

St. John's and St. Clement's



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



Spring Term 2020 – Newsletter 4

This Week's News...

January has flown by and there has been such fantastic learning happening all over the school this past month.

This week, Year 3 visited The Natural History Museum, Khalo class gave a great assembly, Year 2 became grammar surgeons, Monet class conducted scientific investigations around the question '*Does the distance from a light source affect the size of the shadow?*', and much more.



We also welcomed Richard Hunter, from the Local Authority, as a visitor on Monday. Richard really enjoyed his day and commented on the wonderful children here, inviting feeling and delightful staff- and we have to agree! There were so many great points he made about the learning he saw that the whole school community should be proud of.

Have a good weekend,
Mr Bell and Miss Crank

Our Stars of the Week

Each week, every class chooses two children to be stars of the week, it can be linked to one of our values, learning or simply for being a star!



Khalo Class Assembly

Thank you Khalo class for a wonderful assembly to KS1 and parents. We found out about all the learning you have covered so far this half term around your book 'Beegu'.

It was also great to see the work and thinking you have been doing around our values of resilience, kindness and community.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 5th February

CSI Workshop for Year 5 and Year 6

Friday 7th February

9am Parents' Prayer Group
NSPCC Number Day

Tuesday 11th February

Parent Café by Pascale Mather our educational psychologist on Helping children to regulate their emotions

Thursday 13th February

2pm Y5 Tempest performance for parents

Saturday 15th February – Sunday 23rd February

School Closed for Half Term

Friday 28th February

Y1 Trip to the Natural History Museum

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th March

Parents' Evening

Tuesday 17th March

School Photographs

Wednesday 18th March

Voice in a Million at Wembley Arena

Wednesday 1st April

Walker Class - Pete Letanka Jazz Project

Thursday 2nd April

9.30am End of Term Service at St John's Church – all welcome

Friday 3rd April

Last day of term

Friday 8th May

Bank holiday – school closed

Keeping safe online

There are many activities and games that children can enjoy online. While supporting this it is also important we work to teach our children how to be safe. Roblox has an E10+ rating, meaning children need to be at least 10 years old to play. Below is a link to a useful LGFL guide for parents:

<https://lgfl.planetestream.com/View.aspx?id=3466~4t~UYINjBBH&code=zH~fKHROShMAlIzXM7kLezzicvolKowewxAokSEV6E6VHWfCgjkafwL&ax=6M~D0boNhGJMfR>



Number Day

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in their Number Day on **Friday 7th February**.

Children are invited to **dress up** as a famous mathematician or become their favourite number, operation or anything else maths related.

To help raise money for the NSPCC we are asking for a **suggested donation of £2**. We are looking forward to all the maths related fun on Number Day.

Year 3 visit the Natural History Museum

To immerse deeper into their learning on rocks and fossils, Year 3 visited the Natural History Museum.

They were particularly excited to have found Mary Anning's fossil!



Fun in the shed area

Ever wondered how the children use the shed area at lunch time?

There are opportunities to play cooperative games, develop team skills and resilience, use your imagination or just chill out on a beanbag.



This week children have been working together to build and sculpt using various materials, as well as play giant Jenga!

Football Team Update

Well done, once again, to our football team who won their match on Saturday.

Coach Nathan is especially proud of the way the children are developing their skills and working together as a team.

It's important to be on time

Having a calm start to the day supports **wellbeing** and **readiness for learning**.

- Classroom doors open at **8.45**. This is when children are welcomed, carry out warm up tasks and preparation for the day.
- **The school day starts at 8.55am**.. If children are in the playground at 8.55 they are already late.
- Please help your child be in the playground for 8.45 and be on time for their learning.

Half Term Holiday Camp

This half term Magna, our extended school provider are running a holiday camp at the school. Please see the flier or their website for details.

<https://www.magnagroups.com>



Office News

On Friday we said goodbye to Clare Bloxidge who is taking up a new role in the city. We want to take this opportunity to say thank you to Clare on behalf of the whole school and best wishes for the future.

Also, Diane is continuing to make a good recovery and we are keeping her in our thoughts and prayers.

PTFA News

We hope everyone has had a good start to 2020! Now the days are getting longer and blossom on the playground trees is in glorious bloom, we're back and excited about putting on enjoyable events to support our school community and raise money at the same time.

Looking back, thanks to your sterling fundraising efforts, we've been able to continue to subsidise school trips and contribute to the transformation of the school library which our children have told us looks 'really good!' We are committed to being transparent about how money raised is spent so don't hesitate to get in touch if you want more information.

Looking ahead:

- We have confirmed the date of this year's ever popular **Quiz** on **13th March** (look out for further details in the coming weeks),
- We are planning another **Cake Sale** soon (a favourite with our children of course),
- We hope to pull together a **May Fair** if we can get enough parent support (in particular we are looking for one or more people to be Events Coordinators - a 'job spec' will be circulated by your class reps).
- We are also still looking for people to sign up to the **100 Club** (email michelletoll19@gmail.com for further information).
- We hope you can join us at **Aneto's** on **Friday 7th February** from **9am** for a meet up over tea or coffee and perhaps a slice of their delicious banana bread (not a fundraising event but all important social and sharing ideas).

Bye for now and hope to see you next Friday!

Your PTFA

Class Assemblies

We will be presenting a series of class assemblies to share our love of learning and achievements, and would like to invite family members and carers to join us. Whilst some of these assemblies are a long way off, I wanted to give you as much notice as possible. The assemblies will take place on the dates below at 9.15am after drop off in the hall.

Date	Class	Date	Class
Friday 7th February	Gormley Class	Friday 12th June	Walker Class
Friday 13th March	Stowasser Class	Friday 19th June	Kandinsky Class
Friday 20th March	Van Gogh Class	Friday 26th June	Stik Class
Friday 27th March	Kusama Class	Friday 3rd July	Monet
Friday 3rd April	Lichtenstein Class	Friday 10th July	O'Keefe Class

** Year 6 will perform a show in the summer term