



St. John's and St. Clement's

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is wonderful to write to you at the end of the year and reflect on the year we have shared together.

During the last week of the school year, we have enjoyed the Year 5 and 6 performances of Peter Pan, which had rave reviews. It was a brilliant production and so positive to see so many of you there. We enjoyed the Year 5 Samba Concert on Goose Green and the children met their new teachers and spent time talking about what the new school year would bring.



Mixed into the excitement of the end of term, it is with sadness that some staff move on. This year we are saying goodbye to Mrs Plant who is leaving teaching to pursue other interests; Miss Gaut who is returning to Australia; Ms Sinclair who is continuing her career in another school; Ms Bafour who has taught 5M for the summer term; Amy Bridge who is going to spend more time with her family; Marion Wright, who is retiring having worked at the school for over 43 years; and Coral Harris, who is leaving to pursue an alternative career. They have all been wonderful, valued members of our staff and we thank them for all they have done. We shall miss them dearly. In September we will be welcoming five new teachers, Miss Rebecca Cosby, Miss Daina-Kay Arnold, Miss Louise Berry, Miss Sarah Paintsil and Miss Rebecca O'Donnell. We also welcome new support staff to our team, Jessica Thompson, Rocksane Whiting and Monique Haase.

Thank you for all of your support this year, it has been a time of change for the school and it is wonderful to see the pupils, staff, parents, church community grow closer as a result. Enjoy the summer holidays and I look forward to seeing you refreshed in September.

Joseph Bell, Anna Harding and Alli Crank

Diary Dates



Wednesday 6th September

Start of the summer term

Thursday 28th September

Class Photos

Friday 3rd November

Y5 leave for Wick Court

2017/18 NEW CLASS NAMES

For the next academic year, class names are to be linked to artists. Each class will be learning about their artists and creating some artist inspired work.

Values

Thank you for all of your input on our school values. It has been lovely discussing these with so many groups. We are looking forward to launching these in September.

Governor Newsletters

This year the governors have produced a number of newsletters letting you know about different aspects of the school and of their work. These have now been uploaded to the School website, please take a look.

**Oh the places you'll go,
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So ...get on your way!**

--Dr. Seuss

LONDON THROUGH THE AGES – Summer 2 update July 2017

We have enjoyed a wonderful half term filled with brilliant learning opportunities. The whole school enjoyed sports days and children have attended sports festivals such as: 4D visited the Olympic Stadium to watch the World Para Athletics Championships, 5M visited Crystal Palace Sports Centre's Fan Fest, 6F took part in a cricket festival and our cricket, netball and Year 2 football teams all competed against other schools. We enjoyed a fabulous International Evening which was dominated by performances from our wonderful children and by external community groups. Our PTFA ran very well attended discos for children in Year 1 to Year 6. This term we have focussed on online safety, growing up lessons and drugs education as well as working on a project in PSHE on friendship. All year groups have worked on transition and spent time in their new classrooms and met their new teachers and support staff for next year. Thank you for the generous donations to our collections for victims of the Grenfell fire. We raised £ 339.81!



In **Reception**, the children thoroughly enjoyed a visit to Godstone Farm to complete last term's work on animals. This term's topic was called "**Under and over the Sea**" and the children have learned about sea creatures (writing fact files, making jelly fish) and focussed on pirates (writing messages in bottles and making treasure chests). They spent a day in the woods as part of their forest school learning. They performed to their parents in their second class assembly of the year. Individually and in groups they have spent time in Year 1 as part of their transition from Early Years to Key Stage 1. The term ended with a fun water themed afternoon!



This half term **Year1** have been reading "Iggy Peck Architect". The children were able to meet the author of the book, Andrea Beaty and hear all about what it is like to be an author. They learned about a variety of London landmarks and were able to see many of them on a very exciting trip on the London Eye. They created information leaflets full of interesting facts and pictures! They also wrote their own imaginative stories about Paddington Bear going on a London adventure. The children have been doing lots of work on friendship and have made friendship bracelets for each other and created posters about how they can be a good friend. In RE they have been learning about Hinduism and what it is like to live as a Hindu.



This half term, **Year 2's** topic has been **A Walk in London**. They have learnt about London Landmarks and the events of The Great Fire of London; they did wonderful writing about both. They went to St James Park to see the Changing of the Guard and Buckingham Palace; they even saw Princess Anne! In Maths this half term they did lots of problem solving. In RE they learned about Christian Promises – baptism and marriage and in computing they have practiced being safe on the internet. They have enjoyed learning about friendship and 2G performed a fantastic class assembly. PE has been great this half term as they have been learning to play rounders. They celebrated a wonderful year of learning in Year 2 with a fantastic day at Botany Bay Beach!



Year 3 have been learning all about the **Romans** and how they became such a strong empire. They used their geography skills to produce maps that showed how the empire grew. They learned that the Romans have influenced our lives today. They visited Lullingstone Villa to see how the Romans lived in Roman Britain. The BFG has been a wonderful story to read that has stimulated some great writing. It has a nod towards London when Sophie and the BFG visited the Queen. Fantastic, fun writing opportunities have taken place and brilliant drama too! As part of their learning about Sikhism, they visited our local Gurdwara.



For the topic '**Keep Calm and Carry on!**' **Year 4** started the term by going back in time to 1940's London. They experienced what school was like in a 1940's classroom, the way children learned lessons and were taught and how the Second World War affected the lives of children in Britain. They played games from that time and ate food from that era. They researched the Blitz and the measures that were taken to keep people safe. The children then wrote stories about a child evacuated from the Blitz, which they published in computing using Microsoft Word.



This half term **Year 5** travelled back in time to learn about different periods in history like the Titanic and the Stone Age. They went to the Museum of London to find out what it was like in the Stone Age. In music, they have been learning to play Samba drums and went to the Tower of London to perform in the Water City Music Festival. In art, they have created cave paintings using charcoal and chalk as well as painting watercolours of London landmarks. This half term they have been reading 'Kaspar' by Michael Morpurgo and written persuasive brochures for the Titanic, a formal letter from the main character, a character description and a diary entry about going to the Royal Opera House with a character from the story. In addition, they wrote a newspaper all about the general election in computing. In science they have investigated solutions and solubility.



Year 6 have had an action-packed term. They have been working tirelessly to stage the musical extravaganza, *Peter Pan*, which was a huge success. With lines to learn, songs to practise, costumes and props to create as well as programmes and posters to design, Year 6 have certainly been kept busy. In R.E., they have been studying Islam and learning about the importance of prayer, Islamic art and religious stories. The preparations for the transition to secondary school has focused on healthy living, personal safety and responsibilities. Year Six visited The Guardian newspaper offices, where they worked together to create a front page. They also visited the Houses of Parliament and staged their own election, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Of course, a real highlight of the term was a trip to Chessington World of Adventures, where a fun and thrilling time was had by all.



Thank you for all your support with our learning this year: for helping children with their homework, accompanying us on trips, allowing children to bring in interesting bits and pieces from home. We look forward to hearing about all the learning that takes place over the summer; all the places they visit and the new things they have seen and done. #learningneverstops .

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