



St Jude's Church of England Primary School
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A Message from the Acting Headteacher



Welcome to a new year at St Jude's!

We have absolutely loved welcoming the children back this week and it has been wonderful to see them settling into their new classrooms. The staff are really impressed with the enthusiasm, resilience and positivity that the children have shown and we are looking forward to a fun-filled term. We particularly enjoyed our first celebration assembly today, altogether, back in the school hall. Well done to all our certificate winners this week—you can see their achievements further on in this newsletter.

I want to say thank you for supporting with our daily routines and for making sure the children have everything they need. Just a gentle reminder to ensure that the children each have their own water bottle (which is labelled clearly with their name). Their school uniform and any other belongings also need to be clearly labelled to avoid confusion and upset.

You will have now received a letter from your child's teacher and a topic web. These documents give you lots of information about life in each classroom this half term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask our team.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Miss Douch

Covid communication update

Guidance regarding positive COVID-19 cases was updated in August 2021. Below is a summary of the actions we will take to keep our school community safe:

- If your child has a positive test result, please notify the school by emailing the school COVID-19 communications email: covidcommunication@stjudeslambeth.org
- Please state the dates and timings of the tests taken, and when any symptoms began.
- If your child tested positive with a rapid test (one that gives the result within about 20 minutes), they will need to take a confirmatory PCR test (you can book this through www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by phoning 119)
- The email will be checked daily and at 7.00pm on a Sunday evening, so that the school receives the information soon enough to inform parents if there is further action to be taken.
- Families must also notify NHS Test and Trace if their child tests positive for COVID-19. NHS Test and Trace will identify close contacts.
- The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:
 - ⇒ a new continuous cough
 - ⇒ a high temperature
 - ⇒ a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)
- If you, or your child, have any of the symptoms above, even if the symptoms are mild or only last a short time, they must stay at home and arrange to have a PCR test.
- If your child is presenting any of the symptoms above whilst in school, we will contact you and ask that you collect your child as soon as possible. We will then ask you to arrange for a PCR test for your child. Please notify the school as soon as possible when you receive the result of the test.
- If someone in your household has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not be required to self-isolate if you are fully vaccinated (have had both jabs and it is more than 2 weeks since the second jab) or aged under 18 years and 6 months. Instead you will be advised by NHS Test and Trace to take a PCR test (please note: individuals SHOULD NOT take a PCR test if they have tested positive within the last 90 days, unless they have new symptoms themselves. NHS Test and Trace will advise on what to do in this scenario).
- Children in St Jude's who live in the same household as someone who has tested positive are still required to come into school, unless they start presenting symptoms.
- Additional protective measures will be taken as a school if a threshold is met in relation to positive COVID-19 cases. We will update you immediately if these additional protective measures need to be taken.

If you have any questions, please do contact the school office.



Important Dates

Autumn term dates

School opens: Monday 6th September

School closes: Friday 22nd October

Half term: Monday 25th October—Friday 29th October

School opens: Monday 1st November

School closes: Friday 17th December at 1.30pm



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PE Update

As from Monday 13th September, children will come into school in their PE kits on the days they have PE and stay in it for the whole day (with exception to Reception class who will change into their uniform). This is to maximise learning time and ensure they can get straight into their lesson.

It is essential that children wear the correct PE uniform:

- white logo t-shirt
- navy blue logo sweat shirt
- navy blue shorts
- navy blue tracksuit
- plimsolls/trainers



If you need to purchase additional uniform, visit the School Uniform Direct website for more details:

www.schooluniformdirect.co.uk

The days for each year groups' PE are as follows:

Reception: Monday

Year 1: Monday and Tuesday

Year 2: Monday and Wednesday

Year 3: Wednesday and Thursday

Year 4: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5: Wednesday and Friday

Year 6: Tuesday and Friday

Friday Stars !



Class 2

Class Two's Friday Star is Joe. Joe has settled into Year 2 well and has shown great enthusiasm for our Great Fire of London topic! Well done Joe.



Class 4

Class Four's Friday Star is Carter. Carter has shown real motivation in his learning and I have been so impressed with his resilience in each lesson. What a great start to year 4 Carter!

Class 6



Class Six's Friday Star is Jaiye. Jaiye has had a brilliant start to the year, showing dedication in his learning and enthusiasm in all of our lessons. Well done for a fantastic first week back!

Class 1

Class One's Friday Star is Nathan! Nathan has made an incredible start to life in Year One and looked after his friend on the playground yesterday. Well done Nathan!



Class 3

Class Three's Friday Star is Hector. He has made a brilliant start to Year Three and has shown a positive attitude to literacy and has done some brilliant writing! Well done Hector!



Class 5

Class Five's Friday Star is Jailen. Jailen has had a fantastic start to the year. His contributions in maths have been amazing and he has been focussed and motivated. Keep up the great work Jailen!



Dojo Winners

With 240 points, the winners are...



Year 6!

You got most of your Dojos this week for being prepared and really focused in your learning. What a great start to the school year!

Saints and Workers of the Week



Each week, the staff nominate children to be our Saints and Workers of the Week.

Saints of the Week are children who have worked really hard to live out our Christian school values:

- We work well together
- We are prepared and helpful
- We are resilient
- We are there for one another
- We celebrate each others' success

Workers of the Week are children who have shown huge effort and progress in their learning.

This week we are celebrating:

Saint of the Week

Sonny, Year 5

For being kind and helping others with their math's learning this week.

Great work Sonny!



Worker of the Week

Shakara, Year 6

For your energy and enthusiasm in all of her lessons—Miss Mcleish is so impressed with your effort in your learning.

Great work Shakara!



Message from the PTA

New chickens & fresh eggs



St Jude's has 3 new hens! Please take a moment to come and meet them in their new home, the chicken coup, located in the nature garden. They love any fruit and vegetable scraps you might have at home, so do remember to bring this in for them.

Also, if you would like some fresh eggs, please take a look in the storage box near the coup and help yourself. The chickens are currently around 21 weeks old and have just started laying!. We ask for a small donation (about £1 per 6 eggs as a suggestion) that will help pay for their feed.

During term time, a class year is rostered each week to visit the chickens daily to top up their food and water, and collect their eggs. We also have a team of parent volunteers who kindly attend to the chickens during weekends and holidays, to ensure they are fed and watered, but also to give them a run around the nature garden if desired (and time permits).

We would love to recruit some new volunteers to the team. The duties are very straightforward and easy – yet very fulfilling too. Training will be given. So if you're interested, please be in touch with either Sian (Luka yr 4) ph: 07803964533 or Rosabel (Arabella yr 5) ph: 07940563065.

Inclusion

Ms Fender is our SENDCO who is supporting St Jude's whilst Miss Scott is away on maternity leave.

She helps families with speech and language development, learning needs and emotional wellbeing.

Ms Fender is very happy to answer questions or provide any information and advice.

Parents are welcome to make an appointment on a Monday or Friday.



Before and After school clubs

KG Doodles are now providing before and after school clubs for every year group in our school.

For more information, please use the details below:

Contact us: 01173322811 / 07542527358

Email us: info@kgdoodles.co.uk