

St. David's Primary School



Newsletter

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Head Teacher's note

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have already completed the first month in 2019! This month, we have been focusing on our Pupil Leadership Groups which each House has a responsibility for - we have our Eco Group, Community Heroes, Digital Leaders and our School Champions. They all have exciting plans in place for the rest of the session which you will be hearing about. This month, our Community Heroes have been busy supporting our friends in St Vincent's Hospice whilst our Digital Leaders are reviewing how we use the STEAM Cloud and how we can improve it. Keep an eye on the website to find out what we're up to.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your sustained commitment to supporting our school uniform. The children are an absolute credit to our families - they take great pride in their appearance and understand the value in wearing school uniform as ambassadors for our school.

Linda Berry

St Vincent's Hospice Partnership

Our Community Heroes have been working in partnership with Laura from St Vincent's Hospice to add a splash of colour to their Woodland Walkway with our very own St David's Toadstool. The group have been busy raising money through activities such as Crazy Hair Day, Nail Painting and Beat the Goalie and have raised the grand sum of £380.20 what a fantastic achievement. All the pupils have been asked to design the toadstool and we will be unveiling the completed product very soon. Thank you for all our support.

Get Active

Our new term of Active Schools clubs have just launched - a copy of the flyer was sent home in bags and can also be found on our school blog. Please encourage your child to try something new this term and get involved in a breakfast, lunch or afterschool club. Remember there is absolutely no charge for our clubs the only requirement is that you sign up in advance. This is done online but if you would like any help with this, just get in touch.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council have some great events for all the family this term. First up is the Valentine's Disco which will be held on 14th February in school. Doors open at 6pm and tickets should be purchased on the night.

Also on 1st March, the Parent Council have organised a Race Night at the Lilybank Social Club - this is the first time we have hosted such an event and we hope it will be a great success. Tickets are available from the school office, Parent Council and the Lilybank Social Club. Please support this event in any way you can.

All money raised by the Parent Council goes directly back to the children here in St David's. If you would like to join a Parent Council meeting or become more involved, come along to the next meeting or speak to us. We'd love to welcome you along.

School Day

Our Family Start and Finish continue to be a great success throughout the school. We have prioritised this as a special time of day to ensure that as a community we can work together closely. To ensure everybody's safety, please try to keep corridor areas clear and to minimise time in the cloakroom. These are busy areas of the school and we want to make

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sure everyone is safe. Independence is very important to us and our children - they are experts at getting changed and tidying away their belongings so please give them the space to do so.

The Family Start and Finish are excellent opportunities to catch up with the class teacher, speak to school staff, get to know one another and see your child in a different setting. Please make best use of this opportunity whenever you can - children will be in their classrooms until an adult has collected them. Please feel free to go in to the classroom - our staff are expecting you and extend a warm welcome to you. Following the family finish, children will be dismissed by the Class Teacher from the pupil exit. Any changes with regard to who is collecting your child must be communicated to the Class Teacher or school office prior to collection.

To ensure pupil safety at all times, please do not attempt to enter or exit the school via the Cochrane Castle Primary pupil entrance. We realise that this is closer in proximity to the main car park, however this creates confusion as to who is in the building and where they are going. In order to maintain security it is essential that we use our own entrance/exit. Please also remember that the Main Entrance should only be used for pupils being collected/dropped-off outwith the usual times. Again, to ensure our campus is secure, Parents/Carers will not be granted access through this door.

We are very fortunate to benefit from a large car park. Please ensure that when parking, you find an appropriate space for your vehicle. Please do not park on corners or double park other vehicles - a clear route must be kept at all times to allow access to the campus. Additionally, please only use the designated spaces for blue badge holders when the blue badge holder is present and accessing the building - these spaces must not be used for any other purpose.

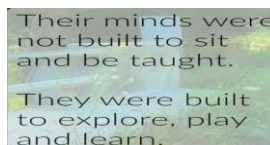
Parent helpers

We have lots of exciting projects coming up over the next few months and would love to have more of our parents and carers involved. We'll be sending home a survey shortly about ways in which you could help and get involved. We are hoping to develop our outside space including repair our greenhouse, get more involved in sport, develop our pupils' focus on their future and what it holds for them. We'd love to hear from you and look forward to working with you in the future.

Global School Play Day

On Thursday 14th February we are taking part in this special day. This is an opportunity for us all to get involved in play for the day, with all classroom activities centred around play both indoors and outside. As teachers, this gives us an opportunity to focus on observing the interactions and learning going on. There is one simple rule for the day:

PLAY! NO SCREENS - NO STRUCTURE - ALL DAY LONG



This is a day of unstructured play, not playful teacher-led lessons. You will be amazed at what your children come up with! We hope that you will be able to continue the theme of the day at home and resist the temptation to turn on the TV or games console. The concept is to get children playing freely without adult intervention or structure. If you get down on the floor with your children, be sure to let them just play. Resist the temptation to organize and intervene. Please share what you have been up to on our Facebook page.

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P4 Mass of Commitment

This special mass will be held in St Margaret's Parish for all pupils in P4 wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this year. The mass will take place on Sunday 10th March at 12pm mass - pupils should attend with their parents/carers. If you have any questions about the Sacraments, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Fr Paul or the school.

Tesco uniforms

We have recently been informed by Tesco School Uniform Embroidery service that they will close on 12th February 2019. They have also informed us that My Clothing has set up an alternative service which operates in the same way as Tesco and their donation scheme. Tesco have passed our school logo and uniform colours to My Clothing where they are now available to order at <https://myclothing.com>

Diary Dates

6th February How Good is My Learning 3 - Appointments will be issued

8th February Non Uniform Day - no charge

11th February Holiday

12th February Holiday

13th February INSET Day 4 - Staff Only

14th February Parent Council Valentine's Disco

25th February Fairtrade Fortnight

26th February Outdoor Learning Day

1st March Parent Council Race Night. 7.30pm at the Lilybank Social Club

6th March Ash Wednesday at St Margaret's Parish - All welcome. (Parent Helpers Required)

10th March P4 Mass of Commitment - St Margaret's Parish 12pm.

14th March Sharing the Learning 3 - Numeracy Event - All welcome 1-3pm

20th March Cluster Lenten Stations Mass - All Welcome 7pm St Margaret's Parish

27th March Outdoor Learning Day

29th March Non Uniform Day - £1 per family - all proceeds go to SCIAF Close for Spring Break



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