

14th September 2018

Dates for your diar



Term Dates

Non-Pupil Day Friday 19th October

Half Term

Monday 22nd October

Friday 26th October

Start of New Half term

Monday 29th October

Non-Pupil Days

Thursday 20th December

Friday 21st December

Christmas Holidays

Monday 24th December

Friday 4th January

First Day of Spring

Monday 7th January

Tempest Individual & Family Group Photos

Monday 24th September Family & Group photo's from 8.30am

Book School Meals by 3.30PM ON VEDNESDAYS!

Please CLEAR DEBTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Meet the Teacher

We have had a great turn out for meet the teacher this term. We hope you have found this a useful way to find out about routines and arrangements for each class and expectations for the year groups. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please speak with the class teacher so that they can ensure you have all the information mentioned. Please also have a look at the school website where you will find information about the class

curriculum. https://stdavids.eschools.co.uk/ website/classes/143690

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
- 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.

Ruby Class - has been welcoming the new reception children who started on Monday. New friendships have been formed and new things have been tried. All the children have settled in extremely!

Emerald Class - have been out hunting for oak trees and collecting acorns and leaves to add to their Oakville class display.

Sapphire Class - have been learning about plants and the role each of their different parts play for their life and growth. This week we did an experiment using flowers and food colouring to investigate the way the water transports within the plants. What do you think will happen? Come and see if your prediction was right!

amond Class—have looked at important buildings within the fictional town of Oakville, creating names and profiles for the people who work within them. Diamond have created black-on-colour collages to illustrate our school value of friendship, and have worked together on team building activities in PE.

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.

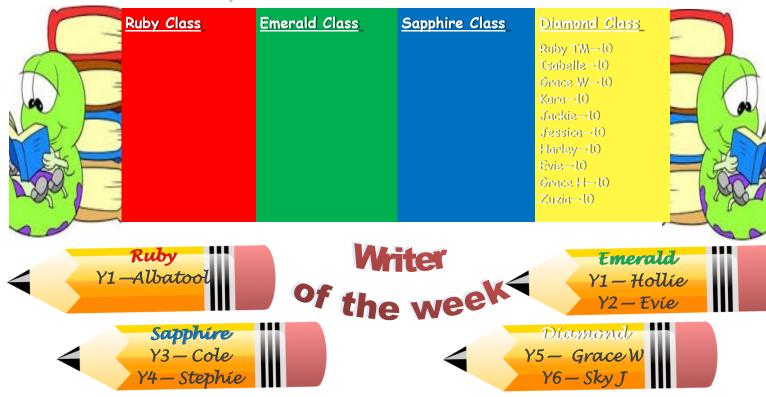
Fizzy or sugary drinks. Water is always available for children at lunchtime

Our Christian Values Forgiveness

Friendship

Trust





Star Learners

Ruby	CONGRATUATIONS to the whole of Ruby Class A huge well done for completing your first full week at Primary School! You have worked hard to make new friends, follow our Golden rules and try new things. Miss Bishop & Mrs Grey are very proud of the great start you've made.
Emerald	Year 1: Hollie — for working so hard this week. Well done Hollie! Year 2: Romany — for excellent maths this week. Well done Romany!
Sapphire	Year 3: Alfie W — has been coming to school every day with a great attitude and ready to learn. He has persevered in both English and Maths and he has been producing great pieces of work. Well done and Thank you Alfie! Year 4: Annie — has settled in beautifully in our class. She has been focused on her work and she already has become a role model for many children because of her perseverance and motivation. Well done and Thank you Annie!
Diamond	Year 5: Gracie B — has settled in well in Diamond class and has made some good friendships. Gracie has also worked hard to improve her concentration this week. Well Done Gracie! Year 6: Harley B — has made a great start to Year 6, and in maths his 'Deepen It' and Dig a Little Deeper' work has been really impressive this week. Well done Harley!



Lunch Time Star

Jackie—for her polite and helpful nature during lunchtimes.

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

Saturday 15th September 10am—4.30pm (refreshments served)

3pm—Guided Tour of St Michael's Church by renowned architectural historian Richard Parker.

Sunday 16th September 10am—1.30pm

11am Sung Mass

12.30pm—'Tour of Pipe Organ 'by local Organ Expert and a chance to play.

Wednesday 26th September—7.30pm 'Religion in Victorian Exeter' - Anniversary Lecture by Richard Parker.

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: Www.stmichaelsmountdinham.org.uk

Year 5 & 6 Secondary School Open Evenings

St James— Tuesday 18th September 6:00-8:30

Morning tours between 19th September-Friday 5th October (

(ring 01392 209922 ext 285 to attend a daytime tour)

Isca Academy— Thursday 20th September 6:30

Morning tours Monday 1st October to Friday 5th October at 9:30am

St Peters— 19th September 2018

9:30am and 11.40am: Tour of the school followed by refreshments and an opportunity to talk to the senior staff

• 6.00pm -8:30pm: visit departments, meet teachers, see displays and exhibitions and talk to our staff

7.00pm: Talk by the Headteacher in the school hall

Or you could attend one of our Coffee Mornings on:

• Wednesday 3rd October, Thursday 11th October, Tuesday 16th October 9.30am – 11.00am where you will meet senior staff and be taken on a guided tour.



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

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 isola-



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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