



St John's and St Clement's

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Friday 21st October 2016



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been such a busy half term and it already feels like I have been here for a lot longer than 7 weeks. It was great to see so many of you at parents' evening and to hear so many positive comments about your children's learning. A few parents have asked about how to help children with their maths; I am going to put our calculation policy on our website so you can find out how to help your children. You may have noticed the newly cleared foyer; we are going to be working on a mosaic in the new year to really welcome everybody to the school. We are also looking at all of our shared areas to try to showcase as much of the children's work as possible.

Have a safe and enjoyable half term.

Joseph Bell

Parent's Coffee Mornings



Next half term we are going to begin coffee mornings for parents. It will be a chance to have a cup of coffee or tea, meet other parents and to have a chat with Mr Bell and other members of the school team.

Prayer Group

On Monday 7th November from 9am-10am, we will be holding our first prayer group of the school year. All parents are welcome, it will be chance to enjoy some tea and biscuits and join us in prayers for the school and the community.

Curriculum Newsletter

Each half term we have a school theme – this term it has been "One moment in time." Please find attached a newsletter celebrating some of the work the children have done.

Diary Dates

Saturday 22nd October – Sunday 30th October

School closed for half term

Tuesday 1st November

Reception and Y6 Height and Weight

Thursday 3rd November

9-9.30 Parents' coffee morning

Friday 4th November

Power of One Anti Bullying Show

Monday 7th November

9am-10am Parents' Prayer Group – all welcome

Tuesday 15th November

Yr5 and Yr6 Holy Communion

Friday 18th November

Children in Need

Monday 21st – Friday 25th November

Year 6 Trip to PGL Marchant's Hill

Thursday 24th November

Reception 2017 open morning for prospective parents

Tuesday 29th November

9.05am Yr6 PGL Marchant's Hill Collective Worship for Y6 parents.

Wednesday 30th November

Flu Vaccinations for Yrs 1, 2 and 3

Consent forms sent home **today**. Please be aware that we need all parents to complete and return the form even if you choose not to give consent for your child to receive the vaccine. Please contact Diane / Clare in the school office for any further clarification. Please do read the form carefully so that you tick the correct boxes!

Tuesday 20th December

Yr 5 and Yr6 Carol Service

Wednesday 21st December

End of term service

Last day of term

Wednesday 4th January

School opens for the Spring Term



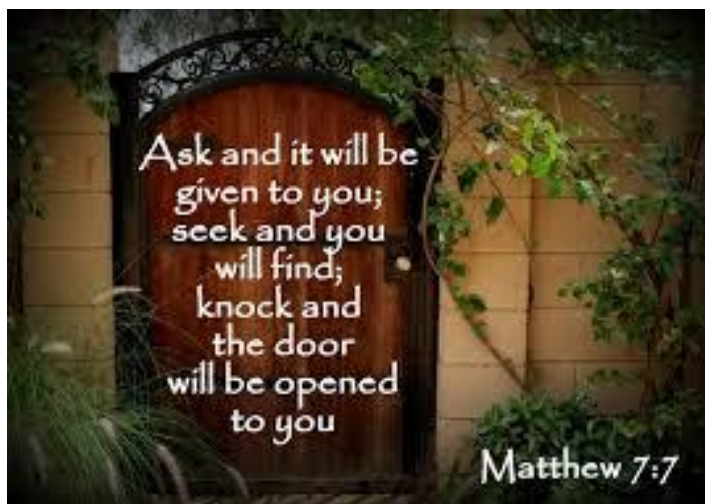
School Council

On Thursday we had the first meeting of the school council. We elected all of the key roles and discussed what each member wanted to achieve this year.

The school council class representatives are:

- 6P – Maeve – Council Secretary
Joshua – Vice Chair Person
- 6F - Zianne – Chair Person
Ethan – Treasurer
- 5M – Jasmine and Mack
- 5K – Joseph and Ruby
- 5S - Lottie and Melvin
- 4C - Max and Sophie
- 4D - Stanley and Isobel
- 3E - Alicia and Jonny
- 3V – Noelya, Silvio

The council decided that this year we will raise money for Children in Need by everyone dressing up with spots – we will give more information nearer the time.



St John's Church Christmas Fayre



It's that time of year again! The nights are drawing in and our thoughts turn to forthcoming festivities...

This year the St. John's Christmas Fayre will be Saturday 26th November, 12-3pm. Children's grotto, activities, raffle, bottle tombola, mince pies and mulled wine, and much more!

Please contact Libby Coates regarding any donations or offers of help: libby.coates1@btinternet.com. All cakes, produce, and other donations welcome. Please support the church and come along on the day!

Attendance for last week

Class	Attendance
Rainbow	98.3%
Star	95.3%
1I	96.7%
1S	91.9%
2G	98.9%
2M	98.7%
3E	96.0%
3V	95.3%
4D	99.3%
4C	99.4%
5M	97.9%
5K	97.9%
5S	97.9%
6F	97.3%
6P	98.5%

Congratulations to 4C who achieved 99.4% attendance this week. It is important that children are in school. If your child is ill, please telephone the school office to let them know the reason.



every day counts
ATTEND TODAY -
ACHIEVE TOMORROW!



YELLOW ZIGZAG LINES PARKING

Please may I remind parents NOT TO STOP ON THE YELLOW ZIGZAGS FOR ANY REASON. The lines are there to keep our children safe – please do not put our children and other parents at risk.

HOUSE COLOURED T-SHIRTS

The House Coloured T-Shirts are a compulsory part of the school uniform.

Prices & Sizes:

£3.75 = 5/6yrs, 7/8yrs, 9/10yrs, 11/13yrs

£4.50 = Small or Medium (these sizes are larger than the 11/13yrs size).

We do have some second-hand house coloured T-Shirts available, free of charge. They are in good condition but limited in sizes and colours – please ask Diane or Clare in the school office.

LOST PROPERTY

We have had huge numbers of jumpers and coats left around the playground and school building over the past weeks. Most of these are unnamed! Please could you check the boxes now located inside the school office reception area.



PARENTPAY – 2ND PAYER

Would you like to add a second payer to your child's ParentPay account? A second payer would have their own username and password. The second payer will have full access to the ParentPay account but not access to the first payer's card details or be able to see any of the payments made by the first payer. To set up a second payer just send a name and e-mail address to Diane. (NB: We can only take instructions for this from the first payer)

diane.bowen@sjsc.southwark.sch.uk

Class Photos

Have you ordered your school photos online yet? Children were sent home with their class proof photos this week. If you prefer to pay with cash/cheque please send your order to school office by **Tuesday 1st November**.

Outstanding Payments

We still have some outstanding club and music lessons payments – if this applies to you please would you visit the ParentPay website today. Also please do contact the school office before the end of today if you are unable to clear your balance(s) today, (Friday 21st October 2016).

As has been mentioned previously the cost of staffing and resources for clubs is unsustainable for the school budget without the contribution of parents paying the requested club / music fee.

If you have difficulty paying the club fees charged or are receiving benefits, please contact Mr Bell directly. E-mail: headteacher@sjsc.southwark.sch.uk

PTFA AGM

Tuesday 1st November 2016

8PM – 9PM

NEW COMMITTEE NEEDED!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR: New Chair, Secretary and Communications/Email Officer and Christmas Fair Co-ordinator!

After two years as Chair, I will be standing down at this year's AGM. Also standing down after several years of volunteering are the PTFA Communications Officer and the Secretary who has now become a school Governor.

It has been an enormous privilege and great fun, due to the support and help provided by a dedicated group of parents, the teachers and staff of St John's and St Clement's.

Many of us involved in the PTFA have a child in year 6 and our time as parents at the school is coming to an end. The activities we deliver are an important part of school life and we need new volunteers to get involved and gain experience to ensure these continue in some form or another.

We have raised approximately £13,000 each year for the past three years. Half of this amount (£6k) goes on funding a range of discreet subsidies to the school; educational trips for every class, additional books, Christmas presents for our looked after children, sports coaching and the annual leavers plaque.

An additional £6/7,000 is then spent on different priorities for that year. These priorities are decided jointly between the PTFA and the school leadership team. The PTFA have been keen to target spending to support the school improvement plan as well as the indoor and outdoor facilities at the school.

The main fund raising events are as follows:

- Christmas Fair – inc Craft Stalls, Food and Drink and Tinsel Ticket
- Parent Quiz Night – buffet and bar
- Sponsored Run and Bounce – bouncy castle, water and ice-pops
- Summer Fair – inc Sponsorship, Food and Drink and Golden Ticket

The PTFA also delivers the following social events for pupils.

- Reception Coffee Morning
- International Evening
- Christingle Oranges and Candles
- Winter and Summer school discos for KS2 pupils
- KS1 film night
- Pre-loved uniform sales
- Cake and ice-cream sales

Class Reps

The PTFA also co-ordinates the Class Rep structure via the email and communications role.

Nominations for any of the formal PTFA committee roles can be made via email before the meeting or on the night. If you would like any more information about the formal committee roles please do contact me via email Catherine.Rose71@gmail.com.

Help This Term – Christmas Fair

Other key roles are the identifying of lead volunteers for the main fund raising events listed above. This term fund raising effort centres on preparations for the Christmas Fair. The provisional date for a Christmas Fair, open to the public, is Saturday December 16th.

If a lead co-ordinator and a team of volunteers are not found then a smaller, pupil only, Christmas School Fair could be held on Friday 15th December, using Class Reps to co-ordinate stalls.

We would very much like to have a pool of volunteers who can commit to helping, set up, deliver and clear up the fair.

This year we would also like to deliver an event that has some focus on the children that remain at the Calais Refugee Camp and have some collection of items that are needed by supporting local charities.

Ideally an International Evening would also be held in November, this would require a bar to be provided by the PTFA and help to set out the food tables. This event could be moved to the Spring/ Summer and be held outside.

The PTFA Committee 2017

If the formal committee roles are not filled then the PTFA will become dormant/ suspended until such a time as volunteers do come forward.

The PTFA currently has £6,000 banked. This amount will just about cover the annual subsidies paid to the school as listed above, but it would not allow for spending on some of the priorities identified last year via the parent survey. If during the year, parent volunteers wish to co-ordinate and deliver any of the fundraising events or alternative fundraising ideas then they can contact Mr Bell to discuss it further.

Volunteers for other events/ fundraising activities.

I will provide a full set of guidance notes and key contacts with our food and drink suppliers and previous supporting local businesses for anyone wishing to join the committee and or deliver a fundraising event, during this school year.

The PTFA is a vital part of school life and supports the school's continued success. The more parents that volunteer for each event, the easier the task will be for the committee.

Please do consider becoming part of the PTFA Committee or taking an active in role in one of the fundraising events listed above.

PTFA AGM

Tuesday 1st November 2016

8PM – 9PM

Agenda

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Minutes and Apologies**
- 3. Chair's Report**
- 4. Head's Report**
- 5. Treasurer's Statement**
- 6. Official Business – Election of following committee posts:**
 - Chair**
 - Secretary**
 - Treasurer**
 - Communications**
 - Sponsorship**
- 7. Class Reps and Event Leads**
- 8. AOB**