



St John's Newsletter

17th July 2020

An update from Mr Rubin...

I wanted to squeeze in an additional newsletter to coincide with the last school day of what has been such a strange year. I would like to thank our amazing staff team for all their hard work. So many colleagues shine and go that extra mile - I am so grateful for their help and support.

A special thank you to our parents and carers who have been working so hard to support children's well-being and learning. Teaching can be a tricky task and managing work and family whilst teaching your children must have been even harder. The examples of work that you have been sending in have cheered everyone up. Thank you and have a well-deserved, restful Summer.

Thank you to our amazing children who have kept going and shown our school values of resilience and kindness during the lockdown. I know many of you will be wondering what school will look like when you return. I do not want you to worry, we are planning some lovely activities, have missed you all and can not wait to see you back in school.

We say goodbye to our brilliant Class 6. What a unique end to their time with us here. Ms Wall and Mr. Smee have produced a goodbye video which will go on our YouTube Channel. This is not the way we wanted you to end your time with us but you are always welcome at St. John's and we will see you again.

We will be open for food deliveries during the Summer. I do not want anyone to be hungry and we are working on the logistics around food supplies. If you are worried about that then please email the school confidentially on our parents email address parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Thank you to Ms. Walker for organising Virtual Sports Day. The results are in the newsletter.

In the meantime, have a lovely Summer, stay safe and be kind to one another.



artis...
transforming lives through the arts

I am delighted to say that next year we will be joined by Artis. The Artis Foundation is an organisation that will help us integrate the arts more into our learning. I will share more information about how this came to our school in the first newsletter of the term but in the meantime, do have a look at their website:

<https://www.artisfoundation.org.uk/>

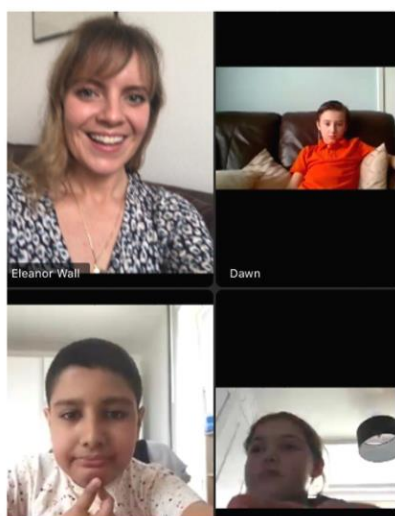


Farewell to our Class of 2020

We wish all of our Year 6 children good luck for the future as they start their next adventure. 2020 will be memorable for so many reasons but we wanted to make sure our children received their bible, a special hoodie commemorating their time here and a yearbook. The children were able to say goodbye to one another via a virtual class meeting that was great fun!

A big thank you to Ms Wall, Father Alan, Ms Potten and Ms Ticher for getting everything organised. Year 6, We look forward to hearing about the next step in your careers. You can see the goodbye montage to the class on our YouTube channel

https://youtu.be/Z_7wV4lJL9g



The Felix Project

I am delighted that The Felix Project will be delivering food to the school over the Summer. This project diverts food that is destined for landfill because it is near to its best before date so people can use it. We will be having deliveries every week so please do come and get some. By accepting these food donations, you are helping eliminate food waste.

Keeping Safe Online – Ms Moses



This summer, please do not worry too much about screen time - think instead about screen quality, balance and mental health. It's important for children to get the opportunity to chat to their friends so it's great to hear that they have been chatting online. Please remind your children never to share scary or rude images. If they do see something that worries them or that might be wrong, all they need to do is ask for help from a trusted adult. If you or they are concerned about an adult's behaviour towards a child online, report them to [CEOP](https://www.ceop.gov.uk). And as a parent, you can also contact the NSPCC - O2 advice line on 0808 800 5002.



A message from Place2Be.....



Hello once again children of St John's from Place2Be!

Let's start with a check-in again like we normally would.....how have you been feeling this week? 🤔

As we come to the end of your year at school - we know that things may have felt a bit different this year. We've spoken before about how changes can give us all sorts of feelings.....and some people describe feelings like a 'rollercoaster'! This means that as we travel through our time in school, we might feel like we're *whooshing* to the top of the **fastest** rollercoaster in the world, feeling full of **joy** and **excitement**. We might also feel other ways at times though. A rollercoaster can suddenly feel like it's racing downwards instead of upwards, and your feelings might change too. You might feel **sad**, **bored**, **sleepy**, **worried**, or **angry** before the rollercoaster climbs up to its peak again! I wonder what your 'rollercoaster' of feelings would look like this week? Would yours be full of twists and turns?



Don't forget to ask others how they're feeling too - you could ask them what their rollercoaster of feelings would look like, maybe they could describe this using the different coloured **Zones**!

For this week's activity, we're going to 'reflect' on our year -reflecting means to think about what something was like for *you*, what you did, and how it made you feel.

A Letter To Me!

I wonder what you would tell *yourself* if you were talking to **you** at the beginning of this school year?

It might sound a bit strange....but how about writing a letter to YOURSELF! What would have been helpful to know back then? What did you want to achieve this year and have you achieved it?! What has made you feel proud of yourself? What have you learnt about YOU? How have you felt this year?

This has been a very different year for everyone - and reflecting on the year **for you** might help you feel more prepared for your next year at school!



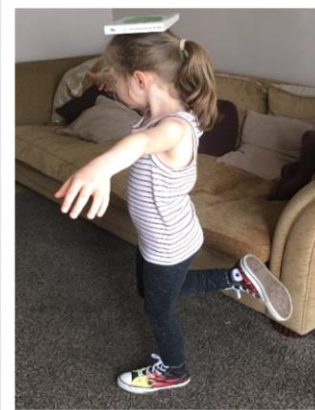
Dear Parents/Carers,

As we end the Summer Term and Year 6's begin to transition towards Secondary School, find here a video for parents to support this move for these children:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/znnpcpg8>

Virtual Sports Day Ms Walker

Last Friday lots of children across the school took part in the Virtual Sports Day. Thank you to all the children and parents who shared their photos, videos and results. Look at our twitter account to see more videos of the children taking part. It was an extremely close competition between St Paul's and St John's, however by a few points St Paul's won. Well done to them but watch out for us next year!



Tower Hamlets SEND Information Advice and Support Service Moving Up 2020

Free virtual workshops to help Year 6 parents/carers to support their child's move to Secondary School in September. The workshops will be delivered through Zoom and look at how best to prepare your child for the move, key considerations and support smooth transition

Monday 20th July 10.00 - 11.30
Tuesday 23rd July 2.00 - 3.30
Monday 27th July 6.00 - 7.30

For more details and to book a place:
TowerHamlets&City_Sendinfo@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Tel: 0207 364 6489

Tower Hamlets SEND Information, Advice and Support Service offers expert information, advice and support for parents and young people with SEND.]



Summer Reading Scheme

The Tower Hamlets Summer Reading Challenge is going ahead as normal this year. I would encourage your children to take part in it. You can register your child online at:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

St. John's Acts of Kindness – Mrs Bahi

Even as our children prepare to leave for the summer holidays, they still continue to show their compassion and consideration for others. This week, the children in their bubbles designed colourful posters, thoughtful letters and cards. These were all filled with heart-warming messages to send to our elderly friends from the Russia Lane Visitor's Centre who are still shielding. Along with some specially recorded songs from the Year 4, 5 and Year 6 bubbles, these items formed a 'Care Package' which will be sent throughout the community to the most vulnerable. Our children continue to shine as beacons of hope in what is a difficult and strange time for so many people. We love their passion and desire to help and assist others.



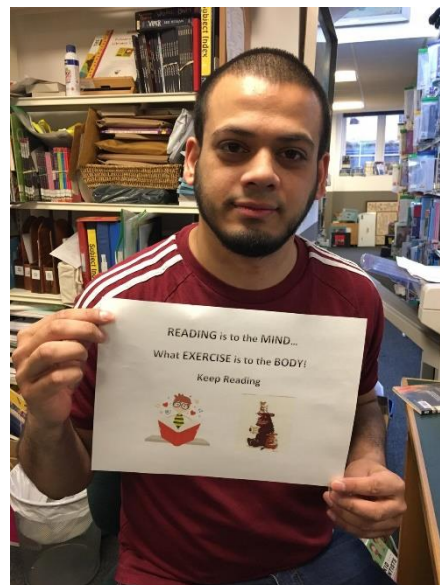
Message from Shaju

I am taking part in a charity ride for Yemen to raise money for food packs. One Nation who have a 100% donation policy are leading on this project and are a registered UK charity (1156200).

Below is the link for my charity page for Yemen. Please circulate across St John's.

<https://givebrite.com/mile-2-yemen/shajan>

(Good Luck Shaju!)



Term Dates

It is our intention to begin the term dates as follows. We will be sending you an updated risk assessment when completed as the Government have recently changed their guidance. Things may well change again as we progress through the Summer.

August

Monday 31st

Bank Holiday

September

Tuesday 1st

Inset Day

Wednesday 2nd

Children return to school

