

SJSC WEEKLY

Autumn term Issue 1: 10th September 2021



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Dear Parents.

Welcome back to a new school year.

It has been a wonderful week, welcoming all of the children to the school and introducing our new reception children to their new classes.

This half term our theme is community and this week has really shown what a wonderful community we have and how thankful we are to be able to be together again.

This week we have been delighted to open our new reception outdoor learning environment for the first time, thank you for all of the positive comments we have received. We know this will really add to the provision for our early years.

We have also been renovating our Reception and Year One toilets, they are now modern and continue our natural theme throughout the ground floor. Our next building project is some improvements to our outdoor toilets; to make them brighter and lighter.

Next week we are holding our 'Meet the teacher' events, you will have received a letter about how to join the meeting, we look forward to seeing lots of you there.

The start of the year is always a busy time, particularly for parents in year 6 who will be busy looking at secondary schools. If you are in year 6 or even in year 5, now is a good time to start getting to know the schools around the area and attending open days if possible (and if they are available). Here is a [link](#) with all of the key dates and information. If you need any help with this or have any questions please contact Mr Ptohides via the school office.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Alli Crank and Joseph Bell

SJSC Diary

September

13th Sept – Meet the teacher Y1

15th Sept – Meet the teacher Y3

16th Sept – Meet the teacher Y2

20th Sept – Meet the teacher Y4

22nd Sept – Meet the teacher Y5

23rd Sept – Meet the teacher Y6

October

22nd Oct – Staff Training Day

23-31st Oct – Half Term

November

1st -5th Nov - Year6 PGL

9th Nov – School Photos

December

17th Dec – Last day of Autumn Term

4th Jan – School closed – Jubilee Extra Bank Holiday

5th Jan- Staff Training Day

6th Jan- – First day of the Spring Term

Learning this week...



Reception children have had a wonderfully exciting start to their school lives. A huge highlight for all of them was using our very impressive, newly designed outdoor learning environment for the first time. All children fully immersed themselves with every child investigating and exploring in the garden area, role playing imaginatively in the mud-kitchen, experimenting in the water and sand areas, building and creating with block play and being physically active navigating their way across the new apparatus. A jolly good time was had by all!

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In **Year 1**, literacy, we read the poem 'Help' by Jack Prelutsky, in which various aliens are described. We then learnt parts of the poem and used actions to perform it in our classes.

In maths, we have been learning about ordinal numbers by having races. We had lots of fun using toy cars and deciding which one came first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth!



Year 2 arrived into the classroom on Monday to discover several mysterious footprints and a large boot. Upon further investigation, we found a short story called 'Jim and the Beanstalk' had been left and we began reading it. We then made predictions about what Jim may find at the top of the beanstalk. Some of us predicted that he would find a trap door and an old wooden bridge, others thought he may find a castle and a mammoth giant. We are all so excited to find out what Jim gets up to above the clouds.



When **Year 3** arrived in their classes on Monday, they found some huge footprints...we had a mysterious visitor. In maths we worked out how big it was and in literacy we described the mysterious giant using our imagination.



What a wonderful first week in **year 4!** On top of creating our class community environments, we have been busy exploring the mysterious world of the varmints in English, getting stuck into new books from the book corner and deepening our understanding of place value in maths.

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It's been a wonderful start to the year for **Year 5**. This week, we have been discussing how to be brilliant learners and critical thinkers. As class communities, we created our class charters to remind us of how we want to learn. Here's us signing it!

In our first week in year 5, we have been exploring our class artist, Lichtenstein. These are some of our onomatopoeia words. He uses primary colours and a black outline to make the words 'POP!' We also explored an art technique called Ben – day dots that Lichtenstein used. We will have wonderful art pieces to share with you all.



This week in **Year 6**, we have been learning about our amazing class artists: Banksy and Shonibare.

We have been exploring all of their amazing contributions to popular culture in the UK. Shonibare class have been leaning about their artist's inspiring backstory about overcoming adversity while Banksy class have been putting on their detective hats to try and reveal his true identity.

We ended the week by creating our own original artworks inspired by our class artists

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Plant Fundraiser

We are currently fundraising to fill our classrooms with air-purifying plants. Any contribution would be warmly welcomed to help make our spaces greener and our air cleaner. **Donations can be made in parentmail / shop.**



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Drop off and Pick up

A gentle reminder – parking and idling on the school zig-zag's is not permitted. We encourage all our families to walk, scoot or cycle to and from school. It is wonderful to see our scooter rack filled each morning – as many children have the same scooter, we suggest you label your child's scooter with their name and make it easy to identify.

Once children have been dropped off and collected, we kindly ask you to move away from the school gates, as it is causing congestion and forcing others to walk in the road. The pavement is quite narrow at these points. Thank you for your co-operation.



Take a look at St John's East Dulwich [parish magazine](#).



Reminder to discuss our Year 6 PGL residential trip with your year 6 child this weekend. We need to finalise numbers on **Wednesday 15 September**. The form can be found in ParentMail (forms) and the deposit can be paid in ParentMail (shop). We are very excited that we are able to offer residential trips again. If you have any concerns with regard to the trip, please do not hesitate to contact us on the office email address.

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 ...

