

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016

# Friday Flyer



## Operation Christmas Child – Samaritan's Purse

This year we would like to involve the children of St David's in 'Operation Christmas child – shoebox appeal'.

The aim of the appeal is to send Christmas boxes of small gifts to children in Romania who would otherwise receive nothing during the festive period.

Christmas is an expensive time for us all but we are hoping that if we all tried to bring in a small item from the specified list we could put them together to make a number of completed gift boxes.

So that we have a range of items we are asking that classes focus of different categories:

**Ruby** – Small Toys for ages 5-9 e.g. skipping rope, musical instruments, bouncy balls, tennis balls, animal figures etc.

Items should be new/nearly new – clean and intact

**Emerald** – Small cuddly toys, small dolls/ rag dolls, puppets or wooden/plastic people.

**Sapphire** – Art and Craft items (pens, glitter, rubbers etc.) or toiletries e.g. toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, flannels or hairbrushes.

**Diamond** – school stationary e.g. pens, pencils, rulers, exercise books, felt tips etc. or things to wear e.g. hats, gloves, scarfs, hair bands/clips, dress up items.



The children will be bringing home a leaflet with further information. You can also visit their website shown below if you would like further information.

[www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk)

## Moto in the Community



Moto in the Community are running a story writing competition that closes on the 28<sup>th</sup> October. Your children will be bringing home a bookmark with all the information that you'll need if they wish to enter. The entries are to be returned directly to the Moto in the Community trust, their address details are shown on the bookmarks.

## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on 20th October at 9.15am. Many Devon schools are collecting food items to send to Syria in a container that will be leaving Plymouth at the end of October and we would like to donate our Harvest Festival contributions to this worthy cause. We are asking St. David's families to contribute produce from the food items list so that we can help provide food for families caught in the conflict.



A poster for Diwali 2016. At the top, logos for 'EXETER Asian Society', 'UNIVERSITY OF EXETER', and 'UNIVERSITY OF EXETER STUDENTS' GUILD' are displayed. The text 'EXETER ASIAN SOCIETY AND EXETER HINDU SOCIETY NHSF INVITE YOU TO DIWALI 2016' is prominent. Below, it says 'JOIN US IN OUR CELEBRATION OF THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS WITH A SHOWCASE OF STALLS WITH ACTIVITIES INCLUDING HENNA PAINTING, STORY-TELLING, DIYA PAINTING, A PHOTOBOOTH, DANCE PERFORMANCES AND MORE!'. It lists 'FREE ENTRY!', 'DATE: 30 OCTOBER 2016', 'LOCATION: FORUM STREET, UNIVERSITY OF EXETER', and 'TIME: 3PM ONWARDS'. At the bottom, it says 'VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.EXETER.AC.UK/DIWALI FOR MORE INFORMATION!' and features an image of three lit diya lamps.

## Diwali celebrations

This is a free event for families, local residents and students to discover all about Indian culture and the Hindu Festival of Lights with our Asian and Hindu Student Societies.



### Lost Uniform

A number of named items of uniform have gone missing. Could you please check your child has their uniform and that they have not taken another child's in error. We also have lots of unclaimed lost property in the lost property box that's kept near the front office. Thank you.

### Ruby Class - Phonics Workshop

Just a reminder that there will be a phonics workshop for Ruby parents on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October . Mrs Ware will lead the session in the hall, from 3 - 3:30pm. If you haven't already, please could you let the office or Mrs Ware know if you intend to come along.



### Year 6 – Secondary School Applications



Please don't be late! The closing date to apply for your child's secondary school place is **31<sup>st</sup> October!** For more information or advice visit [www.devon.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissions) or contact the education helpline on 0345 1551019

### Reading Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who have all read 25 times at home and in school.

**Emerald** - Rose, Szymon, Gabriela and Stephi

**Sapphire** - Lacey, Grace, Ruby T-M and Verity

**Diamond** - Nano, Jack & Mia



### Lunchtime star award

<b>Dawid Reutt</b>	Dawid has eating all of his dinner this week and taken great pride in showing the dinner ladies his empty plate. He also has lovely manners in the dinner hall.
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## Special person

Ruby Class	<b>Alfie</b> – Alfie has worked really hard on his phonics. He is now beginning to apply his knowledge to his reading and his writing and is participating fully in class lessons to help all of us in our learning. Well done Alfie!
Emerald Class	<b>Oscar</b> – Oscar has settled so quickly into Emerald class, asking thoughtful questions in class discussions and producing fantastic pieces of written and maths work. Well done Oscar!
Sapphire Class	<b>Dylan</b> – Dylan has a wonderful attitude to learning. He perseveres and always challenges himself. Dylan has taken his learning deeper this week. He is respectful and polite and a joy to have in the class. Well Done Dylan!
Diamond Class	<b>Holly Farrow</b> – Holly has put incredible effort into her homework this week. Holly's division calculations were accurate, and her final fairy tale story chapter was absolutely wonderful and clearly took her several hours to complete! Well done and thank you Holly!



## Term dates

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2016</b>	
Immunisation Clinic	KS1 – nasal immunisations 9am – 1pm for students with consent.
Harvest Festival	St Michaels Church – Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Half Term	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> October
Non-Pupil Day	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
End of Term	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December - <b><u>Please note there will be no Stay &amp; Play after school on this date</u></b>
<b>SPRING TERM 2017</b>	
Non-Pupil Day	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2017
Start of Spring Term	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Half Term	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
End of Term	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017

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