



## St. David's C of E Primary School

18th September 2020

### Ruby Class

Ruby class has been a busy and exciting environment this week. The new starters have stayed each afternoon without their parents and we have all had so much fun making new friends. We have focused on listening to different sounds, and have enjoyed stories with rhyme and alliteration. The ruby staff team are impressed with the parental involvement on Tapestry, thank you everyone!

#### Star Learner

**Reception : Jason**—has settled in perfectly this week and has shown amazing listening skills. What a great start to school life. Well done Jason!

**Year 1— Sienna**—always listens to the adults around her so that she can do her very best at all times Keep it up Sienna!

### Sapphire Class

Sapphire class been exploring the Value of 'Friendship' - we all made suggestions as to what the essential ingredients of a good friendship are, and then we wrote them down as a recipe for 'Friendship soup'. We have demonstrated these qualities in our work and play!

#### Star Learner

**Year 3: Eva** has demonstrated she is a responsible and reflective learner this week. She has produced a great piece of non-fiction writing about 'Beavers', ensuring she used factual vocabulary throughout!

**Year 4: - Ralph** is a fabulous role model in Sapphire class. He is hardworking and has proven to be a responsible learner. He has produced a lovely piece of non-fiction writing about 'Beavers', using factual vocabulary throughout.

### Emerald Class

This week Emerald Class were contacted by the Council of Ignis to help with their dragon problem ! We are hoping that our experience as the Eco Warriors will help us protect the dragons but also keep the town safe ! We have been investigating what animals eat and we wonder what type of dragons we will come across next week , let's hope they are herbivores !

#### Star Learner

**Year 2 : Stuti**—it has been wonderful watching Stuti immerse herself in the topic of Ignis this week. She has created some fantastic ideas and she has enjoyed sharing these with her peers and in her writing. Well done Stuti!

### Diamond Class

This week in Diamond there have been on two exciting trips! The first took place at the community centre on Monday morning and involved photography: the children learnt about the inner workings of cameras and negatives. There are now photos displayed of this workshop in the centre window. The second trip linked to our Spring Veitch family theme and involved the children being taken on a tour of the 17 Veitch lamp posts around the city and learning about their individual histories at the same time. A huge thank you to Kelvin Lacey and his team at the centre for making both of these possible.

#### Star Learner

**Year 5: Kaitlin**—has worked exceptionally hard in all areas this week, producing both written and maths work of a very high standard. Well done and thank you Kaitlin!

**Year 6: - Oscar** has worked incredibly hard in his practice tests this week and he achieved a particularly impressive score in maths. Well done and thank you Oscar!

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see so many children enjoying their learning this week and really making the most of being at school with their friends. We have welcomed the new Reception children who have now completed their transition sessions and will be starting full time on Monday—I hope Mrs Gibson and Miss Bassett get plenty of rest this weekend!!

Can I please ask that parents are particularly vigilant when children are using social media at home—we have been informed of some unpleasant videos that are circulating on TikTok that are not appropriate for children's viewing. Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

Best Wishes,  
Fran Brinicombe

### CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to offer our heartfelt Congratulations to The Revd Prebendary Nigel Guthrie, who has been appointed as a Chaplain to The Queen! Revd Nigel is currently the Vicar of St David's and St Michael and All Angels Parish. We are delighted for Revd Nigel that he has been recognised in such a way and honoured that our vicar will also serve the spiritual needs of the Queen when called upon to do so.

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# Newsletter

**Please note we will be STRICTLY adhering to the Guidance below:**

If your child is unwell with any symptoms of Covid-19 **DO NOT SEND THEM IN TO SCHOOL** as this poses a risk to their peers, teachers, teaching assistants and our wider school community.

***Please continue to be alert for the main symptoms of coronavirus:***

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you or anyone in your household shows any of the three symptoms, everyone in the household must self isolate and not come to school. The person with symptoms should arrange for a test as soon as possible.

## **NHS Test and Trace - Update from Devon's Public Health Team**

- NHS Test and Trace was launched to support the next stage of the pandemic. This is a national function to help trace close recent contacts of anyone who tests positive and notifies them if they need to self-isolate. The objectives of NHS Test and Trace are to control the rate of reproduction (R), reduce the spread of infection and save lives.
- It is supported by new Local Authority responsibilities.

**If a child or staff member tests positive for Coronavirus then they will need to self-isolate at home for 10 days following the guidance given—the rest of their family will also need to isolate. Siblings must not attend school for 14 days even if they are asymptomatic.**

**It is important that you inform the school if your child or a member of the household tests positive as we are then required to follow a strict protocol.**

## **Entitlement to Free School Meals**

Thanks to a high publicity campaign initiated by the Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford, Children in England who are eligible for free school meals will receive a six-week food voucher to cover the summer holiday period. The decision will provide around 1.3 million children with meals throughout the summer holidays.

If your personal circumstances have changed during the lockdown period you may find that you are now eligible. FSM vouchers provide £15.00 per child per week, so it is definitely worth checking if you are entitled.

You can check the criteria for **free school meals is on the government's website.**

If you think you are eligible you can then make a quick application online where your eligibility can be assessed immediately, and they will know straight away. You just need your National Insurance number and the system will be able to access your information.

Application can be done through the **Free School Meal Portal.**

## **STAY & PLAY**

Please use the following link to apply for Stay and Play after school childcare places.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3RWFZvuneEGMNLPLdk\\_cNPYITe\\_4-9InLiUexVmkRZUOThHSOLCVzNSTkRMOEMxTUI5N1BPNTZaVi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3RWFZvuneEGMNLPLdk_cNPYITe_4-9InLiUexVmkRZUOThHSOLCVzNSTkRMOEMxTUI5N1BPNTZaVi4u)

*Please note there will be no Stay and Play sessions on the last days of term.*

*Friday 18th December*

*Thursday 31st March*

*Thursday 22nd July*

**There is be NO Stay and Play on Friday 23rd October due to a Non-Pupil Day**

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