St. John's and St. Clement's



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



Autumn Term 2019 – Newsletter 10

This Week's News...

First of all, thank you to all who have shared their best wishes and prayers for Diane, we have passed on your thoughts. Diane was unfortunately taken seriously ill and needed urgent surgery. While still very unwell she is now recovering in hospital and our prayers are with her.

Christmas is fast approaching, and this evening the festive season is launched with the SJSC Christmas Fair, we look forward to seeing many of you there. A big thank you to everyone who helped organise the event, it is a huge undertaking and not only brings Christmas cheer, but also funds for the school, which this year can be used towards the school library along with many other projects.

Today Plastic Free Peckham led collective worship for us and shared their mission and how each of us can help.

On Sunday we all get to open the first door of our Advent Calendar as the countdown to Christmas has truly begun. We are launching a make your own decoration event to bring joy to the school environment- see details below.

Best wishes.

Mr Bell and Miss Crank

PTFA Christmas Fair – Friday 29th November

At 3.30 today, we are really looking forward to the PTFA Christmas fair which is going to be a fantastic event. The team have been working incredibly hard, please do come along at 3.30 p.m. – the playground will remain open, for you to wait in. Please remember, you will still need to collect your child as usual. Any Y5/Y6 children who can walk home alone and can attend the fair, can bring money in, in a named wallet and handed to class teacher at the start of the day.



Diary Dates

Monday 2nd December

Year 6 Trip to the Chocolate Factory Year 2 Van Gogh trip to the Wildlife Centre Year 4 Advent Art Project with St John's Church

Tues 3rd December

Flu vaccinations for children

Thursday 5th December

Year 2 Kusama trip to the Wildlife Centre

Friday 6th December

9.10am Year 6 PGL assembly for parents

Friday 6th December

9:30 – 12 Parent volunteers to build the library

Monday 9th December

Year 4 visit to Tate Britain

Thursday 12th December

Handmade Decorations to come into school 6pm Key Stage 2 Carol Service – all welcome

Friday 13th December

9.10 SJSC Prayer group – all welcome Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 17th December

Reception visit to London Zoo 2pm Y1/2 Nativity Performance for Parents

Wednesday 18th December

9.10am Parent Café - Developing the understanding of language at home by our Hearing Impairment specialist Speech and Language Therapist Sarah – all parents welcome

2pm Y1/2 Nativity Performance for Parents

Thursday 19th December

2pm Reception Nativity Performance for Parents

Friday 20th December

9.30am End of term service at St John the Evangelist – all welcome Last day of term

SJSC's Handmade Christmas

We have such wonderfully creative children here at SJSC, and what better way to express this than making your own Christmas decorations!

SJSC's Handmade Christmas event is asking children to make a Christmas decoration of their choice at home. Feel free to create whatever you like with the theme 'Christmas as SJSC!'

Entries to be brought into school by **Thursday 12th December** to celebrate our efforts in collective worship and then decorate the school with them ready for Christmas dinner and jumper day on Friday.



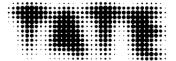
Start of the day

It is important that all children are in school and ready to learn on time. The school day begins at **8.55**, so please ensure your child is in the playground **BEFORE 8.55** so they can enjoy a calm start to their learning.

The school doors open at **8.45** to allow the children to go to their classrooms and begin their day.

Please support us in making every minute count by all children being in the classrooms by **8.55**.

Year 3 (now Year 4) at the Tate Britain



We are famous and on display at the Tate Britain as part of Steve McQueen's

exhibition "Year 3: Your Photograph." The exhibition is open to the public and our photo can be found in Section 18. The Tate have requested that this information is not shared on social media as they do not want schools to be individually identified by the general public, so please share carefully and enjoy!

Christmas events

We love Christmas at SJSC and there are so many events over the next few weeks where you are invited to share with us including:

Tuesday 12th December – 6pm Key Stage 2 Carol Concert in St John's Church

Friday 20th December – 9.30am End of term service at St John's Church

Messages from the Office Team

At this time of year there are lots of trips and requests. Please can you help us by responding quickly by email on ParentMail so the trips can go ahead smoothly.

If there is a change to who is collecting your child, please let us know by 2pm so we can notify the class teacher.

Plastic Free Peckham



Thank you to Giles who visited today to talk about the impact single use plastics are having on the oceans and sea life. The children were inspired to reduce, reuse and recycle.

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Parents' prayer group

Every term we hold a prayer group for parents. Our next group is on Friday 13th December at 9.10am. Everyone Is welcome to come and join in. There is always tea, coffee and cake and it is a time to meet other parents, to chat and to pray. Please feel free to bring a prayer, or to just listen to others.

Learning in Year 5





Y5's first thoughts on gravity: What is gravity? What is mass? What do you know? What do you think? What would happen if we didn't have gravity?

Over the next few weeks the children will explore, inquire and develop their scientific understanding - future Einsteins!

Library update

We are nearly there! The next step is flat packingeveryone's favourite stress busting activity!

We would love your help to build the shelving for our library. If you can spare anytime on **Friday 6th December** 9:30-12am please contact Miss Crank.

