



Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

On behalf of all the staff at St Clement Danes I wish you a very **Happy New Year!** It was lovely to welcome back children and families this morning. Do make a note of the dates on the reverse of this newsletter.

Many thanks for the thoughtful and generous presents received by the staff before Christmas – your kindness is very much appreciated.

The school value we are focusing on this term is *Wisdom*.

Best wishes

Patricia Coxhead  
Headteacher

### Focus on Attendance: Autumn term

Class	Attendance
Nursery	91%
Reception	94%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	98%
<b>Total</b>	95%

Above is a summary of attendance for the autumn term, from September to December. Massive congratulations go to **Year 5 and 6** who share the award for the best termly attendance. Well done also to Years 1 and 3 who reached our target attendance of 96%. National average attendance is 96% and our current school attendance is 95%.

Please ensure your child is in school and on time every day as this really does make a huge difference to their learning and progress.

### Start of Year Reminders:

- Thank you for making sure that your child is in full school uniform, including a school blazer, every day. It's lovely to see the children taking such great pride in their smart St Clement Danes uniform. 
- Hair accessories, hats and gloves need to be black, white or navy blue, or the school scarf. Coats should be black or navy blue.
- Dogs are not permitted on the school premises.
- Thank you for ensuring that you arrive at school promptly to collect your child at the end of day. Please be reminded that we send any children who have not been collected to Fit for Sport who will charge for extra childcare after school.
- Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school from tomorrow, ready for their sports lessons. In the winter, school PE kit includes navy blue (not black) tracksuit bottoms and a school blue hoody.

### Golden Assembly

We look forward to seeing you at our first Golden Assembly of the year next week, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

### Medical Updates

At the start of each term we make sure that everything is in place to ensure all the children's medical needs are met. If your child has a medical condition, please ensure that Ms Dean is up to date with any recent changes or developments. If your child has asthma, please check with your child's teacher that your child's inhaler is in date and in good working order. If the asthma inhaler has not reached its expiry date, but has been used regularly, you may need to renew the inhaler. 

If your child has any other medical condition, e.g. allergies, please ensure that we have the correct medication in school and that it is in date. For children with medical conditions it is especially vital that we have the correct mobile phone to contact you in emergency.



### Mrs Dudley

There once was a little school on Drury Lane  
Named after a saint called Clement Dane.  
Its walls of red brick reached high up to the sky  
And its flower-filled railings cheered all who passed by.

But this happy school was under attack  
From a mountain of paperwork, yes stack after stack!  
There were phone calls to answer and emails to send,  
There were forms to type and letters to pen.

The small school was groaning under the weight of it all  
A saviour was needed to make it all cool.  
But who could manage such an influx of data?  
Who could fix the photocopier when it was jammed with paper?

Was there somebody who could organise diaries and manage events?  
Who could book coaches, school lunches and liaise with parents?  
Efficiency was needed and good organisation  
A practical approach and total dedication.

Then suddenly a heroine did actually appear  
Who took breath away and vanquished all fear!  
And this magical being didn't just do all of the above,  
She did a million things more and always with love.

She was tender, caring and incredibly kind,  
A more wonderful person would be hard to find.  
She worked at the school for many a year,  
Giving so much love and a whole lot of good cheer.

And who is this heroine does she really exist?  
She surely does and it has been our privilege  
To have had Mrs Dudley as the gatekeeper of our school;  
For many she has been the first port of call.

She is a superstar heroine, a total legend;  
She is a role model, a mentor and a good friend.  
Now you are going and we are sorry to see you leave  
But we wish you good luck and also love and peace.

Mrs Dudley, you're our star every week!

### Spring Term Diary Dates



- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 9:00** - children return to school for the start of the new term
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 3:30** - Year 2 Cake Sale
- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January** - deadline for Reception Class (September 2018) online applications
- **January** - whole school Poetry Recital at St Paul's Church - date to be confirmed
- **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January** - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at The Wizard of Oz pantomime at the Peacock Theatre until 5.45pm
- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January**- Space Dome at St Clement Danes for EYFS, Year 3 and Year 5 - no Golden Assembly
- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 9:30**- Key Stage 2 Eucharist at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 3:30** - break up for half term holiday at 3:30pm
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 9:00** - return to school
- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 9:30** - Key Stage 2 Eucharist at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 4 cake sale
- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1:30** - 'Oranges and Lemons' whole school festival at St Clement Danes Church
- **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30** - Easter Service at St Paul's Church
- **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2:00pm** - school closes for the Easter Holiday at 2pm
- To note for the following term:  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018** - school will be closed for polling day

### New school phone number

Please make a note of the new school number which is now in use: **0203 096 9745**

