

“Every child is a unique child of God.”

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ST DAVID'S
C of E Primary School

Dear Families,

Thursday 18th April 2024

Welcome back. We hope all of our families managed to have some rest over the Easter break and make the most of the warmer weather we had towards the latter end of the holiday. Thank you to all families who have sent their children back to school, on time and in the correct uniform. A copy of our uniform expectations is on the website and we will provide a paper copy upon request. As we move into the summer, we look forward to a happy, successful term ahead, enjoying lots of great learning and community events, together.

Message from Mrs. Wallis – PE This term:

Reception - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 1 - Monday and Tuesday

Year 2 - Monday and Thursday

Year 3 - Wednesday and Friday

Year 4 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 5 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 6 - Wednesday and Friday

Book Fair

In order to continue to promote our 'Love of Reading' across all year groups we welcome the Scholastic Book Fair into school from Tuesday 23rd - Thursday 25th April. Please pop along from 3:15pm onwards – in the school hall. Thank you.

Publication: KS2 tests information leaflet for parents

Ahead of the end of KS2 national curriculum tests (SATs) and teacher assessments in May 2024, the Department for Education have published a new information leaflet for families. This leaflet provides an overview of the purpose of the tests, when they are scheduled, and when results will be shared by schools. Here is the link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

Sign Language sessions

Throughout the summer term each class will be accessing a sign language session on a weekly basis. British Sign Language is a way to communicate using signs instead of spoken words. It is mainly used by people who are deaf or have a hearing impairment. There are many reasons why we should learn sign language, it makes society more inclusive, it is a fun language to learn, and it helps to improve your body language. We are really looking forward to the sessions.

Class workshops related to the summer term curriculum for Year 1 to Year 6

On Monday 29th April families are invited into school to attend a **Curriculum Quick Start Meeting**. In this session your child's teacher will inform you of the work/topics/events that the children will be participating in throughout the summer term. This will provide you with an opportunity to ask any questions in regards to

how you can support your child's learning. There will be a choice of x2 workshops for each class. The first starting at 3:30 – 3:50pm and the second workshop starting at 3:50 – 4:10pm – this should help if you have more than one child in school. Please pop along at one of the given times.

Please note that the Year 1 workshop will provide parents/carers with information related to the Phonics Screening Check and the Year 4 workshop will provide information in regards to the Multiplication Tables Check both of which will take place throughout the summer term.

Stay and play sessions for Reception

We are delighted to be able to invite you in for a 'Stay and Play' session with your child in Reception Class. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to spend some time in class learning and playing alongside your child. It gives the children the opportunity to show you some of their favourite activities and resources. Please see the attached letter from Mrs Lindley which contains further information in regards to dates and times.

Summer term consultation nights

In the summer term, we plan to invite parent/carers into school to attend another end of year consultation evening. These will take place on the evenings of 10th/11th July for all year groups except Y6, which will take place on the evenings of 15th/16th July. At the meeting, we will discuss your child's progress over the year and look at targets to work towards in autumn 2024. We will then provide parent/carers with a copy of a newly formulated, more succinct version of the annual school report. We believe this face to face meeting, alongside the report will help to provide a thorough and seamless transition into the autumn term. Further information will be sent out re timings in summer 2.

Nut free School

We have members of our school community who have allergies, which require an epi-pen for treatment. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has eaten nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger a reaction. For this reason, we ask that nuts, in any form, are not brought into school or packed in lunchboxes. This includes 'Nutella' and other unbranded chocolate spreads, which usually include nuts or nut derivatives.

PTFA Events - Colour Day

In preparation for our Summer Fair we will be holding a '**Colour Day**' on Friday 24th May. Each class have been designated a colour and we are inviting staff and children to come dressed in that colour.

The class colours are as follows:

- Nursery – Pink
- Reception – Yellow
- Year 1 – White
- Year 2 – Purple
- Year 3 – Green
- Year 4 – Red
- Year 5 – Blue
- Year 6 – Orange

If your child doesn't have anything in their designated colour, please feel free to send them in their favourite colour. It will be lovely to brighten our school up with all the colours of the rainbow! In addition to this, we are also asking for donations of something in the same colour. Donations could include:

- Toiletries
- Gift sets



- Chocolate/sweets
- Drinks
- Toys/teddies
- Books

These will all help towards making our Summer Fair as spectacular as ever! As always, we would like to thank all our families for the ongoing support in all of our school events.

Looking ahead – Electronic Newsletters

As we move throughout the summer term – we will be ‘revamping’ the way in which we communicate with our families. We would therefore like to move towards an electronic version for presenting the school newsletter. The newsletter would be created using ‘Microsoft Sway’ and families would be sent a link so they can access it. Families can also access the link via the school website. This will enable us to provide/show galleries of photographs linked to the areas/topic covered within the newsletter. We would hope to trial this throughout summer 2 and use this permanently from the start of the new academic year. We are interested to hear your thoughts in regards to this matter and request that you complete the attached form detailing your views. Please return the completed form by Monday 22nd April. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event
Monday 29 th April	Curriculum Quick Start Meetings
Tuesday 21 st May	Class photographs
Friday 24 th May	PTFA Colour Day – as detailed above
Friday 21 st June	On-line Safety Event for parents/carers (9:45am or 3:30pm). Details to follow.
Friday 28 th June	Non-Uniform – Bring a bottle or some chocolate (summer fair support)
Tuesday 2 nd July	Sports Day for Year 3/4 (am) – this date is conditional on the weather Sports Day for Year 5/6 (pm) – this date is conditional on the weather
Wednesday 3 rd July	Sports Day for EYFS (am) – this date is conditional on the weather. Details to follow Sports Day for Key Stage 1 (pm)– this date is conditional on the weather
Friday 5 th July	Summer Fair 3:30pm – 5:30pm
Wednesday 10 th and Thursday 11 th July	Summer term consultation nights (Nursery to Year 5)
Monday 15 th and Tuesday 16 th July	Summer term consultation nights (Year 6)

Thank you for your continued support.

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