

St. John's and St. Clement's



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



Autumn Term 2019 – Newsletter 8

This Week's News...

We have had another great week here at SJSC, including odd socks to celebrate our differences, spots to raise money for Children in Need, and class photographs.

This week has been National Anti-Bullying Week. Children have been encouraged to pass on positivity by writing 'cheer cards' for others to say what is great about them, anti-bullying posters have been appearing around school (thank you Ted and Zawvi), and we all made an anti-bullying pledge after watching the Power of One show.

Please see our Twitter feed to see some of the everyday fantastic learning that happens. This week's Twitter shows the most wonderful picture of one of our reception children's constructions- such focus, determination, learning, and creativity captured in one photo! There is also a sneak peak into the year 4 project on Shackleton and the critical thinking and reasoning that is intrinsic to the learning.

Best wishes,

Mr Bell and Miss Crank

Reporting Your Child's Absence from School

If your child is ill please let us know. There are three easy ways parents can use to notify us:

1. **Studybugs.** You are welcome to download the app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child is ill / unable to attend school. [Get the Studybugs app now](#)
2. **ParentMail,** You can report your child's absence using the ParentMail app or report your child's absence via the ParentMail website. [PARENTMAIL](#)
3. Alternatively, please call the school office:
Telephone: **020 7525 9210** and select option 1 to report your child's absence.

Application for Leave During Term Time

If you need to apply for your child to have leave from school please complete and return the form (link below) at least **two weeks** before the proposed leave. [Leave During Term Time](#)

Diary Dates

Mon 18th to Fri 22nd November - PGL
Year 6 PGL School Journey

19th November @ 9:10 – Parent Cafe
Building Resilience by Educational Psychologist Pascale Mather.

Friday 22nd November
9:10am Y5 Farm Assembly – parents welcome

Friday 29th November
3.30pm SJSC PTFA Christmas Fair – save the date!
Year 1 visit to The Science Museum

Tues 3rd December
Flu vaccinations for children in Reception to Y6

Friday 6th December
9.10am Year 6 PGL assembly for parents

Mon 9th December
Year 4 visit to Tate Britain

Thursday 12th December
6pm Key Stage 2 Carol Service

Friday 13th December
Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 17th December
Reception visit to London Zoo

Wednesday 18th December
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.
Last day of term

Tuesday 7th January
Term begins

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!

Last Friday...

This week ...



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.



This week is national trustee week and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our governors for all the work they do in supporting the school and giving up their own time in the service of others.

Our wellbeing curriculum

Well-being and mental health are important to us at SJSC and are key elements of our work.

Here are some of the things we already do- core values, worry boxes in every class, stars of the week, visitors such as the NCPCC, the Anti-Bullying Power of one show and many others, we have a Mental Health First Aider, an Early Help Manager and have fortnightly support from an Educational Psychologist which shapes some of our work. Children also take on responsibilities, for example junior play leaders, library ambassadors, school councillors etc.

This year we have introduced a well-being curriculum, which covers themes that will support the children to develop their sense of self and be empowered to express themselves.

Here is an example from Year One:

Year Overview		
Autumn		
TEAM AND THINK POSITIVE! Community, Resilience	Emotional vocabulary and mood meter/class check in	
Spring and Summer Term		
Empathy Community and Kindness	Self-care	Aiming High Aspiration, Resilience and Creativity

The well-being lessons follow a structure which allows the children to connect with each other and the staff and to practice, discuss, and reflect upon the theme.

Pascale's parent café – This coming Tuesday (**19th November at 9:10**) Pascale Mather, our Educational Psychologist, will be running a Building Resilience Parent Café. Pascale will share her knowledge and expertise in this area and provide hints and tips.

Attendance

It is very important that children attend school every day. This week, well done to **STIK** class.

Year	Artist	Attendance
R	O'Keefe	97.4%
R	Stik	99.2%
1	Kahlo	94.4%
1	Stowasser	95.0%
2	Van Gogh	98.2%
2	Kusama	94.5%
3	Kandinsky	88.4%
3	Gormley	94.8%
4	Monet	95.6%
4	Smit	96.6%
5	Lichtenstein	94.8%
5	Walker	96.4%
6	Shonibare	92.2%
6	Banksy	93.7%

Library Update

English literacy is at the heart of our learning and essential to every area of the curriculum. It is through literacy that key concepts are formed and we are able to make sense of the world and our place in it. Developing the love of reading is key to this and so we have been working to develop a fantastic Library Hub in school.

So far:

- We have built up our selection of books with a huge thank you to parents for donations.
- A group of parents generously gave time to clear out the room creating a blank space!

What next:

- The painting and carpeting will be finished over the next 2 weeks.
- The PTFA are kindly donating funds towards new furniture and furnishings.
- The children's library ambassador group are finalising designs for how they want the space to look and will be ordering the fixtures and fittings.
- The children's book ambassador group are conducting research to then buy more inspiring and new books to fill the shelves with.

The Library Hub grand opening:

Your child will be able to use this space to enjoy relaxing with a good book, to take part in events that encourage the love of books, to work in groups to support their learning.

How can you get involved?

- You can continue to make donations towards buying books via Parent Mail
- If you enjoy 'Flat packing' - you can come and join the parent team to build the shelving on Friday 6th December 9:00-12:00.

Thank you to all who have sent useful links to cheaper book websites and deals, contributed, given ideas, and much more.