



St John's Newsletter

Friday 1st April 2022

An update from Mr. Rubin...

It was so lovely to be back at St. John's for our Easter Service this week. Thank you to Mrs Bahi for organising this and arranging so many lovely activities for the children to engage with when they returned to school. Thanks to Father Alan for welcoming us and leading the service. I will add some pictures later in the edition.

As we approach the Easter break, I wanted to thank our team for everything they have done this year, sometimes during quite trying circumstances. I would also like to thank the governors for their support and challenge. They do so much work behind the scenes and we are very grateful.

Have a restful and peaceful holiday, happy Easter, Ramadan Mubarak , stay safe and be kind to one another. We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 19th April.



Early Years and Oracy Update

Ms Pink sent me this picture and it made me so happy! Our Early Years children have been practising oracy to help develop their speaking and listening skills.

This week, they did their first ever traverse and discussed with their partners which of Eric Carle's books is their favourite and why.

Oracy is so important for children. Did you know that our former Chair of Governors Ian Graham is working with some children in Year 6 to help them hone their debating skills?

Summer Term Arrangements

Next term school will begin for everyone at the same time of 9:00am and finish at 3:30pm. We will no longer have a staggered start and end to the day. Children will gather at the end of the day in a specified area and staff will hand over. Parents/carers can come into the playground to collect. We will have members of our Leadership Team on the gates. As with a number of changes we have had to get used to, there may be some teething problems initially so we will work through those together and learn from any development points that arise. We will continue to keep a watching brief on safety for our whole school community.

The Queen's Jubilee Friday May 27th

Please note that the **school will be closed** on Friday 27th May for the Queen's Jubilee. This is an additional days holiday granted to all Those who work in the UK. .



Fundraising at St. John's

Children and families raised an incredible £111.24 for Comic Relief. In addition, our School Councillors raised £225.00 for the Disasters Emergency Committee which has been match-funded by our generous friends at Federated Hermes who volunteer their time to read with our children. Thank you to everyone involved!



Healthy Eating

St John's is proud to be part of the Healthy Schools initiative. This means that we encourage children to make healthy choices – eating plenty of fruit and vegetables, drinking lots of water and understanding that sweets, crisps and cakes are for treats, not for every day. I have noticed that sometimes our children are not making healthy choices and want to improve this next term.

Please support us by:

- Encouraging your child to try a wide variety of foods , ask them to try a school dinner – it is free!
- Ensuring that packed lunches are free from crisps, biscuits, chocolate etc.
- Providing only plain water in bottles (while flavoured water is often sugar-free, it can be high in citric acid due to the flavourings used).

Look out for the information in the leaflet below on promoting healthier lifestyles.



Neurodiversity Week 2022

Ms Dixson

Last week we celebrated Neurodiversity week. Our children learnt that **neurodiversity** is based on the idea that everyone has a differently-wired brain with their own unique and special way of thinking and experiencing the world.

They also learnt that some of these different ways of thinking and interacting with the world have been given labels, such as: autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and dyspraxia.

Linked to this, we chose **empathy** to be our word of the week as we are very keen for our children to attempt to share the feelings and be as understanding and empathetic as possible to people they meet who are differently abled.

In lessons, every class discussed their own **strengths and talents** and thought about 'what makes them different and unique'. They also found out about many celebrities who are differently abled which generated lots of interesting discussion throughout the school.

Did you know
Will.i.am
has ADHD?



"Music brings control to my thoughts.
I am here to let you know that you can
be anything you want to be."
- Will.i.am (Singer / Producer)

MARCH 21 - 27, 2022



NEURODIVERSITY
CELEBRATION WEEK



Year 1 and Year 2 Visit to the National Gallery

Children in Key Stage 1 had a great time out and about in Central London as they visited the National Gallery. There were some very tired children when they returned safely to school. As we return to a more normal approach, look out for further information on school trips.



Year 5 Update – Ms Wall

Class 5 have been working with our friends at Rich Mix to learn how to become film makers. In these pictures, children are discovering more about stock motion animation.



382 followers and counting keep up to date with the school @5tJohnsTower. It is the best way to get the latest information on what is happening in our school!



**Easter Service
St. John's
Wednesday 29th March 2022**



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Mon 4 APR
Tue 5 APR
& Thu 7 APR

Times: 10:00- 12:00

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4th to 7th April 2022
Monday to Thursday (12pm-4pm)
Age (6-16 years old)
Open to Boys & Girls

Come and join us for indoor/outdoor sports & games / arts & crafts / workshops & learning

Helping children & families

FREE
Hot lunch for all those participating (Must be Tower Hamlets residents)

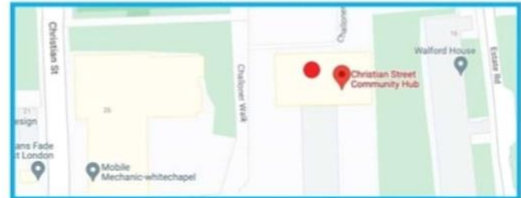


This programme will be delivered simultaneously from all 3 venues so choose the one convenient for you and your child.

Supported by



Wapping Youth Hub, 20 Tench Street, London E1W 2QF



Christian Street Youth Hub, 30 Challoner Walk, London E1 1AZ



Stepney Green Park, Stepney Way, London E1 3DB

For more information or to register contact:
07770 489 669 | info@newark.org.uk

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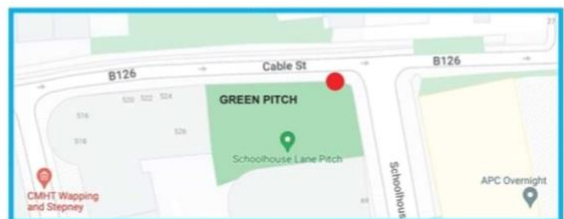


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Cable Street (Green Pitch), London E1W 3AJ



Exmouth Community Hub, 39 Cornwood Drive, London E1 0PW

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The Healthy Families Programme – promoting a healthier lifestyle



Do you want tips on healthy meals and portions?



Do you want to help your whole family to be more active?



How much do you know about hidden sugars?



Are you confused by so called healthy branding?

Fun and practical sessions to help your family become healthier and more active

MONDAY 9 MAY- 20 JUNE 9.30-11.30

For more information and to sign up speak to Denise Foster or Feruja

This programme is delivered by the Tower Hamlets Parental Engagement Team

Exclusive to Place2Be schools

Parenting Smart – Online Course

Parents and Carers of 4-11 year olds can now access our free online course providing you with **extra tools to deal with everyday parenting challenges.**

The course aims to help you **strengthen your relationship with your child** and **respond helpfully to challenging behaviour.** You can also join discussions with other parents in your group from across the UK.

Designed to fit around busy family lives, the 7-week course can be **broken down into short 15-minute sections** and you can access it from your mobile phone, tablet or any other device.

All of the content is based on the latest evidence and experience from Place2Be's Parenting Team, in partnership with South London and Maudsley-NHS Foundation Trust.

- ✓ Free
- ✓ No fixed times
- ✓ Accessible from any device
- ✓ Hear from other parents around the UK
- ✓ Place2Be professional on hand to support learning



Learn more at
place2be.org.uk/family
or talk to the Place2Be staff member in your school.



St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools

Term Dates and Holidays - 2021/ 2022

Autumn Term 2021 (71 days)

Staff Training	Wednesday 1 st September
	Thursday 2 nd September
	Friday 3 rd September
First Day of Term	Monday 6 th September
Half Term	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October
Second half of term	Monday 1 st November
Last Day of Term	Friday 17 th December

<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>Saturday 25th December</i>
<i>Boxing Day</i>	<i>Sunday 26th December</i>

Spring Term 2022 (58 days)

<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Saturday 1st January</i>
<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Monday 3rd January (substitute day)</i>
Staff Training	Tuesday 4 th January
First Day of Term	Wednesday 5 th January
Half Term	Mon. 14 th to Fri. 18 th February
Second half of term	Monday 21 st February
Last Day of Term	Friday 1 st April

<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday 15th April</i>
<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>Monday 18th April</i>

Summer Term 2022 (63 days)

First Day of Term	Tuesday 19 th April
Staff Training	Friday 29 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May
Half Term	Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June
Second half of term	Monday 6 th June
Last Day of Term	Friday 22 nd July

<i>Ramadan begins</i>	<i>Saturday 2nd April* 2022</i>
<i>Eid Al-Fitr</i>	<i>Monday 2nd May* 2022</i>
<i>Eid Al-Adha</i>	<i>Saturday 9th July 2020</i>

190 School Days, 5 Staff Training Days (2 to be arranged)

* to be confirmed