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Dear Parents and Carers,

Recent events in the news

The killing of George Floyd, in America, by police on 25th May, has shocked and appalled people globally. The subsequent Black Lives Matter protests around the world have highlighted the systematic racism which pervades society. We do not underestimate our responsibility as a school in working for change. We would like everyone in our community to know that at SJSC we stand against racism. Whilst you probably know that celebrating diversity is important to us, we would like to make clear our dedication to continuing to develop an anti-racist and effective curriculum.

In 'normal' times we would be talking about this in school. This week, Year 5 have been working on a powerful English sequence covering the events in America, and Year 6 have used the inspiring text Hidden Figures.

Below are some useful resources you may want to use to discuss the current news events and racism with your children:

This first link is a general guide on how to talk to your children about racism.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/7xvLw6Q4qbJBnkzki6xm9Z/how-to-talk-to-your-children-about-race-and-racism>

This second link is an 'age by age' guide

<https://www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/teaching-tolerance/talking-about-race-with-kids/>

This link is an article about talking to children about race as a result of what happened to George Floyd.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/family/in-the-news/talking-about-race/>

Phased return

Alongside our Key Worker Hub group, we have so far welcomed back to school our reception children, and half of our Year 1 children. Next week we plan to bring back to school the other Year 1 bubbles and then start to welcome our Year 6 bubbles.



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Thank you to all parents who have worked with us to ensure that pickups and drop-offs are calm and orderly, this is very much appreciated. Staff at SJSC have worked hard to ensure that we can open our doors following government guidance whilst ensuring safety and well-being are a priority at this time.

For the families of these year groups who have chosen not to send your child back to school yet, we support your decision and the Virtual School planning is available as always on the website. This planning follows the same sequence of learning covered in school.

Sally's nature challenge

We would love to share photos of how the plants have been growing over the summer so far. We are particularly excited by the strawberries that are starting to ripen. Well done and thank you to all those who were involved in the planting early on in the year.



Now for Sally's Challenge... Can you follow the instructions on the attached Tree Trail and find out where Sally has been walking and spotting different trees each day?

Best wishes and happy tree spotting.

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