

SJSC WEEKLY

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Year 1 'eggsperts'!



Year 1 are reading 'The Odd Egg' and exploring the idea that differences should be celebrated. In English, they looked at different types of eggs to broaden their range of adjectives when describing them. But beware... they even found some dinosaur eggs!

Allotment project... This week **year 2** were asked to be the project directors for a school allotment. Miss Crank had heard that they had been learning about the best conditions to grow plants in science, and mapping in geography, and gave them the design brief of designing and creating a mini allotment on the school grounds.



Today they taste-tested some of their produce from their growing investigations.

Watch this space to see how their ideas and scientific knowledge develop into a veggie patch!

SJSC Diary

September

15.10 at 9:15 Rec phonics workshop

October

Black History Month

23.10 end of half term

31.10 Deadline for Year 6 secondary school transfer

November

2.11 INSET for staff only

3.11 Start of new term for children

World Mental Health Day

Saturday 10th October is **World Mental Health Day**. In school we teach a healthy approach to wellbeing throughout our curriculum. We carefully choose high quality texts such as *The Heart in the Bottle* recently studied in year 3, where children explore the idea of fear and hope and developed a range of vocabulary to be able to express these. This is alongside additional weekly PSHCE sessions which supports their personal development.

The NHS [Every Mind Matters](#) webpage has expert advice and practical tips on mental health and wellbeing.

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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 of our stars this week ...

Year One



Year Two



Year Three



Year Four



Year Five



Year Six



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Dotty art ...

Inspired by Herve Tullet's 'Press Here' **reception's** Stik and O'Keeffe classes having been getting creative with dots.



Community Action... Parking and Air Quality

Please work with us to keep our community safe and help improve air quality by:

- walking, cycling, or scooting to school. If you need to drive, please park and stride.
- not idling, parking across our neighbours drives, parking on yellow lines or the zig zags
- queueing in a straight line against the boundary wall to avoid blocking pavements

You can support traffic reduction / pavement widening / road closures by contacting your local councillor and or by signing the [petition](#).



COVID Secure ...

We continue to ask for your support to keep the school as COVID secure as possible so that we can keep bubbles being taught in school.

- Drop off and pick up at the allocated time – we will remain precise on these timings.
- Remember to socially distance and to keep your children with you.
- Do not loiter on the playground as we need to keep bubbles separate.
- Do not come into the office unless prearranged, including late children pick up/drop off.

If you would like to speak with the class teacher please email the office to arrange.

Thank you all for your support.

Y6 Secondary School Transfer

A reminder that secondary school applications must be submitted by **31st October**. Southwark Council have asked that parents do not leave submission until the last minute and try to submit earlier. This is because it gives Southwark's admissions team the opportunity to contact families should there be any issues with the application.

If you would like support with your application please get in touch with Amanda Marston before Friday 16th October.

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