

### Welcome Back to school – January 2022

I hope that you all had a peaceful break from school and that you managed to spend time with family and friends during the festive period. As term restarts, I would like to remind you that any children who are presenting with COVID symptoms (eg. coughs and temperatures) should be completing daily testing with Lateral Flow devices in order to ensure that they do not inadvertently bring COVID in to school. I am sure that you are now aware that the revised government guidelines stipulate that following a positive result (PCR or LFT) the isolation period has been reduced to 7 days—this however, is only if a negative result is obtained on Day 6 and then again 24 hrs later on Day 7. So far we have been really fortunate throughout this year in keeping the school running smoothly, with no interruptions to learning, so that children can benefit from face to face teaching with their friends, rather than reverting back to online learning—if we are all vigilant and keep up with regular testing, we hope to identify cases quickly so that we can prevent any spread, and maintain an 'open' school for all pupils. Thank you for your cooperation and support with this.

Best Wishes, Fran Brinicombe

### STAR LEARNERS

#### Ruby Class

**EYFS— Agatha** for her "I can" attitude. Agatha has made massive improvements with her pencil grip and is now forming her letters correctly. All staff in Ruby class are so proud of her!

**Year 1—Freddie** for putting in a BIG effort with his reading during the Christmas holidays. Freddie has come back to school ready to learn and is trying really hard to be independent. Well done, Freddie, keep it up!

Reading certificates: 25 Reads—Fatima 50 Reads—Fraser 75 Reads—Kit & Freddie

#### Emerald Class

**Year 1—Albertine** has completed some wonderful independent writing this week, using lovely adjectives when describing her underwater adventure. Well done Albertine!

**Year 2—Fares** for his wonderful scientific talk about the human body. The children and adults were so impressed when he shared facts about the human body. Well done Fares!

Reading certificates: 50 Reads—Kuba

#### Sapphire Class

**Year 3—Nico** has been making some sensible choices this week. He worked very hard during his maths lessons. He is able to read o'clock times on an analogue clock and match it to digital times. Well done and thank you Nico!

**Year 4—Esmay's** constant smile brightens every room she enters. This week Esmay has worked very hard during her SPaG sessions. She is growing more confident with grammar and punctuation rules and she is able to identify determiners and mounds in a variety of sentences. Well done Esmay!

Reading certificates: 25 Reads—Ruby-Mae 50 Reads—Kaddy, Iowa, Freddie, Mayar 175 Reads—Ted 200 Reads—Ted

#### Diamond Class

**Year 5: Talin** has produced a fantastic piece of writing based on her hopes and dreams for 2022. Well done and thank you Talin!

**Year 6: Phoebe Jackson** has made many amazing contributions to our class discussions this week. Well done and thank you Phoebe!

Reading certificates: 100 Reads—Cole 125 Reads—Hamza

### Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination - Friday 21st January 2022

Your child is in **Year R to Year 6** from September 2021 and is therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. The immunisation team will be visiting school on **21st January 2022**

Please ensure that you complete the consent/decline form below. Even if you *do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "decline"*

To complete the consent/decline please click on the link below:

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2021/devon>

Please note that this form is NOT directly linked with St David's so if you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on their Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 (lines are open 9.00 to 16.30)

Email: [vcl.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net)

#### School Meal Bookings

Please ensure all school meals are booked via [ParentPay](#) By 3.30pm on the Wednesday before.

#### January Stay and Play 3.20-5.15pm

Places, for S&P, must be booked using this link

[CLICK HERE](#)

Each Stay and Play session, must be paid for via ParentPay, at time of booking.

#### Admissions Policy Consultation

The school's DRAFT admission Policy for 2023/24 is now available on our website. [CLICK HERE](#) You are invited to send your response to the consultation to [stdavids@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:stdavids@ventrus.org.uk) The formal consultation period

#### Messages from the Church

Please note we now have a designated page on our website giving the latest news and messages from our Church's St Michaels and St David's

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