



St. John's and St. Clement's



School Values: Aspiration, Resilience, Creativity, Community, Kindness

Friday 7th September 2018

This Week's News...

Welcome back! It was a delight to welcome back all of the children this week and hear about all of their adventures during the summer. We have been busy preparing the school over the past few weeks and you may have already noticed our wonderful new developments in the playground, and we have started building our Year One outdoor area.

Over the next few weeks there are meet the teacher events – please keep checking the website for our key dates.

Mr Bell, Miss Crank and Mrs Harding.

Our Stars of the Week



Diary Dates

Thursday 13th September

New reception class coffee morning

Monday 17th September.

Peripatetic Music lesson start

Friday 21st September

Wick Court Farm Residential Trip

Tuesday 9th October

Class Photographs

Thursday 11th October

9.30 Harvest Service

Monday 22nd – Friday 19th October

School closed for half term

Meet the Teacher Events

Every September, Parents/Carers are welcomed into school to meet their child's new teacher. At these meetings teachers present an outline of what will be happening in terms of curriculum and special events. It is also an opportunity for parents/carers to ask any questions.

Each session will be from 3.30pm-4pm and will be held in the classroom. The teacher will guide you into school once all of the children have been collected.

Monday 17th September – year 6

Wednesday 19th September – Year 5

Thursday 20th September – Year 3

Friday 21st September – Year 2

Monday 24th September – Year 4

Wednesday 26th September – Year 1

Start of the School Day

At the start of the school day, the gates open at 8:30am. Doors open at 8:45am when children can go into their classrooms to begin their work in time for the register at 8.55am.

To help us to ensure that every child is recorded on the register, from 8.55am one of the school gates will be closed and the children's name will be taken so we know they are on site.

Gate will close at 9am.

Thanks for all of your help with this.

8.30 School gates open

8.45 Class doors open for school.

8.55 Class registers taken.

9am – gates close.

Parent and School Partnership

School/ home partnership is really important and it's great that our parents are so supportive- thank you!

Please look out for the parent café schedule for the autumn term, coming out soon. These offer a chance for you to participate in school life, garner further information about how we teach children and also to support your children at home.

The school's approach to homework has been developed this year to ensure our children really benefit from their efforts. An outline of the homework will be sent out next week.

Our Amazing New Playground

I am sure you will have noticed our fantastic new playground development. Huge thanks must go to the PTFA, led by Kate Batty for turning our collective vision into a reality. We now have a new and improved shed area which incorporates a beautiful seating area and beanbags for quiet reading. Yet to come is a lego table and art work for the shed walls. The children (and staff) have thoroughly enjoyed this new area – there has been much rolling on the astro and we are all benefiting from this calm space. The garden has been opened up to become a larger area for quiet play. Southwark's Cleaner, Greener, Safer funding helped us combine the Peace garden with the PTFA works. Thank you to everyone who contributed at all of the PTFA events – the proceeds of which have funded this awesome project.



Curriculum

Year 1 Learning

“Children are hard-wired to learn and they learn best by being active and autonomous-exploring, discovering, creating and taking risks; in other words, by playing”. Anna Ephgrave, ‘Year One in Action’.

You may have noticed the beginnings of our exciting Year 1 outdoor learning space.



Children have been utilizing this well with great problem-solving, creativity and collaborative learning taking place.



Stagecoach Dulwich is delighted to start a performing arts school at St John and St Clements on Thursday afternoons starting next week on 13th Sept. Students can enjoy 3 hours of singing, dancing and acting leading to many opportunities such as performances, exams, Lamda and most importantly building their confidence. (90 minute option available for younger children)

Classes for 4-6 years old will take place 4.30-6pm

The early stages class will be for a 2 week trial £25. There are 7 spaces left in that class at the moment. Parents are welcome to come and meet us, have a cup of tea and ask any questions about the class, and we will also take them along to see a little of what they do in class. 4-6 years

Classes for 7-16 years old will take place 4.30-7.30 pm

We have a **free discovery day next week on 13th September** where from 6-7.45pm we will run shorter classes of 20 minutes of drama, singing and dance where you can meet the teachers, watch some classes and sign up.

Please book a place on the discovery day so we know to expect you. Email dulwich@stagecoach.co.uk

Any student who signs up to a full term from St John's & St Clement's School will receive a free Stagecoach uniform t-shirt.



NEW MUM DANCE CLASS

Mum-Dance is the 1980's Dance Class phenomenon that's sweeping across the UK and now we are coming to your school! At Mum-Dance there's no hard work, just brilliantly fun and effective dance routines to all your best 1980's songs such as Chaka, Whitney, Salt n Pepa and Wham and this terms special routine is FAME!! Mum-Dance gives you results on your separated abs, pelvic floor function and overall muscle tone with our combination of moving pilates, dance, aerobic workout and simple ballet. Be a part of the Mum-Dance Massive, the fast growing community of Mum-Dancers all doing the iconic Mum-Dance routines of Fame, Dirty Dancing, Wuthering Heights, Club Tropicana and Flashdance all in your local school. Come to Mum-Dance in your baggies and before you know it you will be in your leotard and legwarmers!! Come to Mum-Dance, be in Fame all over again, Come to Mum-Dance and get YOU back! Classes start w/c 10th September, to find all the details and book your classes go to www.mum-dance.co.uk and find out all about us on Facebook too.

Mum-Dance will be holding classes at St John's & St Clement's on Tuesday's at 7.30 p.m. Visit their website to book.