



# St John's Newsletter

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022

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

It's been a busy few weeks since I last wrote to you. Most of you will have met your child's teacher. I hope you found that helpful and informative. The compassion and kindness you have shown through your donations to our harvest and contributions to Children In Need have been incredible. Thank you to all our staff and parents who have supported this.

In this week's edition, you will see how our children have been out and about on trips, are learning to stay safe on the road and have enjoyed more sporting successes.

I have included the Christmas dates for you so you know what will be coming up.

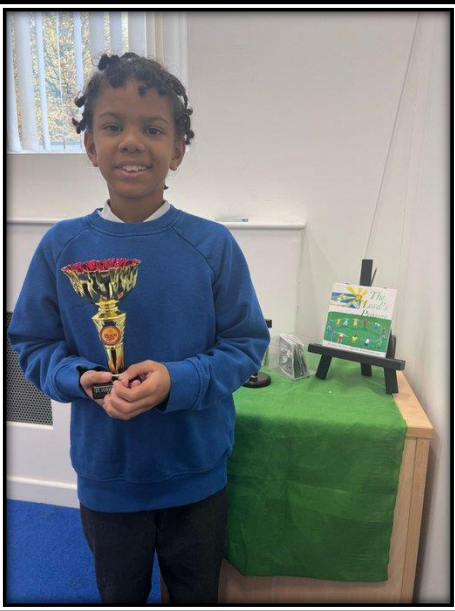
Have a lovely week and be kind to one another.

## **Harvest Festival**

This year we held our Harvest Festival in school – a little bit differently to how we usually do things. Mr. Bennett and Father Alan led the service and we reflected on how we can help those people who need it in our community.

Our incredible Worship Council helped to distribute the food to members of our community and it was a real team effort. Thank you to Mrs Bahi and Mrs Jheeta for organising.





## Kindness Cup

During our Celebration Assemblies we reflect on a number of things: We hear about those children who have made a significant achievement in the week; we share who has earned their merit badges; we find out who has been walking nicely around the school; we share birthdays and also celebrate kindness, one of my favourite values.

Congratulations to one of our students in Year 6 who has won the Place2Be Kindness Cup. It is a real honour to be nominated by your class teacher and we are very grateful that we have so many kind children in our school.

## Year 6 - Visit The East London Mosque

Class 6 continued their series of outings, this time heading over to the East London Mosque. They learnt all about the prayer rooms, saw the bee hives, heard about the significance of ablutions and discussed the importance of the Qur'an,



## Year 3 Visit Chalkwell – Mrs Jheeta

Year 3 headed out of London to visit Chalkwell in Essex as part of their science topics on rocks.

The children got to experience a new location, quite different to where they live, as Chalkwell is situated between Southend and Leigh on Sea.

A good time was had by all and a passer-by commented on how beautifully behaved the children were!



## Football Team Update

Congratulations to our Girl's football team who recently took part in the Tower Hamlets Football Tournament. Despite us being a small school in terms of numbers, we more than exceed when it comes to sporting endeavours finishing third in this particular tournament. Thank you to Mr. Malcolm and to Miss Pink for organising.





## Year 5 Architecture

We are so pleased to once again be working with our friends at Open City.

Our children are learning about the different forms of architecture in London and are using this information to design their very own city



## Road Safety Training

Thank you to Mr. Smee for organising a road safety workshop for children in all of our junior classes.

Road safety is such an important skill for our children to learn as they become older and more independent.

The workshop consisted of a 'red man' and a 'green man' and children were involved and engaged in this interactive show.



## St John's Community Raising Money to Support Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for your efforts on Friday. With your contributions, we estimate that we have raised around £200 for this incredible cause. Thank you Mrs Jheeta for organising this and our parents/carers for their amazing cakes!

# Speech and Language Parent Workshop



## Calling all Early Years and Year 1 parents:

You are invited to our school parent workshop on

**Tuesday 29nd November 2022 from 9.00am-10.00am** where you will get the opportunity to...

1. Meet other parents
2. Learn about how your child's Speaking and Listening skills develop
3. Get top tips on how you can support your child's speech development at home

**Where:** St John's CE Primary School (the Early Years block)

**Run by:** Deniece Dyer: Speech & Language Therapist, Ms Stevens: Speech & Language Therapy Assistant and Marie Dixson: Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO)

## December/Christmas Dates 2022

Please take note of the Christmas dates for this December.

| <b>Date</b>                            | <b>Event</b>  | <b>Time</b>                       |
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| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup><br>December   | Beginning of advent<br>Special assembly in school led by<br>Father Chris.   | 9.05                              |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup><br>December    | EYFS Nativity Whole School only   | 10.00                             |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup><br>December  | EYFS Nativity Parents only  | 9.45                              |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup><br>December   | KS1 Nativity<br>Whole School only   | 9.45                              |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup><br>December     | KS1 Nativity<br>Parents only  | 9.45                              |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup><br>December     | Christmas Bazaar  | 3.15 - 4.30                       |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup><br>December | <b>CHRISTMAS AT<br/>ST. JOHN'S</b><br>(Christmas Jumper<br>Day/Christmas colours<br>red/green)<br><br>Church Service & Father Allan's<br>farewell<br><br>Christmas Dinner | 9.30 -<br>10.30<br><br>From 12.00 |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup><br>December  | Party wear<br><br>Christmas Class Parties<br>Children to bring in food to share   | Afternoon                         |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup><br>December    | Last day of the autumn term   | Finish at<br>3.30                 |



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**The Food Store** is a place you can go every week to pick up large quantities of food for a small amount of money, all while being helped to access support for your finances and wellbeing.



MAYOR OF  
**TOWER HAMLETS**

**'All of Tower Hamlets' residents deserve healthy, affordable food. Food Stores showcase all that is best about our Borough - communities coming together to ensure that everyone is fed, regardless of their background. I am proud to oversee the opening of these stores, and look forward to working more closely with and supporting them moving forward'.**

***Lufur Rahman, Mayor of Tower Hamlets***

### **How does it work?**

In return for a weekly membership fee of £3.50 you will be able to pick up £20 to £30 worth of groceries and household items. While you are a member we will also set you up with access to advice services for help with debt, benefits access, housing issues and other areas you might find useful.

### **What kind of food will I get?**

We stock quality redistributed food that can help to top up your weekly shop with nutritious essentials. Your weekly groceries will include fresh fruit and vegetables, chilled and frozen foods, and store cupboard staples. We also offer household items, like toiletries and cleaning products, when we have them.

### **Where is The Food Store?**

The Food Store is running in sites across Tower Hamlets.

### **How long can I be a member?**

Every three months we will check in to see how you are doing and if you are getting the right support. If things have improved and you no longer need our help, the membership will end – if not it will carry on. Memberships normally last for six months.

### **How do I sign up?**

To sign up, or for more information, please email **TheFoodStore@towerhamlets.gov.uk** with your name, address, postcode and contact details.





## **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**



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

**Autumn Term 2022** (70 days)

|                       |   |
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| <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                                |

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| <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)

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| <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                           |

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| <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)

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| 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                               |

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| <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