



# St John's Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

## *An update from Mr. Rubin...*

We have some staffing news to share with you in this newsletter and you will see below which teacher your child will have next year. I will finalise the details for Early Years in the next update.

We wanted to have a school celebration and building on from the Jubilee theme we will have an after school celebration on 15<sup>th</sup> July. The same day as our Y6 Graduation and Eid Parties.

Thank you for your generosity for our recent non-uniform day. We raised over £150 for the Bangladesh Flood Appeal.

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.



## **Staffing News - Ms Wall**

We say farewell to the incredible Ms Wall at the end of this academic year. Ms Wall will be leaving London to start a new adventure in Cambridgeshire with her family. It will not surprise you that she will be joining a new school as a Deputy Head Teacher where I have no doubt, she will continue to flourish.

Ms Wall joined us in September 2017. During that time, she has got married and had a beautiful baby boy. She has led Literacy and Oracy in our school along with Philosophy for Children. I think it is fair to say that Ms Wall is one of the most enthusiastic 'can-do' people I have ever met. Mr. Bennett and I first met her when she was a student teacher and visited us at St. Paul's many years ago. We heard that she wanted to work in London and we were delighted that she wanted to join us.

Our school community is so grateful for everything she has done and we wish her all the best with her future endeavours.

## **Class Teachers 2022/23**

Please see the list below which explains who will be teaching your child's class next year:

Year 1 - Ms Pink

Year 4 - Mr Smee

Year 2 - Ms Moses

Year 5 - Ms Bahi

Year 3 - Mrs Jheeta

Year 6 - Ms Walker

Nursery/Reception - Mrs Brownbill (Maternity Leave) Ms Kayla and Ms Stevens.



## Incredible Achievements

Congratulations to Jaya in Year 6. Jaya plays the flute with the Awards Orchestra and earlier in the month, she represented the school at the Thames Celebration Concert at Shoreditch Town Hall. Jaya is an inspiration to all of our students and her efforts show how her hours of dedication and devotion to the instrument have paid dividends. Great work Jaya, we are so proud of you!



## Incredible Achievements

Congratulations to Benji in Year 4. Not only did he have his poem shortlisted at the Creative Writing Competition in association with Tower Hamlets School Library Service, he won first prize and best in school in the Poetry Section. Benji, this is incredible news and we are so proud of you too. If you would like to be inspired by Benji's poem, I have copied it below.

Tower Hamlets Schools Library Services



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I am the city  
 I am the sun shining  
 I am the flowers blooming  
 I am the ears of people's emotion  
 I am the sound whistling through the air  
 I am the mother trying to wake up my child  
 I am the path leading to school  
 I am the book for people to read  
 I am the star sparkling in the night  
 I am the bed where you dream  
 I am the dream that you just read  
 I am the reality where you are now!

## Year 6 Deanery Leavers' Service – All Saints Poplar

This week our Year 6 children attended their Deanery Leavers' Service. This is an opportunity for our children to give thanks, reflect and celebrate their time in school



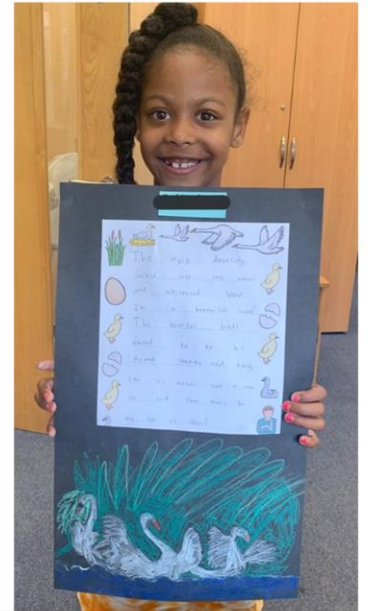
There is inside you  
All of the potential  
To be whatever you want to be;  
All of the energy  
To do whatever you want to do.  
Imagine yourself as you would like to be,  
Doing what you want to do,  
And each day, take one step  
Towards your dream.  
And though at times it may seem too  
difficult to continue,  
Hold on to your dream.  
One morning you will awake to find  
That you are the person you dreamed of,  
Doing what you wanted to do,  
Simply because you had the courage  
To believe in your potential  
And to hold on to your dream.

*(Donna Levine)*





**Sharing Great Work**  
It's always a pleasure when children visit the office with their books or samples of work. Our children are incredibly talented and we love to share in their success. Here you can see a maths conference with Mr. Bennett and an incredible poem decorated with beautiful art.



### **Canoeing Adventure**

Earlier in the week a small group of children went to Shadwell Basin to have their first canoeing adventure. It was so much fun! Everyone learnt how to use an oar to paddle and steer the canoe and we even had a go at standing up and balancing in the canoe while it was moving!! Thank you so much to our instructors and to the Canary Wharf group for their continuing support. Big thanks to Ms Dixson for organising and Mr. Whelan for being so brave.



388 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!



The Federation of  
St John's & St Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools



1/07/2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

I am pleased to share with you that the Staff at St. John's Primary School are inviting you and your family to our Summer Celebrations on:

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022 from 3.00pm – 4.30  
in the big playground**

There will be lots of fun activities and games, face painting, mehndi designs, cakes, food, bouncy castle and ice-cream. All money raised will go directly to St. John's Primary School fund which will help your children towards their learning.

We are requesting for anyone to contribute any cooked food, baked goods – sweet or savoury, their skills for face painting and/or lead a stall/game.

We are also asking for volunteers to come and help to set up before and clear up after.

It will be a great day for the whole school community to come together and celebrate this school year.

If you can contribute food and/or volunteer to help, please can you let me or Ms Feruja know at the front desk and we can begin to put the fine details into place.

Your sincerely,

Mrs Jheeta  
Deputy Headteacher



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# 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



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## Term Dates and Holidays - 2021/ 2022

### Autumn Term 2021 (71 days)

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

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

### Spring Term 2022 (58 days)

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

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

### Summer Term 2022 (63 days)

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

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

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

\* to be confirmed