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Dates for your diary

### Term Dates

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**

Easter Service & Raffle
Thursday 4th April 2019
St Michael's Church @ 9.15

#### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Thursday 4th April 2019 Tickets will go on sale on Monday 1st April

Diamond Brass Concert
Friday 5th April 2019

@ 2.45pm in the school hall

Wildside Residential Years 3 & 4 27th—28th June

<u>Diamond Class Activities</u> <u>Week</u> 20th—24th May

### **After School Activities**

Details of new afterschool clubs will shortly follow

#### Saints Sports Club

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

TWITTER

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

> REMEMBER Book School Meals by

3.30PM ON
WEDNESDAYS!
Please CLEAR DEBTS
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE

Easter Service, Easter Raffle and Easter Egg Hunt

On Thursday 4th April at 9.15am

Parents, family and friends are invited to St Michaels Church for our Easter Service.
Sapphire class will be presenting the story of 'The Three Trees' and will be accompanied by singing from the children in Ruby, Emerald and Diamond Class. Please Come and Join us!

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place (weather permitting) on Thursday 4th April.

Tickets for the Easter Egg Hunt and for the Easter Raffle will be available from Monday 1st April from the school hall in the mornings and the school office at the end of the day.

Raffle tickets will be 20p per ticket/£1 per strip

Entry for the Easter Egg Hunt will be £2 per child. All children competing will win a bag of Easter goodies, there will also be a prize for the child who collects the most eggs in each year group.

This is a PTA fund raiser.

Spare Pants, Knickers & Tights

FS/KS1 request boys pants, girls knickers and tights as they are currently running very low. If you have any good quality pairs that you are able to donate—preferably age 3-5 years, we would be very grateful.

Many thanks

<u>Dartmoor Bike Fest—</u> <u>Saturday 30th March</u>

River Dart Country Park are hosting a day where the whole family can celebrate all aspects of cycling with a full day of exciting activities. Please see the notice board in the playground for full details. **Ruby Class** — have been retelling their class treasure hunt story, building obstacle courses and hunting for treasure!

What have we been doing this week?....

Emerald Class have been writing letters home detailing their exciting adventures, but they each have a secret.... Will it be revealed? The class have been busy baking cheese scones. They then wrote instructions using lots of fantastic language!

Sapphire Class - have been

Sapphire Class - have been working very hard perfecting their Easter performance. They have been busy rehearsing their lines, songs and positioning ready for the performance next Thursday at St Michaels church. We hope to see you there!

Diamond Class— have been working with Mrs
Wonnacott (and Paul Martin from Devon Wildlife Trust) to create an outdoor learning area, wildlife meadow, bug hotel and bird feeding station in our school field. We are very grateful to Western Power for providing us with the funds to complete these important (and fun) tasks!

### **BAGS** for HELP

Thank you to everyone who filled their BAGS for HELP bags. These were weighed and collected on Tuesday and your generous donations helped raise £84.80 for our PTA fund.

Many thanks

### **Diamond Class Brass Concert**

On Friday 5th April at 2:45pm in the school hall, Diamond class will be performing a short brass concert to showcase all that they have learnt with their instructor, Andy Stark, this term. Parents and friends of the school are invited, and there will be the opportunity to make a donation to our PTFA fundraising for those who wish to do so.

our Christian Values

Respect

Forgiveness

**Friendship** 

Trust

Justice

Compassion





Ruby Class Theo-50 Callum—75 Ghaliyh-100 Emerald Class Sapphire Class Noah-50 Oliwier C-75 Iowa—150

Abdul-25 Phoebe Jackson-50 Jake-100

Misho-70 Gracie-90 Jake-140 Ruby *G*—140 Louis-150

Harley-160 Charlie—160 Clara—170 Verity—170 Cayla—180 Jackie—190

Sara—200 Isabelle—250 Kayleigh—250 Noor—260

Diamond Class

Kara—290 Zuzia—380 Ruby TM—380



Ruby Reception - Stuti Writer

Emerald Y1 – Isabella Y2 - Katie









### Star Learners

Ruby	Reception: Imogen — because she is such a sunny and caring member of our team. She always tries her best each day. She is also becoming more confident when sharing her thoughts and ideas during class discussions. Thank you Imogen!
Emerald	Year 1: Marie — because she has really improved her handwriting! We are so impressed with her beautiful writing and fantastic presentation. Well done Marie!  Year 2: David — because he used may different skills when following a recipe this week. He was able to read the instructions carefully and helped his peers. He used the weighing scales with confidence and he also highlighted the imperative verbs when reading the text! Well done Dawid!
Sap	<b>Year 3: Ollie T</b> — is a delight to have in Sapphire class. He is a keen and enthusiastic learner, always willing to challenge himself, particularly in maths. Well done and thank you.
Sapphire	Year 4: Sophie — enters the classroom every morning and with a smile. She offers wonderful contributions in class discussions and she has produced a fabulous story using descriptive language. Well done and thank you.
Dia	<b>Year 5: Gracie B</b> — has excelled in maths this week, working extremely hard and showing great resilience. Well done and thank you Gracie!
Diamond	<b>Year 6:Lacey</b> — is a quiet and thoughtful member of Diamond class who always gives 100% effort and is a very kind and considerate friend. Well done and thank you Lacey!



### **Lunch Time Star**

Kayleigh — for being extremely helpful this week in the playground!

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### **School Meals and Packed Lunches**

At St David's our school meals meet the Educational Nutritional Standards and Requirements for School Food (Department or 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.)

#### 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

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.

#### **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.

You can find out more here: TikToK

### 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

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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.

### Administration of Medicines in School

A reminder that we can only accept 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. We will endeavour to administrate medicines at the required times, although this cannot always be guaranteed.

### 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.

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 either telephone 01392 255569 or ema stdavids@ventrus.org.uk NB St David's have a strict 48 hour isolation period if your child has suffered from sickness and/or diarrhoea. Please ensure you keep them home for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness.

### 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

### 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 SHARP.

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