



St John's Newsletter

Friday 5th May 2023

An update from Mr. Rubin...

It will not surprise you to hear that school has been exceedingly busy. I hope you had a lovely Easter break and that our families and friends that celebrated Eid had a wonderful time. Today, classes 1 – 6 have ventured out to Buckingham Palace in preparation for the Coronation. I am so pleased that our children have these opportunities. Thank you to our staff for taking the children and to Ms Jheeta for organising.

It is another Bank Holiday weekend so children return to school on Tuesday 9th May. Please spare a thought for our lovely Year 6 class who will be starting their SATS on that day. They have worked incredibly hard, I know the whole school community is very proud of them and so grateful to Miss Walker, Miss Saima and Miss Sadika who are a great team.

Thank you also for your kind words about my new role starting in September, I am looking forward to the challenge ahead.

Have a lovely extended weekend and be kind to one another.



It's Great to be Back!

I have told you before that one of the very favourite parts of my job is getting to see the teaching and learning that is going on in all of the classes.

It was so lovely to visit the children in the Early Years the other day. They were working incredibly hard on their number work and counting with Mrs Stevens and Ms Kaylah.

Welcome to St John's!

We have had some new children join us in the last few months. A very warm St John's welcome to Adam, Ruqaya, Michael, Xinyi, Matvey, Andrii, Adaeze and Mehme!





Y6 Science Update

Class Six have been very busy with their learning. In the pictures above, you can see the children are learning about how light travels in straight lines and how you can use mirrors to reflect light at the same angle it hits it.

Below, you can see them hard at work studying circuits as part of their science units.



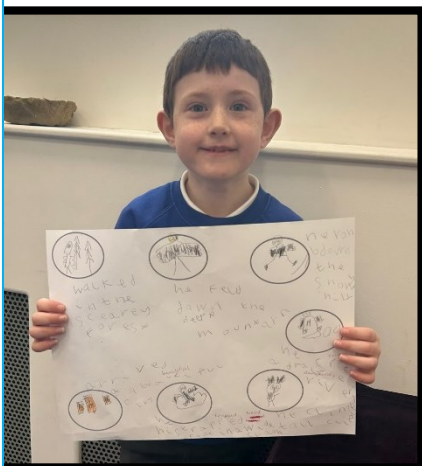


St John's Foodbank – Easter Holidays

We were very busy during the Easter holiday as we opened up our food bank to our school community. I wanted to say thank you to Mrs Jheeta, Ms Dixon, Ms Laila (and her son!) and my daughter who all gave up their time in the holidays to help get everything ready.

We receive lots of donations from different places. I also wanted to say thank you to Janice at St Paul's who arranged a food drop with Tower Hamlets Council.

We receive regular donations weekly from the Felix Project. If you would like to receive a food parcel, do please email the school parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk or talk to one of us at the gate. We are happy to help if we can.



Celebration

Kindness Resilience and Koinonia (Community) are three of my favourite values. I was so proud to see such lovely work from one of our amazing students this week and so happy that one of our pupils came into school during EID to share this important day with his friends.



The very best way to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on Twitter <https://twitter.com/5tJohnsTower> . We have 446 followers and the more followers we have, the more people will see what a fantastic little school this is!



Worship at St. John's

I spoke a little in the last newsletter about how lovely it was to be back at church. With one of the busiest times in the Christian calendar, our children have been learning all about Holy Week during Easter. Children in Class 5 looked at a range of religious art which represented different aspects of Holy Week. The children spent time discussing each picture, the event that was taking place and its occurrence in Holy Week. Time was then spent in groups, where the children tried to re-capture the poise and emotions of each painting.

Some of our children helped design four beautiful stained glass windows which take pride of place in our school hall and look stunning.

Finally some lucky children got to perform at St Paul's Cathedral. Thank you Mrs Bahi for your enthusiasm!



Tower Hamlets Parent and Family Support Service

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Parenting programmes Summer 2023

Parenting programmes are a source of support for all parents and offer an opportunity to share experiences, develop an understanding of child development, build positive relationships and learn to deal with challenging behaviour.

PROGRAMME	AGE	WEEKS	DATES	TIME	VENUE	DESCRIPTION
MONDAY						
Emotional First Aid	All parents	6	15 May-26 June	10am-12:30pm	John Smith CFC	Offers an overview of mental health and wellbeing in relation to parenting. Learn strategies to manage anxieties, identify stress factors, gain a better understanding of ourselves and promote a healthier sense of wellbeing. Crèche available.
Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities (SFSC) Online (Somali)	2-18 years	5	15 May-12 June	10am-12noon	Zoom	Aims to increase parental self-esteem and confidence and reduce child behavioural difficulties.
SFSC Intro (English)	2-18 years	5	19 June-17 July	10am-12noon	Olga CFC	Aims to increase parental self-esteem and confidence and reduce child behavioural difficulties. Crèche available.
Triple P Discussion Group	2-11 years	3	3-17 July	10am-12:30pm	St Elizabeth's Primary School	For parents who wish to build positive relationships with their child, increase self-confidence and develop their skills and techniques for dealing with difficult behaviour.
TUESDAY						
SFSC (Bengali)	2-18 years	12	25 April-18 July	10am-1pm	Parents Advice Centre	Aims to increase parental self-esteem and confidence and reduce child behavioural difficulties.
Triple P Teen	2-18 years	9	25 April-27 June	10am-12:30pm	Central Girls Foundation	For parents who wish to build positive relationships with their teens, increase self-confidence and develop their skills to communicate more effectively with their teens.
SFSC Online	2-18 years	5	25 April-23 May	10am-12noon	Zoom	Aims to increase parental self-esteem and confidence and reduce child behavioural difficulties.



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WEDNESDAY						
The Parent Factor ADHD		7	7 June-19 July		Parents Advice Centre	For parents and carers of children with a diagnosis of ADHD aged 5-16 years (25 years for people with SEND).
SFSC - English Day	2-18 years	12	26 April-19 July	9.30am-12.30pm	Mulberry Girls	Aims to increase parental self-esteem and confidence and reduce child behavioural difficulties.
Family Transitions		6	3 May-14 June	10am-12.30pm	Overland CFC	For parents who have experienced separation or divorce to learn how to co-parent effectively and to learn strategies how to deal with the loss of their relationship with their ex partner. Crèche available.
KCSO		2	21 June and 5 July	10-11.30am	Zoom	Primary and secondary
Early Repair	All parents		3 and 24 May		Meath Gardens CFC	Early repair is a brief awareness 2-day group programme for fathers identified as using abuse (physical and/or emotional and/or coercive control). Early Repair is for fathers who are assessed as being a lower risk in accordance with the Tower Hamlets risk matrix. Professional referrals only.
THURSDAY						
SFSC - Bengali	2-18 years	12	27 April-20 July	10am-1pm	Overland CFC	Aims to increase parental self-esteem and confidence and reduce child behavioural difficulties. Crèche available.
SFSC - Online evening	2-18 years	5	27 April-25 May	6-8pm	Zoom	Aims to increase parental self-esteem and confidence and reduce child behavioural difficulties. Crèche available.
Triple P Teen Discussion Group		4	15 June-6 July	6-8pm	Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Getting teenagers to co-operate ● Coping with Teenager's emotions ● Building teenager's survival skills
FRIDAY						
Triple P Group	12-18 years	8	28 April-16 June	10am-12.30pm	Mowlem CFC	Crèche available.
SFSC Online Intro Bengali		5	28 April-26 May	9.30-11.30am	Zoom	Aims to increase parental self-esteem and confidence and reduce child behavioural difficulties. Crèche available.
SFSC Online Intro Bengali		5	16 June-14 July	9.30-11.30am	Zoom	Aims to increase parental self-esteem and confidence and reduce child behavioural difficulties. Crèche available.

Get in touch

For all inquiries email: [Email: parenting@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@towerhamlets.gov.uk) Tel: 020 7364 6398

To book a place or to make a referral download a referral form, scan the QR code or click or visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/parentingprogrammes





Are you concerned about a child or a family?

Make a factual record of your concern.

(Include day, date, time, other witnesses, concern and your signature)

You must share your concerns without delay.

The Designated Members of Staff Responsible for Safeguarding and Child Protection at St Johns are:



Terry Bennett –Executive Headteacher



Darren Rubin –Executive Head of School



Bal Jheeta – Deputy Headteacher



Lisa Lee – Business Manager



Marie Dixson- SENCO

St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools Term Dates and Holidays - 2022/ 2023

Autumn Term 2022 (70 days)

Staff Training	Thu 1st & Friday 2nd September
First Day of Term	Monday 5 th September
Half Term	Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October
Second half of term	Monday 31 st October
Last Day of Term	Friday 16 th December
<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>Sunday 25th December</i>
<i>Boxing Day</i>	<i>Monday 26th December</i>

Spring Term 2023 (58 days)

<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Sunday 1st January</i>
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd January
Staff Training	Tuesday 3rd January
First Day of Term	Wednesday 4 th January
Half Term	Mon. 13 th to Fri. 17 th February
Second half of term	Monday 20 th February
Last Day of Term	Friday 31 st March
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday 7th April</i>
<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>Monday 10th April</i>

Summer Term 2023 (64 days)

Staff Training	Monday 17th April
First Day of Term	Tuesday 18 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May
Bank Holiday	Monday 8 th May (The King's Coronation)
Staff Training	Friday 26th May
Half Term	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June
Second half of term	Monday 5 th June
Last Day of Term	Friday 21 st July

<i>Ramadan begins</i>	<i>Wednesday 22nd March* 2023</i>
<i>Eid Al-Fitr</i>	<i>Saturday 22nd April* 2023</i>
<i>Eid Al-Adha</i>	<i>Thursday 29th June 2023</i>

190 School Days, **5 Staff Training Days**

* to be confirmed