



St John's Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2023

An update from Mr. Rubin...

I hope you had a good Summer break. Despite the hot weather over the last week or so, children have returned to school with renewed focus and energy which means that super learning can take place.

Children and staff are getting used to their new routines and we look forward to welcoming some of you to visit the classes on Wednesday 20th September. There is more information about that below.

Thank you for all your kind words regarding my run. The total collected is revealed below!

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.

Mrs Lee

I wrote to you earlier in the week about Mrs Lee leaving The Federation today. She has worked with so many of you over the years.

I know you will want to pass on your well-wishes as she begins her new job as a business manager in a nursery school, much closer to where she lives.



Vision Day Friday 8th September 2023 'Let Our Light Shine'

On Friday we came together to celebrate our School Vision, which is based around Jesus' special sermon in the book of St Matthew 5. We spent time in two Collective Worship discussions discussing our focus bible passage, as well as singing all about what it means to 'Let Our Light Shine'. Back in class, we spent the rest of the day producing art work related to our School Vision, as well as writing about what it personally meant to us. We had a fantastic day off our usual timetable where we started the new year ready to let our lights shine, and be the very best versions of ourselves.



Friday 8th September Vision Day @ St John's





Welcome Ms Pontin

A very warm welcome to Ms Pontin who has taken over from Ms Dixson as our new Sendco. Ms Pontin has a wealth of experience working in Newham, Southwark, Hackney and Tower Hamlets. Her main SEND interests are in children's cognition and learning and also in social emotional and mental health. She is an East Ender and has two grown-up Neurodiverse sons. Ms Pontin herself is Dyslexic.

Of course, it will take a while to get to know everyone but she will be on the gate on Wednesdays and Thursdays at St John's and contactable via admin@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Staff Training Update – Mr Rubin

Have you ever wondered what we do during INSET days when your children are not at school? Our staff spent the first couple of days at school training on safeguarding including the latest updates to ensure we are doing everything we can to keep our children safe. In addition, we had fire safety training, I updated colleagues on our school improvement plan and we also launched our new RE curriculum.

One of the many benefits to working in a Federation is that we can share our ideas and pool resources.



Save the Date – Wednesday 20th - September 9-10am Y1,3/4,5 & 6

One of the favourite things about my job is when I get to visit all the different classes and discover what they are learning. There is always such a lovely atmosphere. Next Wednesday we will be welcoming parents/carers from Classes 1, 3 /4 ,5 and 6 into school to 'Meet the Teacher' and find out the important information for the year. After that, there will be an opportunity to take part in an activity with your child. Early Years and Year 2 will have their visit on a different day. If you can not attend, we can email you the slides and you are welcome to pop into a couple of classes if you have more than one child.





Half Marathon Final Update

Thank you to everyone for their kind words and support. I think the picture on the left is a combination of joy and utter exhaustion.

We raised an incredible £3420 which will be shared between the schools. Our School Council will decide how we spend it. If you would like to contribute, it's not too late. Simply click the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/darren-rubin>

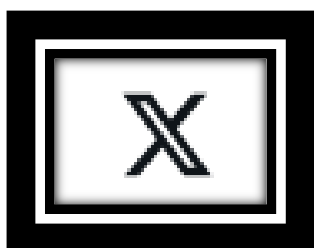
Non Uniform Day Friday 21st September

We would like to have a non-uniform day to raise money to support those victims of the Moroccan earthquake and recent floods in Libya. Please bring in £2 to help support those affected.



Follow Us on Twitter

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 462 followers and the more followers we have, the more people will see what a fantastic little school this is!



Place2Be Update – Ms Kam .

Free 4-week Online Course – Place2Be's Parenting Smart

Dear Parents and Carers,

Place2Be, our in-school mental health support service, has a variety of resources to help you support your child's wellbeing.

Their Parenting Smart website offers free practical advice on a range of topics including bullying, the transition to secondary school, meltdowns, and sleep difficulties. Please see further information below and visit parentingsmart.org.uk to read more.

Place2Be's Parenting Smart - Online Course is a free, 4-week course designed to support parents and carers of primary-age children in their parenting journey. **The deadline to register for the next course is 18th September.**

Please see further information below and visit place2be.org.uk/family to learn more about these free resources from Place2Be.

If you have any questions or would like more advice, please contact Kam Perera on the main school telephone number or speak to her at the school gate (Mon-Weds).



Parenting Smart



We all want the best for our children, but parenting can be really tough sometimes. We've all been there.

Place2Be's Parenting Smart is a site for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds, offering practical advice on supporting your child and managing behaviour.

All of our content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It's based on evidence and their experiences working with children, young people and their families.

Designed with busy parents in mind, the site has short videos and articles on topics from meltdowns to bullying, from sleeping difficulties to encouraging self-confidence.



Learn more at
parentingsmart.org.uk

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Exclusive to Place2Be schools

Parenting Smart – Online Course

Parents and Carers of 4-11 year olds can now access our free online course providing you with **extra tools to deal with everyday parenting challenges.**

The course aims to help you **strengthen your relationship with your child** and **respond helpfully to challenging behaviour.** You can also join discussions with other parents in your group from across the UK.

Designed to fit around busy family lives, the 4-week course can be **broken down into short 15-minute sections** and you can access it from your mobile phone, tablet or any other device.

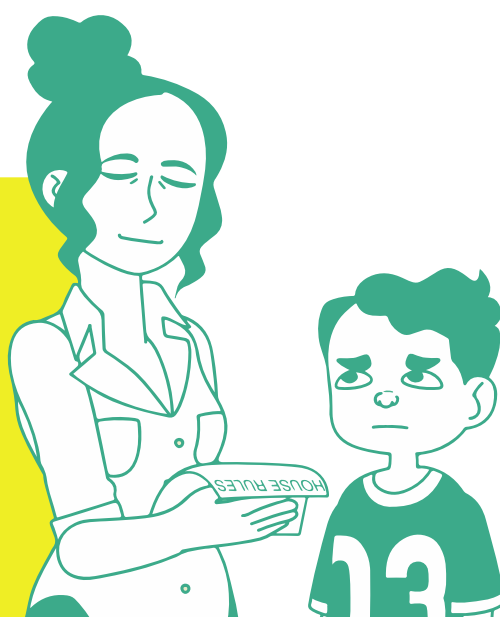
All of the content is based on the latest evidence and experience from Place2Be's Parenting Team, in partnership with South London and Maudsley-NHS Foundation Trust.

- ✓ Free
- ✓ No fixed times
- ✓ Accessible from any device
- ✓ Hear from other parents around the UK
- ✓ Place2Be professional on hand to support learning



Learn more at
place2be.org.uk/family
or talk to the Place2Be
staff member in your
school.

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It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.

Place: St. John's Primary School

Date: Friday 29th September 2023

Time: 9:15 - 10.30

Contact: Mrs Jheeta



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to donate to your host's Coffee Morning.
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WOMEN'S ECONOMIC ADVICE HUB

Faith Regen Foundation is holding **Financial Mentoring Sessions** in Tower Hamlets from May 2023 - October 2023

Essential Eligibility criteria:

- (i) Female 18+
- (ii) From Tower Hamlets Borough

Desirable eligible criteria:

Current victims/historical victims of Domestic Abuse

Session outline

1:1 case work to understand your financial situation

Financial IAG - analyse income, expenses, debt and assets and setting financial goals

Household budgeting sessions to reduce expenses and develop a tailored financial plan

Understand household utilities management, transport, banking and security, savings, etc.

and much much more!!

Call Shanjida on: 07951276749 to attend the next session or email t.habib@thefrf.org for further details



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