club

Please return your orders to the office by Wednesday 30th October

St Michael and All Angels Church **Mount Dinham** 150th Anniversary & Heritage Open Days

### Saturday 29th September—Michaelmass

4pm-Procession begins at St David's to St Michael's Church

5pm-Michaelmass-Sung Mass followed by celebration supper.

Actively Fundraising—Produce stall, Cakes, Books, CDs, Bric a Brac Information on Michaelmass, supper and Events please visit website:

Our Christian Values Forgiveness

**Friendship** 

**Trust** 

Respect

Compassion

Justice

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Reading Certificates Diamond Class

Ruby Class

Emerald Class Sapphire Class

Kayden-25

Alfred-25 Jake-25 Alfie-25

Noor-10

Ibrahim-10

Harley-20 Jessica-20

Cayla-20

Dylan-20 Grace H-20

Sky M—20 Kayleigh-20 Evie-20

Sara-20



Ruby T-M-30





Writer

Emerald Y1 -

Y2 - Romans







# Star Learners

Ruby	Reception: William — because he is a very cheerful and helpful member of the class who always tries his best. This week he has wowed his teachers by writing CVC words all on his own! Well done William.  Year 1: Albatool — because she has been working really hard in phonics and has really persevered when reading CV & CVC words with an adult. She has also been a kind and encouraging friend to the new children in Ruby Class. Well done Albatool!
Emerald	<b>Year 2: Katie</b> — has been working independently and has been a fantastic role model for the year one's in Emerald Class. Well done Kate!
Sapphire	Year 3: Laura — has been working independently. She has been really motivated and shown great enthusiasm for all areas of learning, demonstrating our classroom values. Well done and thank you.  Year 4: Imogen — for her enthusiasm during Wildlife Champions. She participated in every activity, working well with the other members of our group and contributing during the group discussions. Well done and thank you.
Diamond	Year 5: Grace W — Grace has worked with great enthusiasm this week, producing a lovely piece of writing comparing Oakville of 1018 with Oakville of 2018. Well done and thank you Grace! Year 6: Mary — Mary has worked incredibly hard this week, and her presentation of her work has been consistently excellent. Well done Mary!

# Out to LUNCH

### **Lunch Time Star**

Kayleigh—for always being very kind and considerate during lunchtimes, especially with the younger children

### St David's CE Primary School,

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### 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 <a href="https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/schoolinformation/school-meals">https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/schoolinformation/school-meals</a> which you can email to <a href="mailto:freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk">freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk</a> or print out and post to FSM Team, Room L102, County Hall, Exeter EX2 400
- 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 1551019.

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.

### REMEMBER 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 is absent.

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



### 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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