



# St John's Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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

Happy New Year to you all. I am saddened that we are in another lockdown but I am determined that we make the most of this situation. Our teaching and support staff are setting work on a daily basis and you will be receiving a check in call this week or early next week if you haven't already. We are in the process of setting up Google Classroom accounts to supplement Purple Mash and Tapestry and staff will be receiving training on this next **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January which will be an INSET day.**

It is so important that you encourage your children to engage with their learning. I have asked staff to let me know families that are finding the process difficult and our team will be in touch with you next week to see if we can support you more. We are due to be getting a few additional laptops and tablets so if you need hardware, we can look into loaning you a device. The important thing is to let the school know via the parents email address on [parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk) or ring the school on 02089801142 if you need support.

Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and be kind to one another.

## Acts of Compassion

Over the Christmas break many of our staff were in school to help coordinate food drops for our families. We were very busy with donations from The Felix Project, Magic Breakfast, and Hovis (thanks to Michael's Mum!).

A huge thank you to our amazing staff, who gave up their time over Christmas to help our school community.



**INSET DAY FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO WORK WILL BE SET BY OUR TEACHING STAFF THAT DAY**

# Online safety and learning

## Using learning portals to help home learning.

**An information session for all parents/carers – from Denise and Rashina**



**During this lockdown your school will be delivering home learning. This session will support you to make provision to teach them remotely.**

**We will look at a sample of school websites and become familiar with online learning portals, such as Google Classroom, Purple Mash and more.**

***Parent Engagement Team is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.***

***Topic: Online Safety and Learning - Parent Engagement Team***

***Time: Jan 11, 2021 10:00 AM London***

***Join Zoom Meeting***

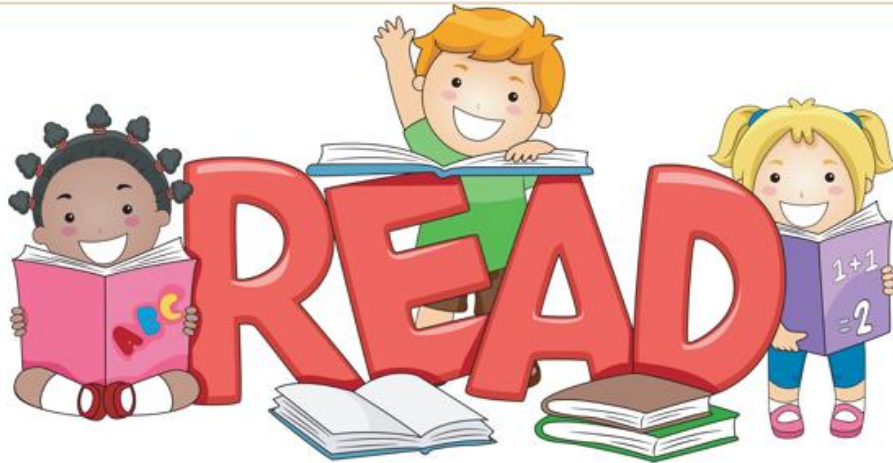
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The Parent Engagement Team are delivering  
A one part Zoom session for Year 1 & Year 2  
parents

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Find out what children focus on in reading at Key Stage 1 and discover ways to encourage an interest in books and reading.

## Virtual Session for Parents

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January  
10am-11am

Zoom -

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*A message from Place2Be.....*  
Hello children of St John's from Place2Be!


Welcome back to the new Spring Term. We are not all back together in school as we would have hoped, and things may feel different again - but we are all still thinking about each other; every one of us within our school community.

There's no better time than now to think about our *ZONES* and how we might be feeling!



Don't forget - there's no 'right or wrong' way to feel....and by sharing your feelings with someone....face-to-face , on the phone ....or even in a letter , it can really help us understand what we might be thinking and feeling.

As it's a new year - **2021** - this is often a time to think about things we have achieved last year, and think about things we would like to happen in the year ahead. We might even call these our '*hopes*' ....the things we would like to happen. For this week's

activity, can you think about your *hopes* for 2021? 

Is there anything you would like to get better at?  
Perhaps you would like to become an *expert* in something?  
Is there anything *new* you would like to try?



*You could always share your hopes for 2021 with us through the school twitter page or email them in to [parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk)*

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*As we start this new term and find ourselves in another national lockdown, please do get in touch should you wish to talk about supporting mental health. Here is a link to youngminds, a website where you can find advice and tips to help support wellbeing during these challenging times:*

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>