



St Jude's Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that there is only one week left of this half-term. It really has flown by. I am also pleased to inform you that I will be continuing my role at St Jude's until July. Thank you all for making me so welcome over the past few months and I look forward to completing this academic year with you all.

We are enormously proud of the hard work our children have put in over the past few weeks and we are seeing excellent progress from them all. In the next half-term we will be launching our new phonics scheme in Reception and Key Stage One and we are excited to see the impact this will have.

Our local MP, Helen Hayes, has written to me this week with the following message:

As you may know, I have been working closely with Prof Akash Deep and paediatricians from King's College Hospital on promoting awareness of sepsis to local families. Sepsis is a deadly condition, which is treatable if it is diagnosed in time, but can be hard to diagnose.

Cases of sepsis amongst young people are continuing to rise and I know that paediatricians are concerned that the early symptoms in children are easily mistaken for Covid-19. Prof Deep has asked me to share a link to a video setting out the common symptoms of sepsis which parents and carers should look out for and when to seek medical help. The video can be found here: <https://www.wevideo.com/view/2374999530>

Prof Deep's team is able to offer live briefings for parents by Zoom, including the opportunity to ask questions. I believe this could be a valuable opportunity for families with children at your school.

Updated information re. Covid measures is now added to the back of this Newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Dunford-Crozier



Back in Time!

Year 4 have travelled back in time this week to the Stone Age!

They came to school dressed up in Stone Age outfits and immersed themselves in the life of Stone Age people by completing tasks and activities that reflect how Stone Age people would have lived. Here are some of the activities they took part in:

- ⇒ making stone age berry puddings
- ⇒ acting out different aspects of stone age life using the story *Stone Age Bone Age*
- ⇒ made their own stone age paint and painting tools
- ⇒ created cave paintings



Author Visits

This week Year 5 and Year 6 had a workshop with the author Cath Howe. They had a great time listening to Cath explain where she got ideas for stories from.



Year 4 had a visit from the poet and writer Andrew Weale. He got the children thinking imaginatively by asking them to come up with ideas for what a chair can be used for. Here are some ideas we came up with:

- a house
- a slide
- an earring
- a hat

He also performed some of his own poems such as 'The Doggy Poem'. The children then had the opportunity to use different poetic devices such as analogy and rhyme to create their own poems.



Thank you to the PTA for funding these events; the children had such a wonderful time.

What have Year 5 been up to?

This week year 5 have been using collage to create a Caribbean scene in our art lessons. We have been learning about artist Marjolein Scott who lives and works in the Bahamas and captures scenes of Caribbean life.

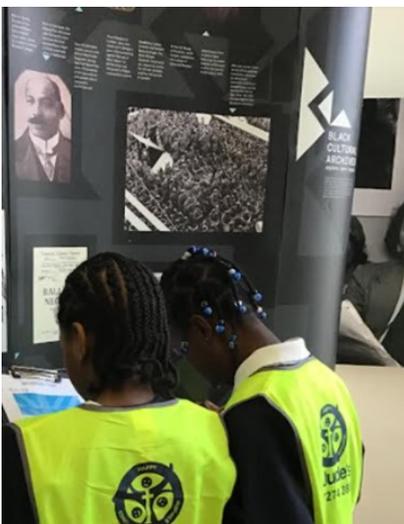
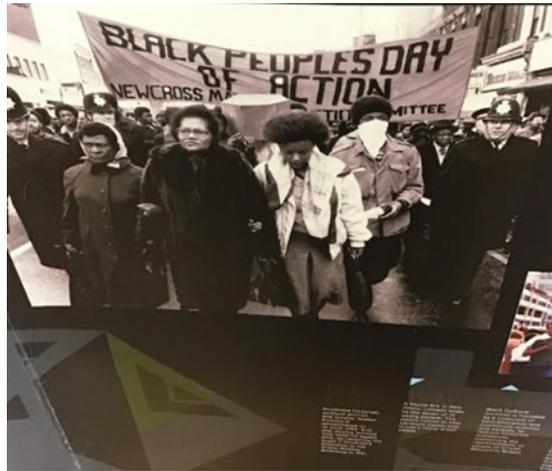


In RE we have been learning about Hinduism. We learned about the Hindu festival of Raksha Bandhan (a festival which celebrates relationships, friends and siblings). We learned about how Hindus make or buy Rakshas – bracelets – which they tie around one another's wrists to show appreciation. We made our own!



What have Year 5 been up to?

As part of our unit of work on the Caribbean, we have been learning about the Empire Windrush and the Windrush generation. We went on a school trip to the Black Cultural Archives in Windrush Square, Brixton. We learned about why people came to live in Britain and what their lives were like when they got here.



Friday Stars !

Reception

Reception's Friday Star is Bay. This week Bay has blown us away with her reading and writing. She created her own alien and labelled it using the sounds we have learnt so far and confidently read her phonics book. What a star!



Class 1

Class Three's Friday Star is Jordan! He has been doing some amazing work and focused on his learning.



Class 2

Class Two's Friday Star is Herbie! Herbie has worked so hard on his maths work this week and we are so proud of him.



Class 3

Class Three's Friday Star is Lochie! Lochie has been really consistently working extremely hard in and out of the classroom. He has returned to school eager and enthusiastic and has had a brilliant week! Great job Lochie, keep up the fantastic work!



Class 4

Class Four's Friday Star is Charlie. Charlie has been really kind and supportive to his friends in and out of class this week, as well as working really hard and making great contributions during lessons. Well done Charlie!



Class 5

Class Five's Friday Star is A'zaira. A'zaira has been incredibly mature and responsible this week and has come up with some well thought through and insightful comments during whole class discussions. She listened and participated respectfully on our trip and had the confidence to answer questions. Great work A'zaira!



Class 6

Class Six Friday Star is Stella! Stella showed brilliant scientific enquiry skills during our investigation about which type of finch beak was best adapted to which type of food. Miss McLeish was very impressed by your questioning insight, well done Stella!



Dojo Winners

With 278 points, the winners are...

Year 3

You got most of your Dojos this week for active listening and being 'have-a-go' heroes! Great job!



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

Saint of the Week

Oscar, Year 5

For being there for someone and checking on them when they were feeling sad. Thank you for living out our school values brilliantly!



Worker of the Week

James, Year 1

For trying really hard with his handwriting all week and taking pride in his work. Great work!



Important Dates



FOR YOUR DIARY

Children's Mental Health Week: 7th February—11th February

Year 3 Trip to Museum of London: Friday 4th March

British Science Week: 14th - 18th March 2022

Trips to Brockwell Greenhouses Reception - Year 3

Monday 14th March

Reception - Nature Explorers

Year 1 - Parts of a Plant

Wednesday 16th March

Year 2 - Plant Lifecycles

Year 3 - Edible Garden

Trips to St. Martins in the Field for Science Workshops

Wednesday 16th March — Year 5 and 6

Richard Atkins Science Explosion (Cluster event)

Thursday 17th March—Year 4

Home Learning

We were very impressed with Anna (Year 5) this week and her project that she created at home. She decided to make a 3D fact file about the Caribbean, after learning about it in their topic this half term.

She created a flag and a lift-the-flap fact for each country! We think it is fantastic!



Message from the PTA

PTA Spring Term Meeting and AGM

The PTA will be holding their Spring meeting and AGM on Friday 4th March at 9am in the main hall. We'll be giving a rundown of recent events, the funds raised and what the money has been spent on.

The PTA is a wonderful way to get to know the parents and to have Your say! You can raise concerns, suggest ideas and vote on how funds are spent.

Claire Collins is stepping down as Secretary this year. If there is anything you would like to know about this role, or any of the other roles, please ask any of the current committee members: Anoushka Roberts—Chair (Agnes Reception, Hamish Y4, Jimmy Y6) Sarah Wallace—Treasurer (Arthur Y4, Dora Y1) and Claire—Secretary (Theo Y4, Evelyn Y5).

We hope as many of you as possible will be able to come along to our AGM.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday 4th March!

Last call for T-towels

For those who missed out on doing a Tea Towel order before Christmas we have reopened the online orders.

The final call for orders this term is Monday 21st February.

Please place an order via the following link:

<https://st-judes-pta.sumup.link/products>



Covid communication update



We have recently reviewed our practices again in light of the new guidance and updated them as outlined below:

- * In classes with a higher proportion of positive cases, we may need to use a bubble system to keep them separate from other classes where possible.
- * Any pupil or member of staff who tests positive on a PCR test must isolate. Isolation can end on day 6 if there are negative LFD tests on days 5 and 6. Please see the DfE diagram below for further information.
- * Close contacts of confirmed cases – pupils do not need to isolate; any pupil over 5 years will be asked to take LFD tests daily for 7 days. Staff who are double vaccinated will not need to isolate and will take LFD tests daily for 7 days.
- * Potential staff shortages – we may need to use support staff more flexibly under the guidance of the teacher (DfE requirement); we may need to combine classes e.g. in the hall if we experience staff shortages. Classes may need to close and go back to online learning for a period of time if there are not enough staff to safely maintain operations.
- * If there is a need to close classes, the following children will be prioritised for in-school learning: children who have social workers; children who have an EHCP; any child deemed vulnerable by the school; any child with past social services involvement; children with challenging home circumstances; children of critical workers.
- * Collective Worship to be class-based up until the February half term holiday.
- * The timings of the school day will be as normal, with Breakfast and After School Clubs continuing to run.
- * Masks to be worn by all adults in school in communal areas, unless exempt.
- * All PE lessons will happen outside where possible.
- * Staff in school will complete lateral flow testing at least 2 times a week.
- * All adults leading or volunteering on trips must do a lateral flow test on the morning of the trip.
- * Thorough hygiene measures will continue with regularly cleaning of classrooms and communal areas. Children will wash their hands regularly throughout the day.

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

