

The School Newsletter

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Shine, Encourage, Love and Learn

Our 5
Christian Values

Forgiveness
Love
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Togetherness

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children began this term with a talk given by a trustee from Goodwill Children's Homes. She told the children all about how the charity supports the children in India to have an education and live in a family community. We will continue to fundraise this term to raise money for resources such as books, uniform and maybe even a teacher!

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week which is organised by the charity Place2Be. Children should have received a letter detailing how we will mark this event - the theme this year is 'Find Your Brave'. Details are also on our school website.

With thanks for your continued support, Adeola Oladejo, Headteacher

School Council Writes to TfL

Our School Council wrote to TfL earlier this year as a number of concerns have been raised about the speed of cyclists who use the cycle lane opposite the school entrance.

We will let you know when we receive a reply.

Well done to our School Council for being proactive and addressing this matter.

Goodwill Children's Homes and Winston's Wish

Thank you to parents and children who donated (or/and made!) cakes for our cake sale last week.

Parent Group

Our Parent Group is always looking for new parents and carers to join them in planning for and helping with their fundraising efforts for the school.

Please get in touch with them via the school office or speak to a member of teaching staff if you would

Message from Our Governor, Alison Ball

It's particularly important to us that parents and children are happy at St. Jude and St. Paul's. Many thanks to those of you who took the time to complete our recent survey and share your views. Overall responses were very positive. All respondents reported their child enjoyed school, with the majority enjoying it a lot and feeling happy and well cared for. Parents found staff to be very helpful and supportive and agreed their child had made a lot of progress.

There were some lovely recommendations for our school, which was frequently described as 'friendly' and as having a 'caring, supportive and inclusive ethos'. The individual care and attention shown by staff and how well they know the pupils was praised, as was the fact that we are 'a community school with a family feel where each student is encouraged to work towards their full potential'. You overwhelmingly agreed that we embody our school values and vision effectively.

If you would like to add your voice to the survey, please do. It's still open and available. Please speak to the school if there is anything you or your child are concerned about.

Finally, we had a recent visit from SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). This is an audit carried out by the Church of England, a bit like an OFSTED inspection for C of E schools. It was business as usual as the visitor watched lessons; talked to staff, governors and pupils; evaluated policies, leadership and progress and observed our vision in practice. We receive feedback soon and will keep you informed of their findings.

Kind regards from all on the governing body, and many thanks for your support.

- Ali Ball (LEA Governor)

Class Assemblies	Date	Class
	14.2.20 (new date)	Year 1
	Half Term	
All at 9.15am!	6.3.20	Year 2
Parent/Carers welcome!	13.3.20	Year 3
	20.3.20	Year 5
	27.3.20	Year 6

Attendance, Punctuality and Late Collection

Did you know that being in school 90% of the time means that 1/2 a day of learning has been missed every week? That's a lot of learning and time with friends missed!

We will be contacting families whose attendance falls below 90%

A reminder that all children should be **in class for registration at 9am** as learning will start promptly afterwards.

Late collection

A number of children are being collected after 3.45pm.

A polite reminder that children who are not collected on time at the end of the school day will be taken to our after school provision and the full cost of the provision will incur.

Daffodil Competition Update

A message from Mrs Holohan who sent home daffodil bulbs with children last term:

If your child's Daffodil Bulb has already bloomed early then please take a photo and send it into school.

Alternatively, you can e-mail your photo to

admin@sjsp.islington.sch.uk Subject: Daffodil

Judging for spring bulbs will take place between 24th Feb and 20th March 2020.

Children's Mental Health Week 3-7th February 'Find Your Brave'

On Thursday 6th February we will be fundraising for Children's Mental Health Week.

This year's theme is 'Find Your Brave' and we invite the children to dress up in something that makes them feel brave. Each class will also have a bravery themed 'show and tell' session.

We ask that a donation of £1 be made and all money raised will go to 'Place2Be' - you can read more about the work of Place2Be and children's mental health on their website: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 7th February - Children's Mental Health Week - wear something that makes you feel brave.

Tuesday 11th February - 3.30-4.30
Multiplication Times Table Check Meeting for Y4 Parents

Wednesday 12th February - Y3 visit to Central Synagogue

17th – 21st February - Half Term Week

Monday 24th February - INSET Day

Tuesday 25th February - Parent Teacher Meetings 3.30-6.30

Wednesday 26th February - Year 5 visit to a Gurdwara

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Monday 2nd March - Year 2 visit to the Museum of London

Wednesday 4th March 9.15 - Families for Life, parent workshop - details to follow

Wednesday 4th March - 2.45 -Year 2 Maths Workshop for parents and children

INSET DAY

Monday 24th February

The school will be closed for pupils for staff training and development.

We look forward to seeing pupils on Tuesday 25th February.

Our Green Team

Our Green team have been busy maintaining our vegetable gardens - watch this space!