



St Jude's Church of England Primary School



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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone is looking forward to, and will manage, a rest over half-term.

When we return to school on 21st February, we will be continuing to have a focus on attendance and punctuality. We have noticed that a number of children are arriving consistently after 9 o'clock; this is really detrimental to their learning as lessons begin promptly and quite often crucial Reading lessons are missed. We have started issuing letters today.

This week we had our School Improvement Advisor from Lambeth in for a day. He was enormously impressed with the children's behaviour and learning and the continued dedication of the staff team.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Dunford-Crozier



Children's Mental Health Week

This week St. Jude's took part in Children's Mental Health Week. Classes took part in daily mindfulness sessions, a special wellbeing activity and were introduced to their Mental Health Ambassadors.

Here is Reception getting into the swing of their mindfulness session.



KS1 BrightSparks Concert

This week the Year 1 and Year 2 children went to the Royal Festival Hall to take part in the Bright Sparks concert. The London Philharmonic Orchestra's BrightSparks programme offers inspiring live concert experiences for school audiences.

The children participated in a storytelling adventure with **Sir Scallywag and the Golden Underpants**, based on the book by Giles Andreae and Korky Paul, with music by Paul Rissmann.

There were fun songs to learn, plenty of audience interaction and other orchestral treats along the way!



London **Philharmonic** Orchestra

What have Year 1 been up to?

Year 1 have had a fantastic week!

Year 1 went with Year 2 to the Southbank Centre and sang along with the London Philharmonic Orchestra in a special performance of Sir Scallywag and the Golden Underpants!



We have been learning lots about dinosaurs this half term and even have a 'beach' to go and find fossils just like Mary Anning!



What have Year 1 been up to?

In maths we have started learning about using our place value knowledge to count up to 50 and represent it in different ways. Here we are using dienes!



In R.E Year 1 have been learning about Buddhism this half term. We listened to the story of Siddhartha and the Swan and made our own feathers full of kind words.



Clever Never Goes



St Jude's will be running a new child safety initiative called 'Clever Never Goes' during the week beginning 21st February.

The 'Clever Never Goes' programme has been developed to replace the out-dated 'stranger danger' approach. Research shows that teaching children simply to avoid strangers fails to keep them safe. Strangers are often more likely to help a child than to harm them. Conversely, it can often be people known to children that pose the greatest threat.

'Clever Never Goes' moves the focus away from strangers and instead teaches children to recognise when someone (whether they are known to the child or not) is trying to persuade them to go with them. The programme is designed to be fun and positive, whilst at the same time delivering a serious message and giving children practical safety skills and confidence to engage with the outside world.

In addition to the school's sessions, **you too can help your child to understand the Clever Never Goes message.** You can download (free of charge) a Clever Never Goes home pack at the website www.clevernevergoes.org/parents. The home pack contains some great ideas for how to approach this topic with your children as well as games and activities. On the website, you can also see a series of cartoon sketches which are a good way of reinforcing the Clever Never Goes message and checking that your child has understood the key Clever Never Goes message. Please do make use of these resources.

If you have any further questions about the programme please feel free to contact the school office.

Friday Stars !

Reception

Reception's Friday Star is Mya. Mya has been exploring maths in her choosing time this week. She created her very own Numberblocks and ordered them, adding one more each time. She also became an expert at our number track game - subitising the dice roll and moving her counter that many times. Well done Mya!



Class 1

Class Three's Friday Star is Ruby! Ruby has been extremely resilient in her learning this week and always has a big smile on her face when taking on a challenge! Well done Ruby!



Class 2

Class Two's Friday Star is Markayla! Markayla has worked so hard on her writing this week. She has concentrated so hard on her spellings and handwriting. Well done Markayla, we are so proud of you!



Class 3

Class Three's Friday Star is Salem! Salem has been doing some brilliant work in Maths this week; Miss Heron was incredibly impressed with you. Amazing job Salem, keep it up!



Class 4

Class Four's Friday Star is Marium! She has been working really hard all week and has been very helpful in class. Well done Marium!



Class 5

Class Five's Friday Star is Daniel. This week Daniel has gone out of his way to help others. He has been incredibly kind. He has also showed our St Jude's value 'working well with others' in class. Keep up the great work Daniel!



Class 6

Class Six Friday Star is Bernise. Bernise has shown fantastic motivation during maths this week as we learnt how to convert between fractions and decimals. I am so impressed with your hard work in our maths learning, well done!



Dojo Winners

With 264 points, the winners are...

Year 2

You got most of your Dojos this week for being 'have-a-go' heroes and being prepared! 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

Luka, Year 4

For being so kind and caring to another child in his class. He was especially caring when a friend was sad coming into school. Thank you for being such a great friend!



Worker of the Week

Frankie, Year 6

For our brilliant effort in your maths lessons on fractions. Miss Douch was really pleased to see all of your hard work in your book!



Royal Academy Art Competition



St Jude's have registered to take part in The Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show.

Now in its fourth year, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4 - 19 in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of passionate artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Students are invited to take part and to bring their artwork in to school for a special St Jude's exhibition. All the information can be found on the letter sent home this week and on your child's Google Classroom.

We can't wait to see what you create!

New Phonics Resources

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds revised

Next half term we will begin teaching phonics using a government accredited systematic synthetic phonics programme. This will be the Little Wandle Letters and sounds revised. Phonics will still be taught in a very similar way. The biggest difference will be the resources that your children will use. Children will familiarise themselves with new flash cards and wall posters from the programme. We have also invested in a set of brand new Big Cat books by Collins. The books that your children have currently been using, will need to be returned and audited.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Khan via the school email address.

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



Important Dates



Children return to school: Monday 21st February

Year 5 swimming lessons: starting next half term (more information to follow)

Clever Never Goes focus in whole school: week commencing 21st February

World Book Day: Thursday 3rd March (more information to follow)

PTA Meeting in the school hall: Friday 4th March

Year 6 Mark and the Marked Workshop: Monday 7th 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

Parents' Evening

Monday 21st March and Wednesday 23rd March (more information to follow)

The Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show Exhibition in school hall: Friday 25th March, 3.30pm onwards

Last day of term: Friday 1st April. Children leave at 1.30pm.

Change to PE Days — Reception and Year 5

Next half term, there will be a change to PE days in Year 5 and Reception.

Year 5: Mondays and Wednesdays (children should come into school in their PE kit)

Reception: Fridays (children should come in their PE kit and bring their school uniform to change into after their lesson)



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.

