



# St John's Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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

Another busy couple of weeks as the nights draw in and the season begins to change. You will see in this edition that the children have been learning about keeping themselves safe online, our older children have been learning about citizenship and our younger children in Year 2 have been working on a rather familiar text.

It was lovely to have so many parents/carers attend our 'Meet The Teacher Day' on Tuesday. Everyone that responded to the questionnaire we sent out said how much they enjoyed it.

Feedback is always helpful and we will be sure to timetable the next event so parents and carers of children in more than one class can attend everything.

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.

## Year 2 Update – Ms Moses

Year 2 have been learning about Instructions.

We know how to use time adverbials, bossy verbs and adverbs. We read The Gingerbread Man and then we wrote our own instructions on how to make Gingerbread Men. We also got to make some delicious biscuits!



## 404 Followers on Twitter

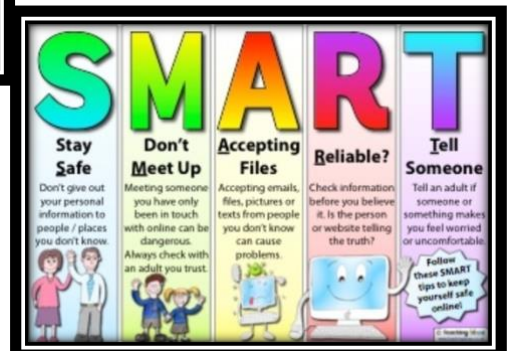
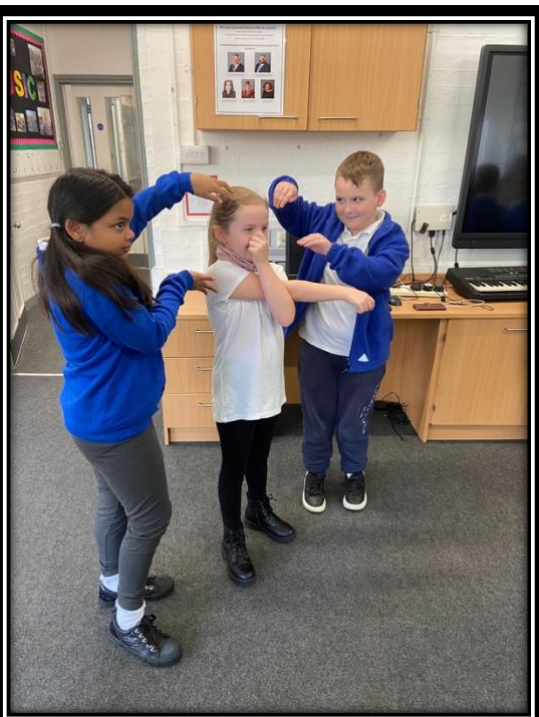
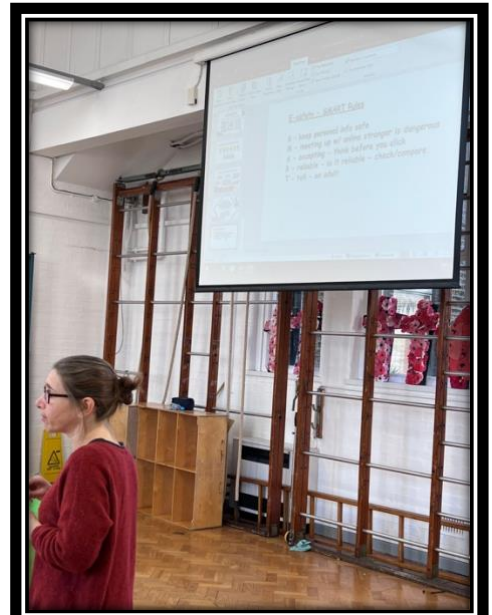
The best way to follow information about the school as it happens is via our twitter feed @5tJohnsTower. If we get to 500, it will have to be a non-uniform day!

## Staying Safe When Using The Internet

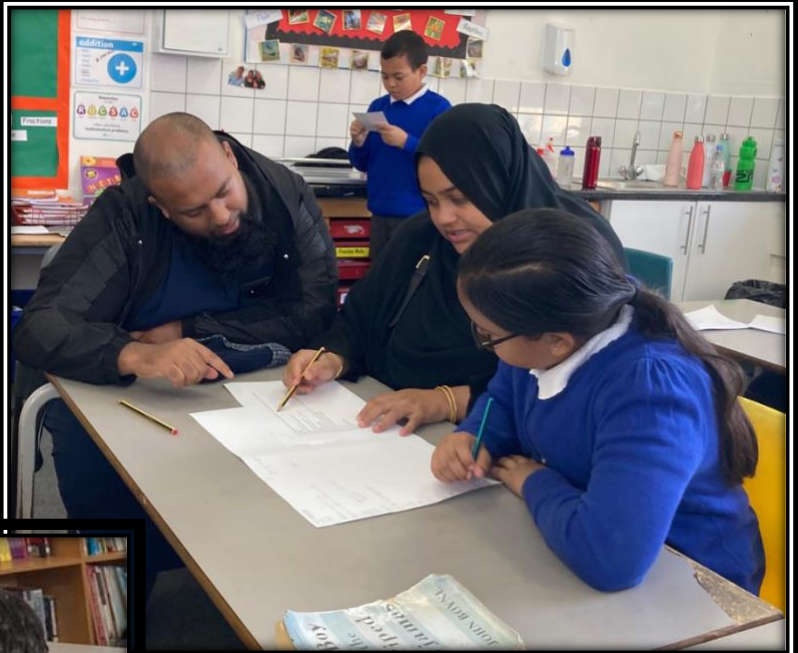
It is so important that our children know how to stay safe when using the internet at school and at home. A big thank you to Ms Moses who organised an assembly for the children going through information that enables our children to stay smart when using this incredible resource.

In addition, Ms Moses organised for the Konflux Theatre Company to come into school to perform workshops with children in every year group.

If you are concerned about your child's use of the internet or you would like to know more about the safety tools that exist, you can arrange an appointment with Rashina who supports our parents and carers. I know Rashina is also in the process of organising a class for parents to engage with.







**4<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
**Meet The Teacher Open Morning**





## Year 6 Update - Ms Walker

In the picture above, you can see Ms Khatun speaking to the class about Zakat, discussing the best way for a Muslim to show their commitment to God. The picture on the right shows the class at The Junior Citizenship Scheme



## Volunteering in School – we need you!

*Do you have time to listen to children read in school?*

We are looking for parent volunteers to:

- listen to children read in all year groups
- help out on trips/sporting events in all year groups
- provide handwriting support in key-stage 1
- support our youngest children in Reception with reading, and fine motor skills,
- help us tidy and organise our library
- help with displays
- support our children at lunchtime

If you are interested in finding out more, and can volunteer on a regular basis, please speak to Mr. Rubin, Ms Dixson, or Mrs Jheeta.

All new volunteers will be asked to complete our volunteer application form and agreement and be willing to have a DBS check which the school will provide.



## **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)

<b>Staff Training</b>	<b>Thu 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>
First Day of Term	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Half Term	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October
Second half of term	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Last Day of Term	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December

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

**Spring Term 2023** (58 days)

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

<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April</i>
<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April</i>

**Summer Term 2023** (64 days)

First Day of Term	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
Staff Training	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Second half of term	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Last Day of Term	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

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

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

\* to be confirmed