



# St John's Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. I hope you had a lovely Summer break. The children are settling in to their new classes well. The year ended on a high with the Summer Celebration and I am looking forward to opening up the school more. In the weeks to come we will have a 'Meet the Teacher' session and invite you in to work with your child for some of the morning.

The children look very smart in school uniform. Thank you for your efforts with this. We have some second hand/hardly used uniform, kindly donated by parents and carers whose children have left. If you would like to see what we have, do speak to Ms Feruja on the front desk or email us on [parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.

## Queen Elizabeth

We were all deeply saddened to hear the news of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's passing. In a special assembly this morning, children reflected on her life of service.

We discussed how only a few months ago, we rejoiced as a school community when we celebrated her Platinum Jubilee.



Queen Elizabeth was an inspiration who has led our country through good and bad times. We prayed for her and her family and wished our new King Charles well.



## 399 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!



## Year 2 Update – Ms Moses

In RE lessons, we talked about God's creations. We went to the allotment to find different objects that are God's creations. We then made our own pictures using the objects that we found.



## Welcome to our St. John's Family

A warm welcome to our new children and families who have joined us. We look forward to getting to know you!

### **Nursery Class**

Heaven-Lea, Dayyan, Harper, Louise, Khadija, Oscar, Aryan Esmae

### **Reception Class**

Harry, Ammarah, Eliot, Olivia, Kairo

### **Year 1 Class**

Yaqub, Isha Jahan

### **Year 2 Class**

Gabriel

### **Year 4 Class**

Aayan



## **Year 6 Trip to the Palace of Westminster**

We have already had our first school trip of the year. Children in Year 6 visited the Palace of Westminster for a guided tour of Parliament and explanation of how our democracy works.

It was a particularly busy day as it was the first day for our brand new Prime Minister Liz Truss.

Thank you Miss Walker for arranging this so early on in the school year!



## **Collective Worship** **Mr. Bennett**

On Wednesdays, Mr. Bennett leads the school in Collective Worship. You could not hear a pin drop as we learnt about Jacob, Rachel and their youngest child Joseph.

We heard about the dreams that Joseph had and thought about why they may have made his siblings jealous.



## **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.



# Week 1@St. John's





## Swimming for Years 3, 4 & 5

Your child will be going swimming to York Hall Leisure Centre from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September for the whole school year. We will leave school promptly at 9.05am and return at 11.00am.



Your child will need:

- Swimming trunks/  
Swimming costume  
(1 piece only)
- Swimming hat
- Towel
- Goggles
- Plastic bag
- Snack



- Get all swim bags and snack ready the night before
- Ensure your child has breakfast
- Practise changing into swimming kit, if needed
- Label all school uniform and swim bags



## **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 Dixon- SENCO**





## **EAST END ACADEMY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EAST LONDON CHURCHES**



**WEDNESDAYS  
5:00-6:00**



**SCHOOL YEARS 2-7**



**£3 PER WEEK (SIBLING  
DISCOUNT AVAILABLE)**



**STEPNEY GREEN  
ASTROTURF**

**FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL  
ABILITIES**



**- DEVELOP FOOTBALL SKILLS AND POSITIVE  
VALUES - HEAR BIBLE STORIES - PLAY MATCHES**

To sign up contact Dan Owen: [dowen@ambassadorsfootball.org](mailto:dowen@ambassadorsfootball.org) or 07725804563

**FOOTBALL FAITH FUTURE**

**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