

June 2024

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back from the half term! The children have returned refreshed and raring to get stuck in to all of the exciting learning opportunities and events planned for the last half term of this school year. Thank you for ensuring the children have returned to school looking smart in their school uniform- I am sure the school photographs will look splendid!

We have much to celebrate in this month's newsletter- May really was filled with exciting learning but also joy and friendship. We all enjoyed being together in the beautiful weather for our St Dunstan's Day celebrations, our Year 2 children performed with confidence at their recorder concert for their parents and younger children, many families joined us to pray the Rosary each Tuesday and we ended the half term with children proudly sharing their learning with parents and families.

Following the FOSD AGM earlier this term, I would like to thank all of the FOSD committee for their dedication and commitment to their roles, these parents kindly volunteer their time to organise social events for both children and parents to build friendships and to raise vital funds for the school. They have done a fantastic job again this year for our school community, fundraising to purchase new resources for the children. Please do read the AGM minutes to learn more.

We have over 430 families at St Dunstan's with a FOSD committee run by a handful of volunteer parents. It would help *enormously* if more parents would give a little of their time to support the committee. This could be in a number of big or small ways e.g. by forming a team for an event, being a class rep, playing a supporting role in the committee such as co-chair or co-treasurer. I ask you to think about how you might be able to support- please do contact Mrs Hughes in the school office or one of the FOSD committee members to talk through how you can help us in the next year.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming you in to school over this half term.

Georgina Morganti

Activities and Events

EYFS – Miss K Bingle: Head of EYFS

We hope you enjoyed St Catherine's class Celebration of the Word. St Catherine's class began by sharing the story of Pentecost, showing us how we too can all be a disciple of Jesus and share His good news through our words and actions. St Bernadette's class are looking forward to sharing their class Celebration of the Word with you soon, they will be telling us about special people in their lives and the life of Jesus. They will help us to think about how we can be a good friend to others by helping and looking after each other.

We had a wonderful time celebrating St Dunstan's day. The children really enjoyed sharing a picnic together with their class family. We talked about how St Dunstan was special to our school and shared with each other the special people in our own lives. It was a lovely way to celebrate such a special day.



In our RE lessons this half term, we will be learning about two very special people- St. Peter and St. Paul. Our new theme for learning is "Being Healthy and Strong", which links beautifully to 'Feeling Good Week'. We are especially looking forward to our performance of "The Tortoise and the Hare" by Aesop's Theatre, so that we can think about how we feel when we do not win something and how we can be pleased for other people.

Year 1 – Mrs G. Corsini: Head of Year 1

What a busy half term Year 1 have had! We had a wonderful time celebrating St. Dunstan's Feast Day and the children really enjoyed sharing a picnic together with their class family. It was a lovely way to celebrate such a special day.



The children have really enjoyed reading our class text 'The Bog Baby' in English. The Year 1 teachers found something very exciting by the school pond! We went outside together to have a look. What a strange creature we discovered! We thought about questions we'd like to ask the creature and then came up with whole class predictions using the words 'who', 'what', 'where', 'when' and 'why'. The children finished this wonderful topic by writing a setting description of the enchanted pond where Bog Baby was found. The quality of writing was fantastic and really showed how far the children have come this year. We are so proud of them!



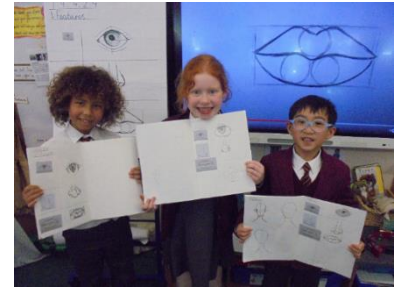
Year 2 – Miss L Butler: Head of Year 2

What a fantastic month it has been! The children were shining stars in our recorder concert on Tuesday 14th May. We all felt so proud watching the children perform beautifully, we definitely have musicians in the year group!



In Art, we have worked hard to apply our new sketching skills and create self-portraits. The children loved using oil pastels to create bold, eye-catching backgrounds. We even used our artistic skills to create portraits of St. Dunstan on St. Dunstan's Day!

We are really looking forward to our trip to Wisley Gardens this half term. It is part of our topic about 'Fantastic food, healthy lives'.



Year 3 – Miss N Maloney: Head of Year 3 and Assistant Headteacher

We were lucky enough to visit the Shah Jahan Mosque as part of our learning about Islam. All the children had the opportunity to visit the original mosque building. It was the first built in Britain and now to ensure room for all the worshipers it also has three extra prayer halls. The children were shown the special clocks depicting the five daily prayer times and the time of Friday prayers. Once in the prayer hall the children were shown the way the Muslim worshipers know how to face Makkah. Both the Imam and his staff were very helpful and answered all the questions that the children asked. Once the groups were back at school it provided a real life experience for them to write about.



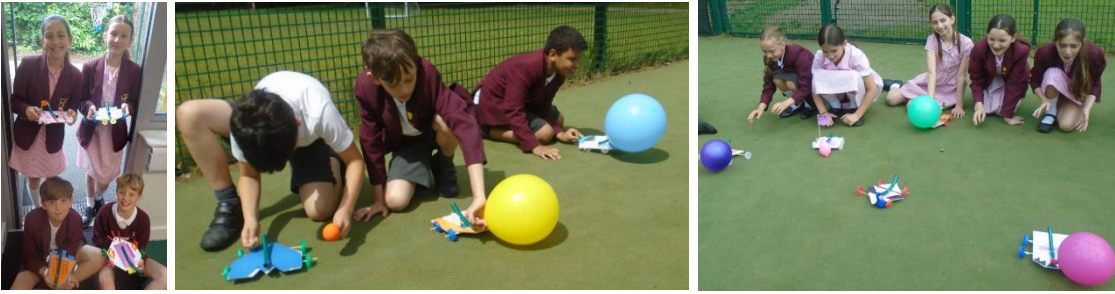
Year 4 – Miss H Fail: Head of Year 4

On Monday 20th May, we celebrated St. Dunstan's Day as a whole school family. The children thoroughly enjoyed their picnic in the sunshine. They also made stained glass windows with their chosen symbols to represent Saint Dunstan, which they are looking forward to sharing at the upcoming Open Evening in July. In Design and Technology, the children made their own electrical board games using their scientific understanding of circuits. It was a wonderful opportunity for children to apply their knowledge of conductors for a real-life purpose.



Year 5 – Miss E. Roe: Head of Year 5

Year 5 ended the half term with great enthusiasm and tenacious spirit when building their balloon buggies. They focused on meeting the requirements of the design brief whilst embedding their scientific understanding of forces.



As we move into June, we continue with our conservation theme building on our learning about how to save the tigers. We have a real focus on science this half term, with the Science Expo on Monday 17th June and we are continuing our learning on lifecycles. As part of this learning, we are looking forward to welcoming caterpillars to Year 5!

We are also excited about our singing concert with Mr Ellson later in June and we warmly invite you to join us at St Dunstan's Church on Tuesday 25th June.

Year 6 – Mrs S. Turner: Head of Year 6 and Senior Teacher

It has been a bustling May for Year 6, brimming with excitement and milestones that have fostered a strong sense of unity and community spirit as we came together - from the joy and laughter of our school disco, the sense of accomplishment during SATs week, the camaraderie felt on St Dunstan's Day, to our shared picnic. The children exhibited remarkable composure, maintaining their poise throughout SATs week, and we were extremely proud of them.



As part of our study on the Golden Age of Islam, integrated into our school's multi-faith Islam week, the children explored the Shah Jahan Mosque and delved deeper into the five pillars of Islam. They worked collaboratively to create presentations on the pillars, drawing on insights gathered from their visit to the local mosque. Additionally, they enjoyed observing, sketching, and learning about Islamic architecture at the Peace Garden.

Looking ahead to June, we are eagerly anticipating upcoming events such as Bikeability, the Science Expo when we will share our investigations with Key Stage 2 and parents, and the highly anticipated sports day. We would like to express our gratitude to the parents for completing the necessary forms for the upcoming activities for school leavers and for sharing photos for the leavers' book.



Year 2 Recorder Concert: Mrs J Knowles

Having started learning the recorder back in September, Year 2 took great pride and joy performing their learnt pieces to Year 1 and family members. They had worked so hard to learn the A, B and G note and confidently played many tunes, as well as singing songs such as 'Good, Best Better'. The final piece which combined all three notes, 'Hot Cross Recorders', was played to the tune of 'Hot Cross Buns'.

We were pretty much note perfect and both parents and teachers were bursting with pride by the end.



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Charity and Justice

Charity and Justice –Miss H King



We are very proud to announce that, as a school, we have raised over £600 for the charity Mission Together. It has been great to see the children living out the Gospel Values and reflecting God's love by helping others. Thank you so much for your generosity during our Lenten Fundraising. Mission Together are very appreciative for all your contributions and donations.

BAKE OFF- Mr A Coyle- Senior Leader

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for helping make our bake off a wonderful success. The cakes we have judged have been nothing short of superb. They are creative, unique and looking at the sampling at the cake sale after school, delicious! We would not be able to run these competitions without the support of all our wonderful parents and raise money for charities, making a difference to lives of those that need our love and support.



Thanks must also go to the parents who gave up their time to run the cake sale. We raised the wonderful sum of £524 which will be donated to Mary's Meals who provide nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. Once again, thank you all for your support, hours of baking and generosity buying cakes.



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Children's Learning

Mrs T. Steer- Assistant Headteacher

The final term of the year is an exciting one for all children with the culmination of the year's learning. For a summary of the learning, overviews for the next half term are now available to view on the school website. <http://www.stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk/Curriculum.html>

There are many opportunities to see the wonderful progress the children have made this year, including concerts, sports days, the open evening and assemblies finishing with the annual end of year reports, which summarise your child's learning journey over the year. Please see more details later in the newsletter.

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Governors

St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School Open Mornings for applications to start in Reception class September 2025

Please note our Open Mornings for parents to visit the school with regards to applying for a place in **September 2025**, will be on

Friday 18th October and Thursday 21st November 2024.

If you would like to find out about how to apply for a place for your child at our school, then please do attend this presentation.

A prompt arrival for the 9.30am start would be very much appreciated and the session will finish by 11am. Car parking will be available in the Lower School playground from 9am.

The Open Morning is for parents/carers only. Could we please ask you to pre-arrange childcare for young children and babies. To book a place, please complete the form using the link [here](#) or call Mrs Chamberlain via the school office on 01483 715190 (Option 3).

Governor's Maintenance Fund Contributions 2023-2024

Voluntary contributions from parents to our Governor's Maintenance Fund help us to accommodate the increase in costs and budgetary constraints whilst continuing to deliver the outstanding facilities for the pupils of St Dunstan's. Just this year alone, the GMF investments have been used to replace all four boilers and pumps and to install new lighting which is more energy efficient- as you can imagine, this was a significant cost. During the summer, further investment will be made to replace the remaining, original windows- again, to ensure that the school is more energy efficient.

The children all enjoy the benefits of these maintenance and refurbishment projects which ensure that we offer a welcoming and safe school for the children today and in the future.

Thank you to all those of you who have already donated via the new CAF online account or are still paying by standing orders set up in previous years for this year. While there is absolutely no obligation on any family to make a contribution, may we respectfully remind those who have not, but are in a position to do so, that there is still time to make a donation before the end of the school year.

To assist with contributions we now have our CAF account set up to accept online payments and Collect Gift aid on our behalf. We would be most grateful if you would use the following link to make your contribution <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/18812>

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Information from Subject Leaders

Safeguarding: Designated Safeguarding Leaders

Please see our Designated Safeguarding Leaders (DSL) below. If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child at our school, please do ensure you inform one of the DSLs directly. You can call the school to speak to a DSL or please use the [Safeguarding](#) website page for more information to how to access a form.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)				
				
Lead DSL: Mrs A. O'Donovan <i>Assistant Headteacher</i>	Deputy DSL: Mrs G. Morganti <i>Headteacher</i>	Deputy DSL in training: Mrs T. Steer <i>Assistant Headteacher</i>	Deputy DSL: Mr A. Coyle <i>Senior Teacher</i>	Deputy DSL in training: Mrs M. O'Riordan <i>Office Assistant</i>



Preparing your child for starting Primary School

Place 2 Be is a national charity that offers support to children in schools. Their website contains much useful information for parents too. If your child is starting school this September, you may find this link useful:

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/getting-ready-to-start-primary-school/>

Transition to Secondary School

Starting secondary or high school is both exciting and a little bit scary for you and your child. As parents, preparing for this change and making sure that your child feels able to take the step from primary school may feel a little daunting. However, there are many ways in which you can help you and your children to feel ready.

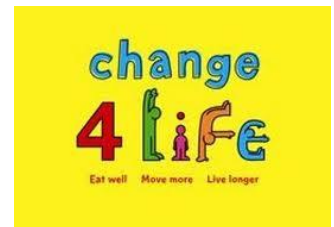
Please explore this website – we hope that you find their tips and advice helpful.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/getting-ready-to-start-secondary-or-high-school/>

Warm weather - Packed Lunches



Just a reminder for the last few weeks of term, it is important to consider what you are putting in your child’s lunch box. There is no fridge space in school for packed lunches and so lunch boxes are kept on racks in the corridors or in the shaded areas of Rosary House when it is cooler than inside the building and in extreme



heat these will be kept inside. We suggest that where possible pupils bring packed lunches in insulated bags with freezer blocks to stop the food going off. Children should bring their lunches into school in a container or lunch bag, not a single use carrier bag. Another good idea is to freeze the drink that your child has in their lunch box – this will act as a freezer block and be cool for your child to drink at lunch time.

A little reminder that a balanced packed lunch should contain:

- Starchy foods. These are bread, rice, potatoes and pasta, and others.
- Protein foods. These are meat, fish, eggs, beans and others.
- A dairy item. This could be cheese or yoghurt.
- Vegetables or salad, and a portion of fruit.
- A drink



There are lots of packed lunch ideas at <http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx>

Sun Safety- sun cream and sun hats



Please remember that school hats can be purchased from the school office (at cost price) to protect children from the sun. During the warmer weather, please do try to apply sun cream (at least SPF 15) before school and ensure that your child has a drink of water (in a clear bottle with a sports cap lid) with them – water bottles can be filled up during the day. Children do also have access to shaded areas at break times and lunchtimes to avoid prolonged periods in the sun.



Bucket hat £6.20



Baseball £4.50



Natural Curly Hair Visor £4.50

SEND - Mrs A O'Donovan Assistant Headteacher, Leader of Inclusion, SENDCo Free National Autistic Society Support for families -



NAS Surrey Family Support is a free service provided by Mindworks' partner, National Autistic Society available to Surrey families with or without a diagnosis of autism.

Families struggling with neurodevelopmental concerns both in and out of school can be referred by schools directly to Mindworks' partner, the

National Autistic Society, for a range of free early support.

Stepping up for Autism is an eight-week course for parents to help them understand Autism in relation to their child. It covers topics such as Sensory Processing, Communication, Behaviour, Transitions, Social Interaction, Puberty and understanding Autistic Identity. In complex cases, parents and carers can access further personalised 1:1 support following the 'Stepping Up' course.

In addition to this, NAS offers specialist workshops on a range of topics such as Autism in Girls, EBSNA, Anxiety, Toileting, Sleep, PDA and Wellbeing and Sibling support.

The service also provides free family activities in the holidays and operates an out of hours advice line from 5pm to 11pm 365 days a year, call Freephone 0300 222 5755 – option 3.

School Nursing Team



The link below will take you the Surrey Children and Family Health website. Over the course of this term, the school nurses are running free, online courses for parents on topics that include preparing children for school, early toileting advice, as well as support for bedwetting.

<https://childrenshealthissurrey.nhs.uk/news/school-nursing-team-spring-2024-update>

Rainbows programme – Mrs A. O'Donovan



In September we will be beginning a new series of weekly support groups for those children who are living with a single parent, step families, in foster care, have been adopted or who have families that are going through painful transitions. This programme is called RAINBOWS. When something significant happens in a family, the entire family is affected. Even though death, divorce or other issues appear to only be grown up problems, they have a profound effect on the children who are touched by such experiences. These effects are often not healed by time. If a parent dies or a divorce happens or a painful loss occurs, not only the parents grieve, the children do also. Children find it extremely hard to verbalise their feelings of grief because of their age or inexperience.

We have trained members of staff who have agreed to help these children put their feelings into words, work through their grief, build a strong sense of self-esteem and begin to accept what has taken place in the family.

If you would like to discuss the RAINBOWS programme, feel free to make an appointment to meet with Mrs O'Donovan through the school office or contact me via inclusion@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk

Eco Committee – Ms T. Martlew and Mrs J. Knowles

We are thrilled to highlight the fantastic work of our Eco Reps this past term, who have been busy carrying out litter picks around our school and keeping the grounds tidy. Their hard work and dedication to keeping our environment clean is inspiring. World Earth Day was also a huge success, with all classes learning about the importance of caring for our planet. It was wonderful to see everyone coming together for an important cause.

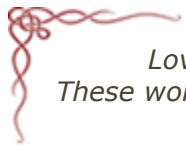
This half-term, we will be turning our attention to food waste and focusing on ways to reduce the amount of food thrown away during school lunches. We are looking forward to working together to make a positive difference!



Thank you for your support.

RE topics this term:

Mrs S Turner: RE leader and Head of Year 6



*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your souls and with all your might.
These words which I am commanding you today must remain in your heart.*

Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

Year groups Two to Five are exploring 'Reconciliation' (Inter-Relating) and the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. This unit will focus on understanding how God assists us in making good choices, and embracing Jesus' teachings on forgiveness. The children will deepen their understanding of Jesus' compassion and his lessons on forgiveness.

Embracing a more Christ-like existence, they will contemplate their motives and emotions that impact their decisions.

At the end of the month, they will begin learning about the 'Universal Church' (World) preparing to live and work in a changing, global society. They will be learning about global justice issues and putting their faith into action to build a just and fair world. Each year group will learn about a different aspect of our universal church through scripture, prayer, stories, and a range of different activities.

The children from Years 2 – 6 will also spend one week studying Islam.

RECONCILIATION – INTER-RELATING

Year 2 **Rules** – Reasons for rules in the Christian family

Year 3 **Choices** – Importance of examination of conscience

Year 4 **Building Bridges** – Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other.

Year 5 **Freedom and Responsibility** – Commandments enable Christians to be free and responsible.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Take together about times when you have forgiven or been forgiven. Discuss the importance of saying sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.

UNIVERSAL CHURCH – WORLD

Year 2 **Treasures** – God's treasure; the world.

Year 3 **Special Places** – Holy places for Jesus and the Christian community.

Year 4 **God's People** – Different saints show what God is like.

Year 5 **Stewardship** – The Church is called to the stewardship of creation.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special to your family.

Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country. Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.

EYFS	SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES
<p>In the Early Years curriculum, children learn to listen when others speak, show respect, and appreciate differences. They explore Christianity and various British cultural events. Through sensory experiences, they discover music, food, smells, tastes, and clothing from different traditions, enhancing their understanding.</p>	<p>What can you find out different religious and cultural traditions that they encounter each day in around their parish and Woking? Talk about about beliefs and religious practices, thinking about what it means to be a good neighbour.</p>
<p>Year One</p> <p>Children in Year One will learn that the Church represents the community of Christ and the cross symbolises Christianity. The sign of the cross epitomises the Catholic faith. They will understand local Christianity through their parish community, church, and explore Christian art, music, and objects from different locations..</p>	<p>Talk with family and family friends about what it means to be a Christian. Perhaps you could share object that is significant to your faith and explain why.</p> <p>The cross is a central symbol of Christian belief. Do you have different designs in your home that you could share? You could make a cross with art materials or natural materials outside.</p>
<p>Year Six</p> <p>In Year Six, children will learn that Catholics should work to promote 'unity and love' among all people, and that the Church is called to 'enter dialogue with the world in which it lives'. It has something to say, a message to give. As Christians are responsible for promoting the common good, they will consider some practical ways in which people can work together towards common goals. They will explore the term 'worldview' and its meaning.</p>	<p>Listen to the hymn – 'They will know we are Christians by our love.' Chat about where you have witnessed this in action – in their school, parish, home or the wider world. Who do they know who lives out this Christian call to love everyone?</p> <p>Explore the wider world with CAFOD's online games for kids, films and prayers for children, as well as activities to do indoors or outdoors. https://cafod.org.uk/education/kidz-zone</p>

IMPORTANT DATES June 2024



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD (2 June)

On this feast we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus in the form of bread and wine.

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (7 June)

On this day we remember how much Jesus loves us all.

SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES (29 June)

We celebrate the lives of these important saints who helped establish the Christian Church.

Multi Faith Week: Islam – Mrs S Turner



During the week beginning the 3rd June, Years 2 to 6 focused on deepening their understanding of a different faith – Islam. They learnt about the beliefs and customs of Islam and examined cultural aspects of the faith through art, music, videos, and artefacts. They enhanced their understanding of special places of worship, Years 3 and 6 visited the nearby Woking Mosque, and our children have had the opportunity to listen to a guest speaker sharing insights about the Muslim faith. It was a great week.

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Liturgy and Worship – Pastoral Team

Good Shepherd Mass at Worth Abbey – Thursday 27th June

On 27th June, a group of children from Key Stage 2 will represent our school at our annual Diocesan celebration at Worth Abbey. The theme this year is linked to the Pope's invitation for a year of prayer.

In school, we will focus on the prayer that Jesus gave us - the Our Father. We will be reproducing the prayer in some of the languages spoken by children in our school community. We will take this along to the celebration, and some of our children will offer it as part of the liturgy.

This event provides a wonderful opportunity for all the Catholic primary and secondary schools to celebrate together and to bring their offerings for their



Lenten Charity, Mission Together. Once again, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and for the time you have dedicated to encouraging our children to care for those in need, just as Jesus asked us to do.

St. Dunstan's Day celebrations – Mrs A. O'Donovan, Assistant Headteacher

We were blessed with the most beautiful weather to celebrate our patron saint, St. Dunstan. Year 2 to 6 celebrated with a liturgy at the Church in the morning with Reception and Year 1 watching back at school via the live stream. Our faith ambassadors and children from Key State 2 led our liturgy that reminded us of the talents and gifts that St. Dunstan had and called for us to use our gifts and talents to benefit others.

After our liturgy, the whole school celebrated with a picnic in the sunshine. There was a real buzz of excitement around the school as everyone went out for their lunch with their teachers. A big thank you to the premises team and Year 6 helpers for setting up all of the chairs and benches for our picnic and to the various children in Key Stage Two who willingly volunteered to help put the benches away – many hands made light work and it was a real team effort.



May the month of Mary

Throughout May, we honoured Mary by coming together to pray the Rosary and share a Marian Liturgy. Year 3 shared a lovely liturgy at the church for Key Stage 2, allowing us to reflect on the important role of Mary in our lives.

Our Marian grotto looked beautiful with the class bouquets made from the children's flowers. We have been grateful for the dry Tuesday mornings in May, so we could gather by the Marian Grotto to pray a decade of the Rosary led by Father Peter and Mrs. Smith, our School Chaplains. Starting the day this way has been wonderful, with more people joining in each week.



First Holy Communions

During the month of June, many of our Year 3 children, as well as a number of children in other year groups, will be making their First Holy Communion. This is a very special time for these children and their families.

Please do remember these children in your prayers this month.



Messages from the Parish

Catholic Worker Farm

The Catholic Worker Farm



"Love in all Sincerity"

Catholic Worker Farm, the refugee-housing project near the M25 in Hertfordshire which we supported through the St Dunstan's Christmas Fair last year, has its main annual fund-raiser, a fair and music festival called **FarmFest** on Saturday, June 8 from 3pm until late (see thecatholicworkerfarm.org for details).



Parishioners would be very welcome. But they are also looking for raffle-prizes. Items could be left at the parish office, clearly marked (bottles of wine, perfume, a hamper, etc.) If you have access to suitable items

through your workplace (event tickets, restaurant tokens, etc.), please contact Meriel on 07989922666.

CAFOD Volunteers wanted



Could you find the time to become a CAFOD education volunteer?

As a volunteer in Catholic schools you could help children and young people deepen their understanding of global justice. Our area is in desperate need of people who are willing to give some time between 9am and 3pm to visit local Catholic schools to give inspiring assemblies and engaging workshops.

Training is provided and volunteers are required to undergo a DBS criminal record check. For more information see Schools volunteers (cafod.org.uk) or contact Jenny at jfinlayson@cafod.org.uk

Great Big Green Week 8th-16th June 2024

Great Big Green Week, 8th to 16th June, is a UK wide celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. To prepare for this week, CAFOD is calling on us to make a swap to help care for our common home and our global family. Will you commit to swapping the types of food you eat, the amount of clothes you buy, the way you travel, to a bank that does not invest in fossil fuels, or something else? Whatever you choose, CAFOD asks that you share your decision, by completing their online form Great Big Green Week 2024: Make a swap for our common home (cafod.org.uk). This is both to inspire others and for CAFOD to share our messages with the political parties, so that our politicians will know that we want change. Please also take a look at WEAct's programme of local events for the week Great Big Green Week (wokingenvironmentaction.com) ALL ARE WELCOME!

CLIMATE FRESK

Monday 10th June 16.30 - 19.30 St Dunstan's Church

In just 3 hours, the collaborative Climate Fresk workshop will teach you the fundamental science behind climate change and empower you to take action. Book your space here:

<https://tinyurl.com/3s7s49e4>

LiveSimply Website: Visit www.livesimplywoking.org for more tips, blogs, resources, and links to local events. To make suggestions or get involved, contact us through the website or at

livesimply@stdunstans.org

The Live Simply Team

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Online Safety – Mrs A. O'Donovan, Assistant Headteacher

The Likee App - Similar to Omegle

Earlier this year, Omegle (a website that connected users to other unknown users to chat) was removed from the web due to a court order earlier this year. Whilst this site has been removed, it has raised the popularity of other concerning sites - The Likee app is one of those.

Whilst rated as 12+ on the app stores, the terms & conditions require users to be 16+, but there is no age verification in place. Not only that:

- There are no privacy settings, everything is public, but you can private chat.
- Under 18's cannot go live - but you can change your age in your profile.

- There is a 'gifting' feature.

This is an important site to have on your radar. You can find out more information about it [HERE](#).

Nintendo Switch Parental Controls

All tech devices come with parental controls, but they're not always easy to find or understand and they can differ quite significantly from device to device.

The Nintendo Switch, which is a very popular device, has a range of parental controls such as browser access, restricting games based on age, chat settings and more and more.

Internet Matters have a great guide for parents which can be downloaded and sent out or added to your school website. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Talking About Online Harassment and Abuse

Sadly, many children and young people believe that online harassment and abuse are just a part of being online, in other words - normalised. This should never be the case, but it can be difficult to strike up a conversation. Internet Matters have a really good guide for parents which they can use for conversation starters. You can download the guide [HERE](#).

Managing Screen Time

With summer holidays almost upon us, some parents may be looking for guidance about helping their children to develop a healthy relationship with technology



Internet Matters have a series of tips and guides to help with this including setting up parental controls, finding other activities to do, agreeing on boundaries and more. You can view the guidance [HERE](#).

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A reminder of the Parent Survey: Mrs G. Morganti, Headteacher

You should have received a SchoolComms with details of the annual parent survey. As you may know, each year, as we reach the academic year's final half-term, we like to seek your views as parents by asking you to complete a brief survey. This survey forms part of our annual school evaluation and review process to help us know what are our strengths and to identify any areas for further development.

We have a very supportive community of parents who are committed to the school and have a high regard for their children's education. Your feedback is very important to us, so we ask if **every** family could return a survey this also helps to ensure that the views are representative of the **whole school**. The survey is quick and simple to complete but also allows you the option of adding detail to your views, if you wish to.

There are separate surveys for each year group so that we can gain a better insight into the different views that may depend on the year group a child is currently in. As in previous years, please do complete one survey per child per family.

If you require any assistance in completing the survey, please do contact the school office who will be happy to assist you. Thank you!

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Parking and being considerate to our neighbours

We once again have to ask you all to be aware of where you park please. We are beginning to receive concerns from local residents and parents over unsafe and inconsiderate parking. As a school community we have worked really hard together to ensure the roads around the school are safe and that we are parking mindfully of each other. Please don't let this slip!

Not everyone can park on Onslow Crescent- it does get very busy at peak times. We ask parents please to endeavour to park one minute further away and walk if they are able. With the warm, dry weather is it a perfect time to support your children to be healthy and get more exercise.

Please note **it is always illegal to park on yellow zig-zag lines anywhere at certain times.**

Rule 243 of the Highway Code indicates a range of places where motorists must not park, including on a bend, a dropped kerb or the brow of a hill. It also states that drivers must not park near a school entrance or anywhere that would prevent access for emergency.

It is our children who are most at risk if people stop, drop or park selfishly.

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Regrouping Classes: Mrs G Morganti

As we begin to plan for the next school year, we wanted to remind parents that we routinely regroup the children across the year group at the end of Years 2 and 4. We also routinely look at all the year groups across the school each year and may regroup other year groups between these times to rebalance the classes if we feel it would be of benefit to the children.

This year, we will only be regrouping the current **year 2** for September 2024, as they move into Key Stage 2.

Please be assured that significant time and thought is spent considering which children will be in which class. All parents will be informed which class their child will be in before the 'Open Evening' on Thursday 4th July so that you are able to say hello to your child's new teacher and see your child's new classroom on that evening.

We believe that there are a number of very good reasons for regrouping the year group. By regrouping the children we believe they benefit socially, emotionally and educationally. Children's needs change as they grow, mature and develop through the school. We need to help the children to become independent people and resilient learners. If children can only perform to their best in the company of one close friend, or get upset if they are parted from them, or if they are absent, then this is a well-being concern. We know that emotional intelligence is highly important and we need to ensure that our children become well-rounded, resilient individuals who are able to work well and communicate effectively with a wide range of people.

Most of the children and parents will not be concerned at all, but we understand that some parents may worry. Please remember that every child is very precious to us and we will only make decisions that are in their best interests. We do of course provide support for those children who we know find change difficult and by knowing that this change is approaching well ahead of time, children and staff have plenty of time to prepare. Mrs O'Donovan, as Inclusion Leader, will be fully involved in the regrouping of children.

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Reports: End of Year Reports

Your child's end of year report will be coming home on **Monday 8th July**.

The report envelope will include a letter explaining the content of your child's end of year report and how you can speak to your child's class teacher if you have an outstanding query or concern about the report.

There will also be a form that we hope you will complete to make your own comments about your child's report which can then be returned to the class teacher.

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Parent to Parent

Mrs Wendy Steer is an Ofsted registered childminder and has recently notified us that she has space for September 2024 for before and after school childcare.

Please contact Mrs Steer directly for further details. Tel no: 07776 289323.

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School Office

Lunch money for Summer Term 2024– Mrs M O'Riordan

School dinner costs for the last half of the Summer Term is £94.50. Please remember that should you wish to change your child's meal choice from hot to cold or vice versa, one week's notice is required in writing as orders are made in advance.

We have had a number of occasions when parents have changed without notification to the school office. Not only does this cause an administrative difficulty when numbers do not tally but also means that the school is liable for the cost of the food order.

Therefore, if you change your child from school dinners to packed lunches without notification you will be liable for outstanding monies due to Surrey County Council. Lunch monies will be due until the date change is confirmed by the school office.

Reporting your child's absence – Mrs M O’Riordan

By law, the school must record children’s absences and the reason for these absences. These absences may be discussed when the Inclusion Officer visits if the amount of absence is cause for concern. If your child is not in school for any reason, please fill out the absence form on our school website, before 9.30am on each day of the absence as we need to know that your child is safe. [Click here](#) to access the absence form. If a call is not received, the school office will telephone you to understand the reason for your child’s absence.

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Sports and PE

Sporting updates: Mr A. Coyle, PE Leader and Senior Teacher Competition Update

4/5 football competitions



Our first fixtures of a busy May saw boys and girls from years four and five compete in the WASPs football six a sides at the Woking Leisure Centre, on May 3rd.

We took two teams to the boys’ competition in the morning. One from year four and the other from year five. Our year four boys were competing against predominantly year five teams, but it did not show as the battled hard and showed resilience and skill, competing well in all their matches.



Our year five team won their group with three fine wins. In a tough semi-final against a strong west Byfleet the boys knew they would have to play at their best. And, so they did!



Winning the game with four great goals. Taking on Sythwood in the final the boys continued to impress and for the first time in the trophies history we took the cup back home. A superb days’ work from the boys.

The girls in the afternoon were a mixed year four and five team. Again, the newly put together team found a great rhythm and recovered after a first game defeat. They came back to finish runners up in the group and secure a semi-final place. Playing against a good Goldsworth team the girls were unlucky to lose narrowly, just missing out on a place in the final. The future is looking great though for the girls going forward.



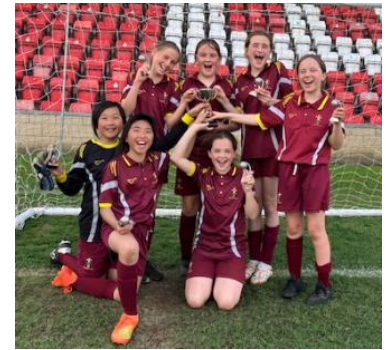
Woking FC six a sides

On the back of our success at the WASPs football competitions, we were invited to take part in the Woking FC six a side football competitions at the Laithwaite stadium, on Tuesday 7th May.

It is a joy to see girls’ football at St. Dunstan’s go from strength to strength and we saw the depth of talent, taking three teams to the tournament. Our two year six teams competed in different pools. Both team played superbly well in their three games. One of our teams won all their games and qualified for the semi-finals.



Winning the semi-final, the girls lined up in the final against Horsell, who they had previously beaten in the group games. Playing with supreme confidence the girls won the game 1-0, with a late Ciara goal. It was fantastic to see the girls sign off their football for the school with the victory. They have improved so much over the past two years and I am really proud of them. Knowing they all enjoy their football for clubs around Woking means the world.



Our year four girls played in a round robin tournament against five other schools. In a really exciting competition, the girls won their first four games. Needing a point in their last game, the girls secured a 0-0 draw, so we were able to celebrate a double success. Once again, the year four girls play for many clubs around Woking. If anyone would like information on how their daughter could play with friends, then please ask.



Our year four boys played in their competition after the girls had left and despite a first game defeat they responded well winning their next two games. Knowing a victory in the final game would secure them a semi place, the boys pushed and pushed and should have been rewarded with a goal. The goal never came though and the opposition went up the other end and found a goal that sent the boys home in agonising circumstances. Well done boys, you should hold your heads up with pride at what you achieved at the six a side.



Surrey CC cricket

Some of our budding year five cricketers travelled the short distance to Old Woking CC, on Thursday 9th May. Playing in a format where they batted in pairs and the boys rotated around fielding positions, Mr Thompson was treated to a masterclass. Playing against some very strong cricketing schools the boys played amazingly well and scored runs aplenty, whilst taking

many wickets.

At the end of the competition the boys finished a fantastic third place and deserved the plaudits back at school. Great effort boys.



ESSA regional finals

To finish off a busy week of school sport, our boys and girls took part in the regional finals of the ESSA swimming championships, on Saturday 11th May, at Guildford Spectrum. Having qualified from the county round based on some very good times, there was a sense of optimism throughout. Although, taking on the best swimming schools in Surrey, Sussex, Kent, Buckinghamshire and Essex the boys and girls swam fantastically.

Both the boys and girls swam so well in the freestyle relays, taking on everyone and putting all their effort in. Both teams sadly missed out on top three qualifying times, but just to get to this round deserves huge recognition.

But, the main story of the night comes in the medley relay. In the first heat the boys swam an amazingly quick time, securing a position overall that placed us fourth best from both heats. The final saw fierce competition and the boys knew they had produce the performance of their lived to get top three. Every leg was filled with drama and the crowd were on the edge of the seat, as four schools were neck and neck with just a few metres left to swim. When hands touched the wall the boys had finished in third place, this means they have now qualified for the NATIONAL FINALS, taking place in

mid-June in Sheffield. The boys will take on schools from across the whole country. A truly amazing achievement.



Tri-Golf festival

On 14th May, with the help of some of our super sports leaders, St. Dunstan's hosted a year four tri golf festival. Schools rotated around seven activity stations. They had two minutes on each to score the highest score they could achieve. With five other schools

visiting, we were able to have three of our own teams taking place, letting twenty-four of our children take part.



All the children who took part should be proud of the way they conducted themselves and fun was had by all. The sports leaders truly shone with their clear communication, encouraging support and passionate explanations.

Well done to all involved and thanks to our wonderful teachers who helped also facilitate the event.



WASP cross country

Our final event of a busy month saw the rescheduled WASPs cross country take place at Pirbright Village School on the 21st May. A smaller event this year saw three races; a girls race, a boys race and a relay.

The first race saw the girls compete in the two lap course. A superb team effort, but special mention goes to Emily on her 2nd place overall finish, out of 70 girls. The boys had equal success, with three boys inside the top 20. Special mention to William, who being in year four and taking on predominantly year six children,

finished 7th place.

In the relay, each child ran one lap each, in teams of five. Both our teams finished in the top 6, which is a fantastic result.

An overall 3rd place against 12th schools deserves huge praise, well done boys and girls.

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Whole School Open Evening:

Thursday 4th July from 6pm (start) – 7.15pm (finish)

We are excited to welcome you to the Whole School Open Evening. This is an opportunity for pupils to proudly show their parents, grandparents, families and carers around the whole school on Thursday 4th July.

All the classes in both main school and Rosary House will be open for parents/carers to visit with their children. Teachers will be in their classrooms and you will be able to meet your child's new teacher too. (This is not an evening to discuss individual pupils or to look at children's books, but an opportunity for families to see the inside of the school, meet staff and to look at displays of work.) Pupils should return to school proudly **in their school uniform**, including school shoes, as they will be your tour guides and will need to show themselves as ambassadors for all our visitors!

The Lower School playground will be open for parking. This evening is always a glorious occasion and as always we are expecting a good turnout. The school corridors will therefore be very busy and we ask that you keep your pre-school children with you at all times and leave any buggies or prams outside of the school building. Thank you

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Staffing updates:

At the end of the term we have a few farewells to some of our long standing members of the school team. Mrs Steer is taking up a new exciting position at another school in September and both Miss

Maloney and Mr Thompson are retiring at the end of the term. All three teachers are hugely admired and respected by the staff and parents for the difference they have made to the lives of the children they have taught over the many years of teaching at St Dunstan's. We are incredibly grateful for their friendship and dedication to the life of the school and wish them many congratulations on their next adventures! We are certain that you will join us in sending them off with our love, best wishes and prayers.

I am delighted to share the exciting news of the promotion of Mr Coyle as our Pastoral Assistant Headteacher, Miss Roe as Assistant Headteacher for Teaching, Learning and Assessment and Miss Fail as Assistant Headteacher for Teaching, Learning and Curriculum. The Senior Leadership Team will be supported by Mrs Corsini as Senior Teacher for Teaching and Learning and Mrs Robbins as Senior Teacher for Inclusion.

We are also delighted to share the appointment of Miss Hughes as SENDCo (not to be confused with Mrs Sarah Hughes!☺) Miss Hannah Hughes will visit the school during July as it is important that she has time to get to know children and parents before the start of the new academic year.

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Dates for your Diary – noted changes to the Annual Calendar



For your information: - Please note there are no changes to the dates as published in the Annual Calendar for this newsletter.

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a relaxing half-term and are ready for the final stretch to the Summer!

Huge thanks for Rosalia Farrugia and team who organised the recent Family Camp and Film Night. The weather was superb and I have heard great things about the event from some of the 100+ people who attended! Even better was the £1300 that was raised for School Funds. We are already looking forward to this event in 2025!

Similarly large thanks to Charlotte Reynolds and her team who organised the recent Disco, which made an excellent £3,296.64 for FoSD.

Thanks to everyone who attended the FOSD AGM on May 17th. There was some tasty cake and good conversations about past and future activities. We will separately share the notes from the meeting but the take home message was delivered by Kamila Jedrzcak who officially reported a £44700 'profit' for FOSD in the 2022-23 academic year, all of which has gone to help the school.

Thanks very much to Kamila who has now stepped down as FOSD Treasurer.

Welcome to new FOSD Trustees Tristan Lee, Sarah Genco, Sharon Saliba and Carmen Hughes.

We are on-track to raise over £40K in this academic year and as the Summer comes into view there are just a few FOSD activities to go... although one of them is the **BIG ONE!**

The Summer Fair is on **Sunday June 30th** and will have the same mix of fantastic entertainments for all the family. This year it includes a climbing wall, bungee trampoline and obstacle course to go alongside the usual food, drink and regular stalls. This year there is no entry fee and we'll circulate a PDF of the final program ahead of the event to whet your appetite to attend!

Over coming days please look out for Summer Fair raffle tickets brought home in book bags. Payment for these can be returned to school or you could buy online at PTAevents! The first prize is a cool £350, which sits alongside lots of other excellent prizes!

The Summer Fair relies on parents from each class putting in a little time at different stalls so please try and find a few minutes to help out where you can!

The **FOSD 2024 Open Parent Football Tournament** will take place at Winston Churchill School on Saturday 22nd June between 12pm – 5pm. The event will comprise of a six -a-side football tournament with group and knock -out matches with the chance to win trophies and other wonderful prizes! There will also be refreshments available on the day! If you would like to be a part of this wonderful event and help raise funds for the Friends of St Dunstan's then please contact Johnny Fox with your captain and team name at stdunsfooty@gmail.com or call/text on 07766 555087. We know this will be a fun and enjoyable event and we really hope you will give us your support.

The four bake sales this academic year have raised a remarkable £1500 and we still have two more to come! Year 1 will take the lead with a bake sale on Thursday June 13th and the Reception class take the lead on Thursday July 4th.

Please let us know if you'd like to sign up for the monthly Jackpot at stdunstansschooljackpot@gmail.com. It has a minimum £12 annual contribution for the chance to win a monthly prize of £50!

As ever thanks for all your contributions that make these things possible.

Yours,
The FOSD committee

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