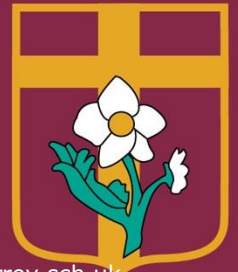


# St. Dunstan's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



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## Dear Parents,

As I write this message to you, the school is full of happy and excited children dressed in their costumes/outfits for World Book Day. The children have been telling me about their books and their characters and why they have chosen the book as their favourite. These are the days in school we all remember!

We were delighted yesterday to receive delivery of 8 beautiful silver birch trees. Mrs Saul, our premises Manager, applied for a special grant to buy these trees so that we could create a little 'wood' in celebration of Queen Elizabeth's platinum jubilee and also now in memory of her. We were thrilled that our school's application for the grant was successful and we have now been able to purchase the trees and have them planted professionally on Friday in the Lower School side of the building. Representatives from each class will help to plant the trees and we will take photos to show you all. Once fully grown, the trees will also provide shade for the children to play under on the Lower School field. Special memories and a legacy for the school in years to come.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in to school for 'Partners in Learning' on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March; please do make it a priority to attend if you can. The children are always so very proud to share their work with their parents in school and for you to spend some time in their classroom.

In other news, our new website is well underway in its construction and we hope it will be going live in the Summer Term. Do let us know if there is anything else you would like us to include on our website that is not currently there.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

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## Activities and Events

### EYFS – Mrs H. Robbins: Head of EYFS

Thank you to everyone who attended our Art Exhibition. The overarching theme was 'God's Wonderful World' and we loved creating clay designs and leaf printings from our woodland garden.

This half term our new theme is 'Get Growing'. This began with the arrival of some new visitors- twenty 'Living Eggs'. The eggs were already 19 days old when they arrived in their incubator and soon began to hatch. It has been lovely to see the awe and wonder from the children as they experience the miracle of God's creation first hand.

The children have been learning about how to take care of the new chicks and have even made several posters and signs to remind the class how to keep the chicks safe "Quiet voices, no touching only looking". We will continue to post lots of photos and updates on Twitter and Google Classroom. In our RE lessons, we have begun our Lenten journey together by changing the prayer cloths to purple and thinking about how we prepare ourselves for Easter during Lent. "Fasting means trying not to have something you really love like your iPad".



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### Year One – Miss G. Hearn: Head of Year

As part of our R.E. topic 'Special People', Year 1 had the opportunity to walk to St. Dunstan's Church. The behaviour was exceptional and all of the Year 1 teachers were very proud! The children understood that the Church is a very special place and that we need to be respectful when visiting. We listened to some teachers from our school and learnt all about the special jobs they do at Mass on Sundays. A huge thank you to Mrs A. O'Donovan, Mrs R. Turner, Mrs B. Preston and the Year 5 altar servers for sharing your special roles with the children. Back at school we listened to the Gospel where Jesus, a very special baby, was taken to the temple by Mary and Joseph. Children worked in table groups to re-enact this important story.



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## Year Two – Miss N. Maloney: Head of Year & Senior Teacher

In Year 2, for our new science topic, we are learning all about the life-cycle of plants. We are very lucky to have such beautiful grounds and the children were amazed to see daffodils and crocus flowers in bloom despite the cold weather.



In maths this week, Year 2 have been revising their learning about time and have just learnt how to tell quarter past and quarter to the hour.

The children have written their Lenten promises for our display to help them remember this special season.



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## Year Three– Miss H. Fail : Head of Year & Senior Teacher

Making a great start to this half-term, the children have approached our new topics with positivity and enthusiasm. They have been particularly excited to learn about Ancient Egypt, which builds on knowledge they have already acquired about Ancient Civilisations. In maths, the children have learnt how to measure length and they have enjoyed using rulers and metre sticks to measure various objects. On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Year 3 were delighted to welcome the chicks to their classrooms, as they were able to observe and hold them. The children were calm and gentle when holding the chicks, so much so that some chicks even fell asleep in the hands of children!



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## Year Four - Miss M. Jones: Head of Year

Year 4 had a wonderful time at Sayers Croft! They particularly enjoyed challenging themselves on the climbing wall and the woodland ropes course. In the den building activity, the children worked brilliantly as teams and showed excellent communication skills. They were brave during the torchlit nightwalk and, unsurprisingly, loved the movie and hot chocolate evening!

During the river study, the children observed the shape of the river, measured the depth at different points, investigated the wildlife that could be found and questioned how pollution might be impacting this. We are looking forward to bringing the experience of the river study back into class to help with our new Geography topic: rivers.



### Year Five - Miss E. Roe: Head of Year

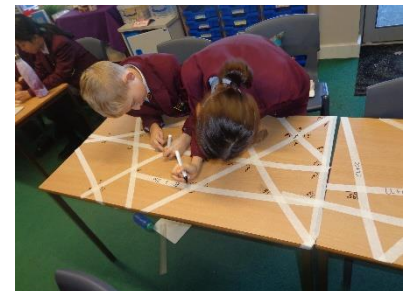
So far this half term, Year 5 have been working hard to plan, draft and publish their character description of Thanatos from 'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans. Using figurative language, the children have thought about how first to describe him as the weak and feeble Prisoner 42, who then transitions, with the help of the immortal Virgo and the mortal boy Elliot, into to the all-powerful, Thanatos.

In science, we have begun our new learning, thinking about forces; starting with gravity. Our science learning this term culminates in designing and building our own balloon buggies! We are looking forward to putting our new forces learning into motion. Our topic this half term is 'Explorers'. Therefore, in geography we will be using Digimaps to help us to investigate and plot Sir Francis Drake's circumnavigation of the globe. To keep the theme, but in another part of the world a more modern-day explorer is the focus of our English learning, as we start our new book 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill. Will he and his brave team of men and dogs succeed in their quest to be the first crew to cross the vast polar continent – Antarctica?



### Year 6 - Mrs T. Steer: Assistant Headteacher, Teaching and Learning

February has been a busy month. We have been really enjoying our writing as part of our World War 2 topic. Children enjoyed extracts from 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman and 'Carrie's War' by Nina Baldwin and have been producing some gorgeous writing that explores tone in narrative.



Our religious learning has been full this month, with a focus on Lent. The children were outstanding during the Ash Wednesday Mass and leading a reconciliation liturgy, where we welcomed Canon Rob to our school.

Looking ahead, we have lots of further learning linked to our topic coming up. Next week there are trips to Henley Fort for each class and a VE picnic on the 27<sup>th</sup> March finishes the term. Children have also been invited to audition for their final 'St. Dunstan's Got Talent' either as a contestant or as a host. All the staff cannot wait to see what talents will be showcased.

## Art Week - God's Wonderful World: Mrs M. Weedon



Last half term the children were developing their skills whilst incorporating something new into their repertoire to produce some amazing art work for Art Week. The children told us they:

- "I enjoyed drafting my work until the final piece was ready."*
- "Art is really relaxing!"*
- "It was achievable and I felt successful!"*
- "It gave us lots of opportunities for individuality and choice."*
- "There was the opportunity to be creative."*
- "We used a range of techniques."*
- "I enjoyed getting and giving constructive feedback."*

A huge thank you to the parents and grandparents who came to the Art Exhibition; the children said they were so proud of their art work and having a real audience was the highlight of the week. This year the children were also able to view the exhibition on the Monday morning, they enjoyed being able to admire the work of other classes and the skills they had used to create their final pieces.



Your feedback was also very positive, thank you for taking the time to share your ideas with us. 100% of you said the Art Celebration clearly shared the message of God's Wonderful World and you gave a 9.8 star rating to the quality of the children's work!

You said you were impressed by:

- "Outstanding level of art, very impressive exhibition."*
- "It was just lovely. It's clear that art week is a real highlight for the children, mine absolutely loved it and were very proud of their final pieces. Thank you!"*
- "The complexity of the creations."*
- "The creativity and diversity of artwork to depict topics."*
- "The colours and different choices of medium. A real experience to walk through."*
- "The process. Learn, plan design, execute."*
- "Wonderful and intricate art and topics and very expressive and with a purpose"*
- "Range of artwork and media used to creatively bring topics to life – excellent standard!"*
- "The presentation was wonderful and the wealth of knowledge that the children must have gained was most impressive."*



"Care, love and level of detail the exhibition was organised with. And of course, impressed by how much children learn about nature and able to illustrate it through their art."

"That every pupil is able to showcase their artwork and that they could speak about what they had done. Their pride was visible and lovely to see."

"How good so many of the pieces were, connecting this important message to an exciting creative activity and the time it took to display and prepare for this exhibition."



This year we invited some VIPs for a private tour led by a number of Year 5 and 6 ambassadors. Our guests were invited to provide us with some critical feedback; in attendance were Canon Rob and Father Nick, our governors, an artist and art teachers from local primary and secondary schools. Their feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and the secondary school teacher was very impressed with the quality of skills of our children.

We are already beginning to think about the theme for next year- your ideas are welcomed!



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## Charity and Justice

### Charity and Justice – Miss Johnson and Miss King Lenten Fundraising

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, we were very fortunate to be able to welcome Mrs Thomas into school for collective worship. The children enjoyed learning about the charity 'Mission Together - children helping children'. The children enjoyed learning about how we can share God's mission of love throughout the world.

Following on from this Collective Worship, the children will be bringing home a Missio red box. Please encourage your child to put any change that they may have in the box and to bring back to school after the Easter break (from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April).

Thank you in advance for your support.

**May all the children  
In the world  
Share love  
Share friendship  
In the peace  
Of God's love  
Now and forever**



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## Lenten Fundraising – Mrs A. O’Donovan



A group of members of staff have signed up to the CAFOD “Big Lent Walk” to raise money to fight global poverty. The aim is for us to each walk a total of 200km over the course of Lent - this works out to be 5km a day. If you would like to sponsor them, please use this link:

<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/st-dunstan-s-staff>

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## Children’s Learning

Mrs G. Morganti – Head of School

### Parent-Teacher meetings

Your feedback following the meetings held before half term, has been very positive. We hope you found the information shared with you helpful to support your child’s learning.

The pages on the Children’s Learning Website do have ideas and further information to support parents. Please use the subject tabs or the general information tabs found on the Children’s Learning page: <http://www.stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk/Curriculum.html>

- [English](#)
- [Mathematics](#)
- [Religious Education](#)
- [RSHE \(Relationship, Sex and Health Education\)](#)
- [Science](#)
- [Art and Design](#)
- [Assessment](#)
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- [Design and Technology](#)
- [e-safety](#)
- [French](#)
- [Google Classroom](#)
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- [St. Dunstan’s Curriculum Statement](#)
- [Special Educational Needs](#)
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- [Pupil Voice](#)
- [St. Dunstan’s Curriculum](#)
- [National curriculum in English Primary schools - A guide for parents](#)
- [Growth Mindset](#)
- [British Values and our Catholic Ethos](#)
- [Diversity and Equality at St. Dunstan’s](#)
- [Employing a Private Tutor – Guidance from Surrey County Council](#)

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## Children’s Learning

For information regarding what your child will be learning this half term, please select your child’s year group tab on the page: <http://www.stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk/Curriculum.html>

- [Year Group Learning Information](#)
- [Early Years Foundation Stage \(EYFS\)](#)
- [Year 1](#)
- [Year 2](#)
- [Year 3](#)
- [Year 4](#)
- [Year 5](#)
- [Year 6](#)

The year group overviews share the overview of learning for each subject across the curriculum, please note these may change each half term as we are constantly reviewing and refining the learning opportunities for the children.

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## Partners in Learning- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

We look forward to inviting you to visit your child/ren’s class for the spring term ‘Partners in Learning’.

Feedback from the last session was very positive. It is clear just how much you and your children value this opportunity to talk about the learning in books and the classroom.

The sessions will start approximately 5mins after the children leave for the day as the class teacher needs to ensure all children are collected and have time to return to the classroom before parents. As year groups leave at different times, please be patient and wait to be called in by the different entrances. Roughly this will be:

Year R: 3.10pm  
Year 1: 3.15pm  
Years 2 & 3: 3.20pm  
Years 4- 6: 3.25pm

The session ends at 4pm.

Further details will be sent out via SchoolComms nearer the actual date.

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## Parent Talks



Upcoming talks:

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Mrs Hughes will lead an **SEND information talk for all parents** in the School Hall at 2.30pm. The talk will cover ASD, ADHD and Dyslexia.

Summer Term Talks:

**RSE Talk** for Year 5 and 6 Parents on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm

**Moving into Year 1 transition talk** for Year R parents on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 9am

Any slide presentations from previous talks can be found on the school website

[http://www.stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk/Talks\\_for\\_parents.htm](http://www.stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk/Talks_for_parents.htm)

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## Governors

### Message from Mr B. McKendry (Chair of Governors)



#### Determined Admission Policy for 2024-2025

In accordance with statutory requirements, a copy of the Determined Admission Policy and the Supplementary Information Form for 2024-2025 are now available to view on the school's website:

[http://www.stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk/School\\_Policies.htm](http://www.stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk/School_Policies.htm)

Should you wish to be provided with a paper copy, please contact the Clerk to Governors via the school office on 01483 715190 or by email: [amurray@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:amurray@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk)

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### Extended Schools Fee Review – Mr J. Dunne – Chair of Finance & Buildings Committee

Governors have reviewed the fees at a recent committee meeting and, decided that the charges should be increased. Therefore, the fees will be increasing to £14.00 per session for After School Club and £5.75 per session for Breakfast Club as of the 17th April 2023 (i.e. after the Easter Holidays). The same billing and payment arrangements will continue as now.

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## Information from Subject Leaders

### Clubs - Mr A. Coyle – Senior Teacher

#### Summer Term:

#### Clubs



Since changing the booking arrangements for both teacher led and external provider clubs, all clubs continue to thrive!

Please note that all summer term clubs will soon be available to view on the website. We do hope your child finds a club they enjoy. Please discuss with your child, if they wish to attend any of the clubs on offer prior to making a booking on Schoolcloud as there are no refunds given due to cancellation.

The booking window will open at **6pm**, on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. Although, some club spaces will go quickly, please be aware that more spaces will be allocated during our second booking window.

Whilst this term we have managed several late bookings, please note that for the summer term, if you miss both booking windows, you should contact the school office. Your request will be noted and a communication sent to you thereafter notifying you of a 'one off/final' booking window. We will not be able to continue to accept late bookings throughout the term.

### **Summer 1 (no clubs w/c 17 April)** **24 April to 19 May 2023**

Wk 1: 24/04/2023 - 28/04/2023

Wk 2: 01/05/2023 - 05/05/2023

Wk 3: 08/05/2023 - 12/05/2023

Wk 4: 15/05/2023 - 19/05/2023 (last week of External & Teacher led Clubs)

*NB: extra session ONLY for Monday clubs: Monday 22/05/2023 (make up lessons for 1 bank holiday - external provider only)*

### **Half term - 29 May to 2 June 2023**

### **Summer 2** **5 June to 14 July 2023**

Wk 5: 05/06/2023 - 09/06/2023

Wk 6: 12/06/2023 - 16/06/2023

Wk 7: 19/06/2023 - 23/06/2023

Wk 8: 26/06/2023 - 30/06/2023 (NB last week of teacher led clubs)

Wk 9: 03/07/2023 - 07/07/2023

Wk 10: 10/07/2023 - 14/07/2023 (NB last week of external led clubs)

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## **Healthy Schools: Food in school – Mrs A. O’Donovan**

### **Lunchtimes**



We currently have 459 pupils who receive a daily school meal. This is one of the highest % of school lunches taken for any school in Surrey and we are very proud of this. We are fortunate to have an excellent catering team who produce delicious, fresh meals for the children and staff and we would be delighted to further increase the number of children having a hot school lunch. School meals have clear standards that they have to meet in order to ensure meals are balanced and meet children’s nutritional needs.

In school, we use a number system to encourage the children to eat their lunch and reduce waste – this is for all children - whether they have a school dinner or packed lunch. For example, when the number 0 is on display for a year group, only those who have eaten everything (have nothing left) may leave the table. In school, we expect the children to ask an adult if they can leave the table before they get down. We would never force a child to eat food but do all we can to encourage them to try different foods. Children also have the opportunity to select from the salad bar. For children having food from the main menu, there is often a choice of items for the children.

We understand that children may have food items that they do not like but we would ask for your support to encourage your child to try their food before saying they do not like it. With

encouragement, many of the children will try some of the food items or even eat the entire meal. Children need to have a reasonable meal at lunchtime so that they have the energy needed for an afternoon of learning. Menus are available for you to see on the Twelve 15 website.

For those of you with children with dietary needs or allergies, Twelve 15 has set menus to cater for your child according to their diet or food allergy. They cannot deviate from these because your child does not like a particular item. This is for two reasons - firstly all of the ingredients and items have been carefully checked for allergens and secondly, it is not possible to manage individual menus with the number of children they are providing meals for. Recently, dietary and allergen rules within Twelve 15 have been tightened to ensure the safeguarding of your children from the ingredients they are allergic to. All information regarding special menus is available on the Twelve 15 website: <https://itstwelve15.co.uk/>

### Table Manners

We work really hard with the children to encourage good table manners and the correct use of knives and forks. It would be helpful if you could support us by teaching and encouraging your child to hold their cutlery correctly and use their knife to cut their food at home.

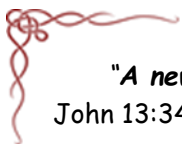


### Snacks

Just a reminder please, that snacks brought into school for morning break or before a club, should be a portion of fruit or a vegetable (fresh or dried). Children in Lower School (Reception to Year 2) are provided with a free fruit or vegetable as part of the Government's "Free Fruit for Schools" scheme.



### RE topics this term: Come and See – Mrs S. Turner – Senior Teacher



*"A new commandment I give unto you: that you love one another, as I have loved you."*

John 13:34-35



#### LENT/EASTER - GIVING

Early Year	<b>GROWING</b> - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1	<b>CHANGE</b> - Lent: a time for change
Year 2	<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b> - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3	<b>GIVING ALL</b> - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Year 4	<b>SELF DISCIPLINE</b> - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5	<b>SACRIFICE</b> - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6	<b>DEATH &amp; NEW LIFE</b> - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practise self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity.

If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.







## Important dates this month:

**ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
*19th March*

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**  
*25th March*

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## Safeguarding: Mrs A. O'Donovan – Assistant Headteacher

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)				
				
<b>Lead DSL:</b> Mrs A. O'Donovan <i>Assistant Headteacher</i>	<b>Deputy DSL:</b> Mrs J. Birch <i>Headteacher</i>	<b>Deputy DSL:</b> Mrs G. Morganti <i>Deputy Headteacher</i>	<b>Deputy DSL:</b> Mrs S. Hughes <i>SENDCo</i>	<b>Deputy DSL:</b> Mr A. Coyle <i>Senior Teacher</i>

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## Online Safety



Thank you to the parents who attended the Online Safety talk before half term. A recording of the talk will be made and the link shared via Schoolcomms so that those of you who were unable to attend can view the talk.

One parent in the session has very kindly offered to make some slides to support you with setting parental controls.

For your children's safety, it is so important that you take the time to keep up to date with online safety and related issues. Current issues we are seeing in

school in relation to online safety are:

- the amount of time children are spending on devices – health recommendations are that children should have no more than 2 hours of screen time a day – this includes television.
- WhatsApp etiquette – excluding people from WhatsApp groups and this behaviour is being replicated within relationships in school – excluding others from physical friendship groups. The age at which you are allowed to register for and use WhatsApp is 16.

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## Safeguarding



The Surrey Safeguarding Children's Partnership has a really useful page for parents that gives information relating to various aspects of safeguarding, including a range of free to access parenting courses. Click [here](#) to find out more.

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## Safer Internet Day - Mr R. Wise

The theme for this year's Safer Internet Day was 'Making space for conversations about life online'. This really allowed the children to personalise their learning to discuss what was important to them. In order to have their voice heard, each class fed back to the Digital Champions what they thought was important to them. This allowed the children to truly make the most out of their Online Safety Learning as they, in part, helped to plan it!

In addition to this, the uptake for this year's 'Safer Internet Day' competition was truly excellent, with a wide range of entries across KS1 and KS2. Well done to both our worthy winners, and all who entered!

## SEND - Mrs S. Hughes One Page Profiles (OPP)

I really hope you enjoyed reading about the adjustments that your child receives in class on their One Page Profile. This was emailed out to you before the recent Parents' Evenings. The document also details any specific interventions that your child has received, or is continuing to receive, during this spring term.

One Page Profiles will next be updated towards the end of next term, to ensure that we have captured how your child learns best, ready for their transition to the next year group.

Class teachers write these documents and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

I am always available via the School Office or directly on: [senco@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:senco@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk)

### Parent talk

Please note I am giving a SEND talk on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm to briefly outline how we identify and support children with ASD, ADHD and dyslexia at St. Dunstan's.

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## Liturgy and Worship

### Ash Wednesday: Mrs S. Turner – RE Leader



It was lovely to start our Lenten journey together as a school family at this important time of growth in our relationship with Jesus. On Ash Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup> February), children in Years 3, 5 and 6 attended our parish Mass and received ashes on their foreheads in order to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. Before setting off for their residential trip to Sayers Croft, the children in Year 4

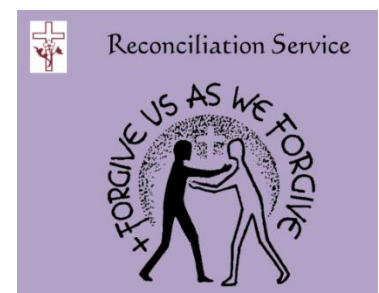
took part in a special Ash Wednesday liturgy in their classrooms with their teachers, where ashes were also be distributed. The children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a liturgy at school, learning about the significance of Ash Wednesday and engaged in meaningful prayers and hymns.

It was a wonderful start to Lent and the children's prayers and singing was beautiful.



### Reconciliation during Lent:

Lent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. Like all religious experiences, it takes preparation. On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, children from Year 6 led us in a Liturgy of Reconciliation. Through song, prayer, reflection and drama, the children guided us on how we consider what it means to forgive and how the example of Jesus inspires us to love our neighbour in all circumstances. Beginning with a dramatisation of a Gospel story, they followed with a reflection about how we can all make mistakes and get things wrong, but God loves us as we are, and his mercy is endless. We also welcomed Canon Rob, who joined us in prayer.



There will also be the opportunity later this week for children from Years' 4, 5 and 6 to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Priests from our Deanery. We are very grateful to the Priests who join us and guide the children in this Sacrament, prayer and reflection. Many of our children volunteer to attend and having already attended the service, they are well prepared and ready to share this important sacrament.

**"Do not fear: I am with you."**

*Isaiah 41:10*

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## The Stations of the Cross Liturgy:



The children in Year 5 (St. Paul and St. Maxillian) are looking forward to sharing their Stations of the Cross Liturgy on Friday 24th March at 11.15am at St Dunstan's Church.

This Liturgy is in place of these two classes 'Class Collective Worship'. As we would invite the parents of a class to join us for a class Collective Worship, the parents of these two classes are very welcome to join us at the Church. The Year 5 children will have the opportunity to share this with the other classes in Key Stage 2, therefore, there will **not** be a live-stream from the Church as the children will be able to see it in person.

Pope Francis recently explained that by taking part in the Stations of the Cross Liturgy we help to put ourselves into the story and place our trust in Him: "The Cross of Christ contains all the love of God; there we find his immeasurable mercy. This is a love in which we can place all our trust, in which we can believe.... let us entrust ourselves to Jesus, let us give ourselves over to him, because he never disappoints anyone!" —Address, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross.

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## Parish Links

### World Day of Prayer - Friday 3rd March

The World Day of Prayer is a women-led, global, ecumenical movement. This year the service has been prepared by the Christian women of Taiwan who welcome you to join them in prayer for peace and justice. The theme is "I have heard about your faith." There are two services in Woking on Friday March 3rd. There will be a service at St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park, GU21 3LG, at 9.45 am for a 10.00 am start. Everyone is welcome, and this service will also be live streamed here. There will be a second service at St Hugh of Lincoln Church at 10.45 am. Everyone is warmly invited to come to this service, and to join them for refreshments in the hall afterwards.

### Food Bank

There will be a collection for Woking Food Bank next weekend, March 4th and 5th. In particular donations of the following would be very welcome: long life sponge puddings and fruit juice, instant mashed potato, cooking oil, tomato ketchup, brown sauce, tinned rice puddings, mayonnaise, pot noodles, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, cloths and washing detergent. Thank you for your continued support.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day - LENT APPEAL Friday March 3rd

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal, to be held on Friday March 3rd, will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

### Annual Pilgrimage Day for Grandparents

Annual Pilgrimage Day to West Grinstead for Grandparents and all those who fulfil this role in so many different ways is on Wednesday 14th June 2023, 11.00 – 3.00 pm. This is always a joyous day of celebration with Bishop Richard and friends from across the Diocese. Booking is now available through the diocesan website.

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## Premises

### Reminder please - Pedestrian access – Mrs S. Saul – Premises Manager

The safety of the children entering and leaving the school is very important to us. Please remember that pedestrian access to the school at school drop-off and pick-up should be via the Lower School,

Key Stage 2 or Pedestrian Access gates. At all other times of the day, access is via the Key Stage 2 or Pedestrian Access gates.



Lower School Gate



Pedestrian Access Gate



KS2 Gate

**There is NO pedestrian access down the drive at any time** as the car park is busy with staff vehicles moving at the start and end of the day and with deliveries during the day and is NOT safe for people on foot.

**Please do not walk down the school drive.** Thank you for your co-operation.

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## School Office

### Extended Schools

#### After School Club and Breakfast Club – Mrs E. Chamberlain

We have contacted Year 2 parents directly regarding places at Breakfast and After School Clubs from September 2023 and will be sending out electronic application forms to those who have registered an interest.

May we remind you please, that a half-term's notice is required should you wish to cancel a regular booking. If you already know however, that you will definitely not need a space in September 2023, it would be very helpful if you could make us aware as soon as possible to allow us to allocate places to those families on the waiting list. *Thank you.*

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#### Lunch money for remaining Spring term 2023 – Mrs M. O’Riordan

The amount for the remainder of this term will be £78.00, covering the period 20<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

We would very much appreciate payments to be made online or by cash or cheque (payable to Surrey County Council). Please remember to write your child's name and class on the reverse of any cheques sent into school.

Please note that we have been informed by Surrey County Council that the cost of school lunches in KS2 will increase from £2.60 per day to £2.70 per day from the Summer Term.

***i* Should you wish to change your child's meal choice from hot to cold or vice versa, one week's notice (starting on a Monday), is required in writing. Thank you.**

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### Sun Hats

We actively encourage the children to wear sun hats outside in the summer. The school office holds a supply of plain maroon sun hats, which are available for parents to purchase for their child if they wish. There are three styles kept in the school office as detailed:



**Sun Hat £5.70**



**Baseball £4.25**



**Natural curly or thick hair  
Backless Sun Hat £6.50**

Children may wear plain maroon, navy, black or white sunhats. Hats with logos are not allowed. Please do ensure your child's school sun hat has their name clearly marked in it. Thank you.

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## **Sporting update**

**Mr A. Coyle - PE Teacher**

**Competition Update**

**Orienteering**



On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, we travelled to Hoebridge School to compete in an Aspire orienteering festival. The children were split into teams of three or four and used the map to orientate around 21 stamp points. Although, the competition was scored officially, one of our teams were the only group to finish all stamp points, with two other teams needing just one more stamp. It was a lovely day that summed up the feel of the event, giving the children an opportunity to show their ability to plot their own routes, work out

logistics and read a map.

Well done to everyone who came along and had a go.

### **Girls' cluster football league**

Our Year 5 and 6 girl footballers took part in the WASPs cluster league on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. With so many girls now attending our Friday morning club, we were able to take two teams to the event, with eighteen girls competing. Playing in a round robin of matches against New Haw, Barnsbury and Westfield, both teams performed admirably.

With one team winning all their matches, they finished top of the table and are subsequently crowned champions of the cluster league group. The girls now join the Year 6 boys' team, playing in the finals day against the other league winners.

Super effort from every girl who came. It is lovely to see girls' football going from strength to strength at the school and the passion on show. Well done.



### **County Cup Semi Final**

The Year 6 boys' journey in the County Cup reached the semi-final stage on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Playing at Mayford FC, against St. Mary's of Oxted, we were unsure what lay ahead.

Every single player gave everything and supported each other throughout. From Benji in goal, commanding his area, through to Noah in attack, the team played as one. We scored very early to settle any nerves. Then, not content with one, we continued to press and scored another two goals in

quick succession. The boys then showed their maturity in handling situations by keeping calm, controlling the game and holding their shape. 3 – 0 at half time was a dream but everyone was very clear on the message that it was not over yet. The second half was a closer affair with both teams having opportunities to score. Rewarded with a fourth goal in the second half put the icing on the cake for St. Dunstan's team.

A full time score of 4 – 1 now puts us in the COUNTY final. What an achievement from all the boys who have represented us this year in the competition, all the way back to when we started in October at the Royal Russell School. A fantastic success and we look forward to the final.

Well done. You are all superstars!



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## Twitter



The school Twitter page is:  
[@st\\_dunstans\\_](#)

We also currently have the following Twitter pages-  
EYFS: [@ReceptionStD](#)

Years 1 & 2: [@Yr2Dunstans](#)

Key Stage 2: [@Yr4StDunstans](#)

PE: [@st\\_dunstans\\_pe](#)

*Please do follow us on twitter as we put lots of news on these pages about what the children are learning about and activities they are taking part in.*

Following parent feedback, the year group pages for EYFS, Years 1 & 2, Key Stage 2 are locked so that those who wish to follow them have to request this. If we recognise your name as a parent, we will automatically authorise you to follow the page, ***but if we don't recognise your twitter name,*** we won't be able to allow you to join. Please ensure that your Twitter name identifies who you are so that parents and school can identify who is on the Twitter and who is liking or commenting on anything. Thank you.

The main school Twitter page and the PE page have open access, although we don't authorise advertising via our school Twitter and any external agency seeking to advertise through our account will be blocked.

*Thank you.*

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## Dates for your Diary – noted changes/additions to the Annual Calendar for March 2023



**For your information please: -**

There are no changes to the dates as set in the Annual Calendar to bring to your attention.

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# Friends of St. Dunstan's (FoSD) Section of the School Newsletter



*The FoSD Committee*

*Carys, Helen, Kamila, Andrew and Elizabeth*

*Dear Parents, Carers, and Friends of St. Dunstan's,*

## *FoSD Annual General Meeting*

The Friends of St. Dunstan's will be holding their AGM on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm.** This will be held remotely, and the notification and details have been circulated via email. We would please encourage as many of you as possible to join us for the meeting. The AGM covers what we have made from our fundraising, and reports on where the valuable funds have gone to support our children and the school. It is also a chance to see how you can get involved, and learn a bit more about the committee, and what FoSD does.

If you would like any items raised, or have any questions you would like answered, please raise these before the meeting by emailing Carys on [friendsofstdunstanschairperson@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstdunstanschairperson@gmail.com) no later than the 16<sup>th</sup> of March.

## *The Reception Cake Sale*

The Friends of St. Dunstan's would like to thank the Reception Class Reps, the Reception Classes and all the bakers and those that donated cakes, for their efforts for our end of term Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal. Thank you too, to all those that bought cakes and donated so generously. We raised a fantastic **£1250**, which was donated to the Disaster Emergency Committee, <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>.

## *2023 Quiz Night*

The 2023 Quiz Night will be held on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April.** Tickets will shortly go on sale on the FoSD website. A separate email will be circulated with all the details.

## *The May Disco*

As with the 2023 Quiz Night, we will soon send out a dedicated email, giving details of the May Disco, how to buy tickets, and details for the night. The November 2022 disco was a real success and we are very much looking forward to hosting a summer term fun-filled evening for the children.

## *Jackpot*

Well done to the jackpot winners:

*January: T Marsh*

*February: K Jedrzcak*

As always we would welcome new joiners. If you'd like to join, it's easy to sign up; all you need to do is set up a Standing Order to the FoSD account (St. Dunstan's School Jackpot, sort code 30-99-80, account number 00379100) and email Suzie on [stdunstansschooljackpot@gmail.com](mailto:stdunstansschooljackpot@gmail.com) with your name, your child's class, and what amount, and what date your standing order is set up for. Alternatively email Carys on [friendsofstdunstanschairperson@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstdunstanschairperson@gmail.com) for further assistance.

Dates for the Diary:

FoSD AGM: Tuesday 21st March 2023 at 7.30pm (remote meeting)

*We are unable to run these events on our own and we really appreciate all help offered!*

*Thank you.*

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