

Half Term 19th October—28th October

Half Term Flyer

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

Dates for your diary



Term Dates

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
until
Friday 4th January

~

First Day of Spring Term

Monday 7th January

Diary Dates

Secondary School Deadline Application

31st October 2018

~

Parents Evenings

Monday 5th—Thursday 8th
November

~

Children in Need

Friday 16th November
Wear Spotty Clothes and bring
in £1

Movie Night

Thursday 29th November

~

Wear What You Like Day

Friday 30th November

~

ParentPay

REMEMBER

Book School

Meals by

3.30PM ON

WEDNESDAYS!

Please CLEAR
DEBTS AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE

Children in need

On Friday 16th November we will be celebrating Children in Need along with the rest of the country. The BIG Spotacular will be raising money in order to change young, disadvantage lives across the UK. Children can wear spotty clothes and bring in £1 to support Children in Need. We hope children will support this worthy cause.

Thank you!



Thursday 29th November

5.30pm-7pm

£2.50 per Ticket

**Children are invited to our
movie night on Thursday
29th November**

**Come dressed in your PJ's,
bring a snuggly blanket and
pillow and of course a teddy.**

Ticket £2.50

to Include Popcorn, Hot

Chocolate and S'mores

Ks1 & Ks2 Separate

'Surprise' Movie

**A great chance for grown ups to squeeze in an extra
hour of late night Christmas Shopping!!!**



During this half term, Sapphire Class have been learning about an ancient group of people who worshiped the oak tree because they felt it had magical powers. They would make carvings of the Oak Tree God.

Some beautiful art work, relating to this topic, has been produced by the children, with the help of Mrs Mirehsan.

Some children worked very hard creating what they thought an oak tree god would look like. They used newspaper, parcel tape, recycled foam and dried oak leaves (Tiana, Sophie, Olivia Annie and Krzysztof).

Another group (Phoebe, Jack, Isaac Alfie and Phoebe), thought about the animals that would live in and around the oak tree and set about creating their animals giving special consideration to their shapes and textures. The results were amazing and very lifelike as mostly natural materials were used.

The children worked extremely well together working hard to produce some exciting pieces. Each one should feel very proud of themselves. The little woodland animals have made themselves at home in the Acorn room.

Green Team have been busy harvesting apples, blackberries, blackcurrants and tomatoes from our garden and field. During lunch breaks they have been busy making jam, bread and chutney. They have decided to have a harvest produce stall early next term. Please watch out for the green team stall and pop by to snap up some delicious home cooked food!

Ruby Class - have been exploring more traditional tales. They have been learning how to make porridge and everyone had a taste—deeeeellllllllicioussssss!!!

Emerald Class - found King Henry's hidden golden treasure! Children had to use their map skills to discover where it was hidden!

Sapphire Class - Well known scientist Dr Feather has made a curious discovery in the oak tree, a rare species of bird. But the bird is not all it seems and has some unique qualities and skills indeed...

Diamond Class— have been planning and writing diaries to show a day in the life of Oakville Farm. They have also looked at how potatoes made their way to Europe, as part of their Harvest Festival performance.

REMINDER

**for all Year 6 Parents
Deadline for Secondary School
Applications—31st October**

TWITTER

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

**Thank you to everyone who
attended our Harvest Festival
and for the very generous
donations. We will ensure all
of the donations are given to
the Exeter Food Bank so that
those in need can benefit from
them. Please check out the
photo's and videos on Twitter!**

Our Christian Values

Forgiveness

Friendship

Trust

Respect

Compassion

Justice

This year, at St David's Primary School, we would like to participate in the 'Gift Boxes of Love and Hope' scheme that aims to provide Christmas present boxes for Syrian refugee children in Lesbos.

We are hoping that we can get enough donations from the suggested list of contents for each class to fill one box for a girl and one for a boy.

Each box requires a balance of items in each box which includes:

Arts and Craft Activities

Felt pens, crayons, notebooks, journals, colouring books, art books, stickers etc

Personal care items

Tooth paste, tooth brush, shower gel, wipes, new socks, new underwear, gloves, new pyjamas

Confectionary

vegetarian or Halal candy

biscuits

Toys and games

Wooden puzzle, travel games, skipping rope, lego or similar, small bat & ball, yoyo, small teddy, small doll etc

We would be REALLY grateful if you could please bring an item from the highlighted section so that we can add it to the class Christmas box. We would like the children to understand that we are sharing our love at Christmas time and sharing in their hope for a better future.

Items will need to be in school by Friday 2nd November so that boxes can be packed and shipped.

Thank you very much

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 freeshoolmeals@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.

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

St David's CE Primary School,

Dinham Road, Exeter EX4 4EE , Tel: (01392) 255569, email: stdavids@ventrus.org.uk



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 place.

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 administer 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' e-mail/SC/Insta etc... details to strangers.

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.

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.**

