



# St Jude's Church of England Primary School



Artsmark  
Gold Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



@stjudeslambeth

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely break with your children over half-term.

You will be aware that the government have removed legal isolation restrictions for positive Covid-19 cases. The DfE have given schools the authority to continue with the measures regarding isolation that they have had in place up to this point. As a school, we will continue with our measures as outlined in the back of this newsletter for the time being.

You will be aware that Ms Scott has been on maternity leave for the past few months. Ms Scott has decided not to return to St Jude's in order to spend more time with her family. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all her hard work and service to our community. Ms Fender will be carrying on in her SENDCo role for us at school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Dunford-Crozier

## Congratulations St Jude's!



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We are delighted to announce that St Jude's has been awarded the Artsmark Gold Award!

This award is a celebration of our commitment to the arts and cultural education for our children.

The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings, accredited by Arts Council England.

Well done to all the staff at St Jude's for your continued hard work and dedication to our children's education. Thank you and well done to Miss Valuks, our Art and Design Technology Lead, who has showcased all of the wonderful things we do as a school perfectly!

## What have Year 4 been up to?

We have started reading the text 'There's a Viking in Bed' and discussed the qualities of three of the characters. We then used this to act out the first scene and performed this interaction to our class. This helped us to understand direct speech, we then used inverted commas to punctuate our speech.



In PSHE we have been exploring how we can stay safe wherever we are by thinking about the tag line 'Clever Never Goes!'

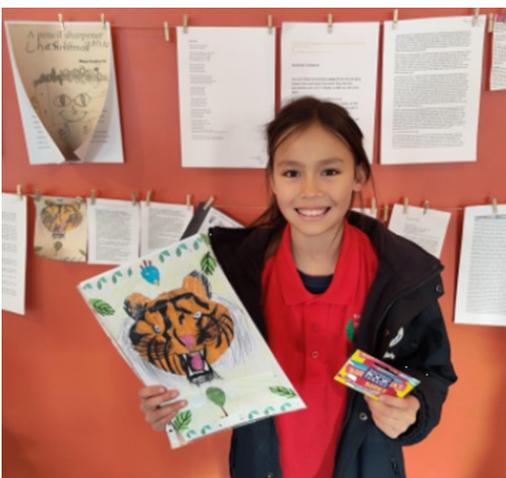


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In music we used xylophones and glockenspiels to play the pentatonic scales. We then used the scale to come up with our own rhythm.



We are also incredibly impressed with Leila, who entered the Herne Hill Literary Festival, and won 3<sup>rd</sup> place for her story, 'The Day They Fought Back'. Well done Leila you should feel very proud of yourself, we most certainly are!



Also, a special well done to Leila's brother, Owen, who was one of 7 shortlisted for his age group for his story, 'Thorny Devil School'.



# World Book Day—Thursday 3rd March

The time has come to find your favourite book, embody your favourite character and dress up, because St Jude's is celebrating all things books.

The theme for World Book Day this year is 'You are a reader'. We are looking forward to spending the day having carousel style activities where the children will move around the school, working with different teachers and exploring that different types of readers like reading different materials. During each session, the children will be immersed in a fun and exciting form of reading.

If the weather permits, we will have a costume parade at 9:00am starting in the KS1 playground and moving through to the KS2 playground. Parents and carers are welcome to stay in the playground to watch the parade. Please ensure you are socially distanced in the playground and where possible wear a mask.

Here are some of the events that will be happening to promote a love for reading in our school and as an extension to celebrating World Book Day:

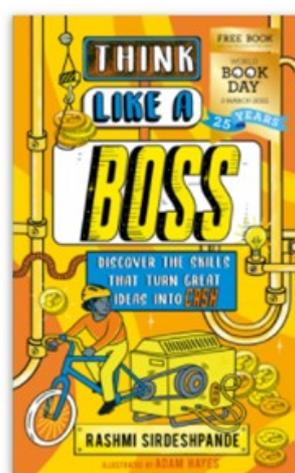
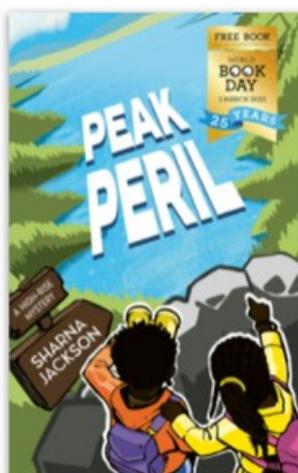
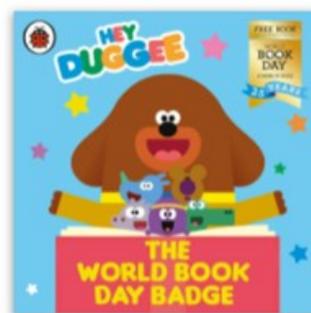
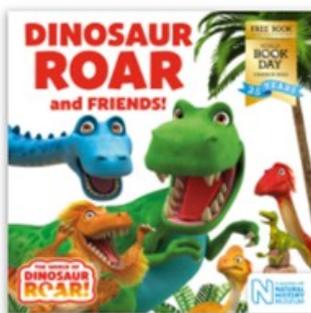
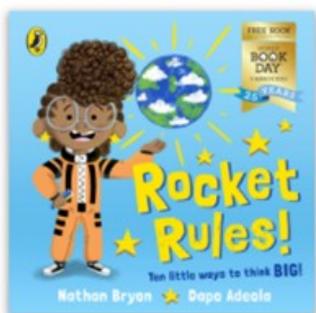
## Author visits:

- ⇒ Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February Author visit (Momoko Abe - Avocado asks ) **Year 1 and Year 2**  
*An order form for the book has been given to your child today in their book bag if you would like to order the book from Tales on Moon Lane.*
- ⇒ Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Author visit (Annabelle Sami – Llama out loud and Agent Zaiba investigates ) **Year 3 and Year 4**

## Drama and storytelling workshop:

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Bigfoot Story time 'Africa my Story' (Years 3 – 6)**

We will be handing out £1 book vouchers to each child; here is a selection of some of the books that can be purchased using your voucher:



# Friday Stars !

## Reception

Reception's Friday Star is Raewyn. Raewyn has produced some AMAZING independent writing this week. Our favourite piece was a lunch time register, listing all the children and their favourite food. Well done Raewyn!



## Class 1

Class Three's Friday Star is Leo! Leo has had a fantastic first week back after half term and has really been focussing on his handwriting in English. He has used the 'un' prefix in sentences and is doing a great job with his finger spaces! Well done Leo!



## Class 2

Class Two's Friday Star is Basma! Basma has made a super effort in her learning this week. Basma is always a role model for others and is consistently a have a go hero! Well done Basma we are so proud of you.



## Class 3

Class Three's Friday Star is Peter! Peter has made a fantastic effort in Maths this week and Miss Baffour and Miss Heron have been really impressed with his learning and answers as some of the topics have been quite challenging. Great job Peter, keep it up!



## Class 4

Class Four's Friday Star is Adwoa. Adwoa has shown so much motivation in her learning by always asking questions and trying to find out more information. I love how inquisitive you are Adwoa, keep this up!



## Class 5

Class Five's Friday Star is Natan. He has been working incredibly hard in his maths lessons this week. He has used fantastic mathematical language to solve problems. He has been working well with others, sharing ideas and helping them. Keep up the great work Natan!



## Class 6

Class Six Friday Star is Elias. Elias wrote a fantastic setting description based on our class book 'My Name is Not Refugee'. He captured the feel of the setting for the reader using a brilliant range of writing skills. Well done Elias!



## Dojo Winners

With 290 points, the winners are...

Year 3

You got most of your Dojos this week for being 'have-a-go' heroes and working well in your partners! Well done!



## 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

**Mya, Reception**

**For being really helpful towards your friends. Thank you!**



### Worker of the Week

**Logan, Year 3**

**For your great attitude towards your learning and trying hard in your writing.**



# Spring Term Parents' Evening

Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!

## Important Information about Parents' Evening

You should have now received an email and text message inviting you to book a parents' evening appointment via our online portal.

Appointments are on **Monday 21st March and Wednesday 23rd March** and will last ten minutes.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions or issues regarding this.

We are really pleased that this term our Parents' Evenings can take place face-to-face. These parent-teacher meetings are an opportunity for the teacher to discuss your child's achievements so far this year and their targets for the following term. At St Jude's we believe that every aspect of a child's development is important, so your child's teacher will speak about their academic progress, as well as their social and emotional progress.

In order to keep our school community safe, we are asking that the following measures are adhered to during the evenings:

- Meetings will be conducted with suitable social distancing.
- Only one parent per meeting.
- All parents to wear masks, if possible, when moving around the school building.
- All parents to come as close to your appointment time as possible, to avoid congestion in the corridors.
- All parents to anti-bac your hands before and after touching the children's books.
- Classrooms and corridors will be well ventilated throughout the school.

## Punctuality



It has been wonderful to see the children returning to school this week. To make the most of every moment of the school day, it is essential that your child is on time.

Our school gate is opened at 8.40am. A bell will be rang at 8.50am, signalling for the children to line up. At 8.55am, a second bell will be rang; this signals for the children to enter their classroom to start the school day. If your child arrives after 9am, they will be asked to enter the school building via the school office and be recorded as late.

Please help and support your child to arrive punctually. We value the importance of children having the time to settle in and be ready for their learning at 9am.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

## Royal Academy Art Competition



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

### Key things to remember:

Deadline to submit your artwork via the Royal Academy website is **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March**. Bring in your completed artwork on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March** (take your photo before so that you can submit it on the website!)

School exhibition in hall on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30—4pm**

## Clever Never Goes



Every child in St Jude's has received a Clever Never Goes session this week with their class teacher. 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](http://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.

# Important Dates



**World Book Day:** Thursday 3rd March—we can't wait to see your costumes!

**PTA Meeting in the school hall:** Friday 4th March, 9am

**Year 5 and 6 Mark and the Marked Workshop:** Monday 7th March

**British Science Week:** 14th - 18th March 2022

**Trips to Brockwell Greenhouses**

**Monday 14th March** - Reception and Year 1

**Wednesday 16th March**—Year 2 and Year 3

**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 and Wednesday 23rd March

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

**End of Key Stage Assessments— Parent information meetings:**

**Year 2:** Tuesday 15th March, time to be confirmed.

**Year 6:** Tuesday 22nd March, time to be confirmed.

## A Message from the PTA

### **PTA Spring Term meeting and AGM**

The PTA will be holding their Spring meeting and AGM on **next 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 other 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 R, 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!

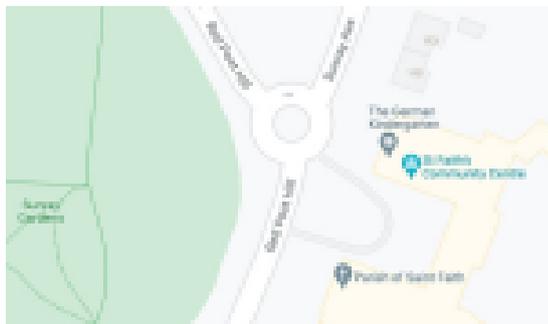
# OPEN HOUSE

FREE CLOTHING,  
HOUSEHOLD,  
TOYS & BOOKS

Come and choose  
what you need.  
All items are FREE.



## Where?



St Faith's Community Centre  
Red Post Hill, Dulwich  
London SE24 9JQ

**Train** North Dulwich Station

**Bus** 37 or P4

[www.getridofit-donate.com](http://www.getridofit-donate.com)

Telephone 07944 102 112

## When?

**Every Monday**  
**2-4pm**

No items will be  
available outside of  
these times or on  
other days



**GET RID OF AND  
—DONATE—**



# Covid communication update



Our COVID guidance is 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.

