

SJSC WEEKLY

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Happy Friday!

It has been another great week of inspiring learning around the school. **Year 5** have been engaging in extraordinary discussions when learning about World War 2 using The Diary of Anne Frank, and **Year 3** have written exciting versions of the story 'Leon and the Place Between'.

We hosted our first virtual parent tour for prospective parents. At the moment we are unable to welcome families into the building, so we are hosting virtual events over the next few weeks. If you know of families in the community who are looking to find out more about our wonderful school please do direct them to our [website](#) to watch our video and book onto a virtual tour.

Have a great weekend
Joseph Bell and Alli Crank

Playground Garden...

Children have been busy at the woodwork bench at playtimes helping to make an insect hotel which will be submitted into the Don Hanson Charitable Foundation competition. Wish them luck!



You may have noticed the children's willow weaving on the gate. A group of children recycled the offcuts from the recent pruning of the willow dome, stripped them back and used them to create a natural screen. Great ingenuity!



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SJSC Diary

November

23.11 Flu Vaccinations

December

7.12 Flu Vaccination catch up

11.12 Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

14.12 Panto week

18.12 end of half term

January

5.1.21 Start of new term for children



Anti-bullying week...

The whole school have spent time focussing on the theme 'United Against Bullying'.

We kick-started the week celebrating how great it is that we are all different by wearing odd socks.

Andy and the Odd Socks, of CBeebies fame, taught us the official song in collective worship. Classes talked about individuality, acceptance and tolerance.

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Stars of the week

Stars are celebrated because they have demonstrated the school values, or gone above and beyond. Well done to all our stars this week ...

Year One



Year Two



Year Three



Year Four



Year Five



Year Six



The whole of year 6!

Year 6 have been busy uploading fantastic learning from home. Well done everyone!



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Maths in Year One...

This week year one have been investigating the link between addition and multiplication. Children used objects to support their understanding of mathematical concepts. Using buttons, mini toys, or cubes turns abstract concepts into concrete ones leading to a deeper understanding. They have been doubling numbers and exploring how their addition skills help to double...



Setting the foundations for multiplication they worked on counting equal groups of objects.



They learned that multiplication is repeated addition, and used this to find the total amount.



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Vehicle idling action

We know that pollution created by idling vehicles disproportionately affects children. Not only are many schools daily hot-spots for vehicle idling but young people have [greater exposure](#) to harmful pollutants as they take [twice as many breaths per minute](#) (compared to adults) and breathe closer to exhaust pipes.

[Developing lungs need healthy air to grow](#). That is why we are appealing to our school community to walk, scoot and cycle to and from school, and if you must come in a vehicle - park safely and responsibly. If you are waiting for your child, please [switch off](#) your engine.

Thank you for your support.

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Reception Autumn Walk...

Reception children loved their first trip out of school! Armed with clipboards, welly boots and an Autumn Nature Hunt tick-list they ventured over to Goose Green to spot as many signs of Autumn as possible. The children did some outdoor maths, enjoyed kicking leaves, and rounded off their morning with collaborative games.



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PTFA Update...

Personalised Christmas Cards/Gifts

Closing date this weekend! The Elves say 'Sorry no late orders'. Final reminder emails/texts coming out Saturday. Order by this Sunday (22nd Nov) via Xmas4schools online portal. Contact sjscptfa@gmail.com for help.

Tinsel Ticket Raffle IS LIVE!

You have hopefully received the email from us about our amazing online raffle (check junk mail if you haven't or email sjscptfa@gmail.com)! Your chance to not only win some fantastic prizes but also to support our school and your children. This is our main fundraising activity this year as we sadly can't have our annual Christmas fair so please be generous and buy your tickets here - <https://raffall.com/StJohnsStClementsPTFA>

The full catalogue of prizes is also attached as well as a poster to share with friends / family or put up in your window / communal area! Please help spread the word and Good Luck!

Christmas Trees

Thank you for all your orders! Watch out for an email next week with your time slot for pick up on Sunday 6th Dec.

Instagram & Facebook

The PTFA is now on Instagram! Follow us here - <https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsandstclementsptfa/> and don't forget to engage with our Facebook page too - <https://www.facebook.com/SJSCPTFA>

Coming soon....

For more festive fun watch out for a Christmassy competition for the children - to be announced next week!

Thank you for all your support!

COVID 19 ...

What happens if there is a positive case at the school?

When we receive a confirmation of a positive test we work with Public Health to risk assess and take the appropriate next steps. This response may be slightly different each time depending on the close contact risk assessment.

When there is a positive case reported amongst the children or staff, the whole school will receive a letter either:

- Letting you know that your child has been identified as a 'contact' and must self-isolate
- OR general information reminding you of the steps to stay safe, in which case there will be no further action to take.

If your child must self-isolate then you will be sent a communication which will guide you through home learning.

Key reminders

Please help us by ensuring you are following the procedures for pick up and drop off. Help us by:

- Arriving at the designated drop off and collection time. In the mornings each year group have 5 minutes to enter through the gates
- Standing 2 metres away from any other families or staff
- Keeping all children with you at all times and staying on the designated routes
- No scooting or cycling on the school playground
- No playing on school equipment
- Leaving quickly to allow access for other parents