

# ST JOHN THE DIVINE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been all about the **Summer Fair!** The children have been full of excitement and anticipation for the big event. A big thank you to everyone who worked hard to make it such a success, with a special mention to Miss Farruggio in the front office for her superb co-ordination skills!

You will all have noticed that **Michael**, our crossing officer, has been absent since the end of last week. I have contacted Southwark Council, who informed me that Michael has been redeployed to elsewhere in the borough – they had not thought to let us know or to put in measures to keep our street safe. I expressed great frustration that we were not informed, and that we did not get the chance to say goodbye to Michael, and at the seeming lack of regard for the safety of our children. I have been informed that the council are trying to recruit a replacement – I would urge you all, if you have the time, to contact the council to complain about the way the situation has been handled and request that they return Michael to us as a matter of urgency.

This term is a busy term, and there is much still to be packed into the final few weeks. Here are some additional dates for your diary.

- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Free paediatric first aid training for Mums & Dads – 6-8pm at Hyperion House Community Hall SW2
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July there will be a special celebration in church in recognition of **Father Mark having been a priest for 25 years**. The service will be followed by lunch.
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July will be **Choir Master Ben's final Sunday** with us before he moves on – you are all invited to attend his service of recognition at 10:30, which, again, will be followed by refreshments.

### Save our School - a note from our Chair of Governors

It is general election time – The Governors have asked all the candidates to state their backing.

- **Florence Eshalomi (Labour)** is a long-time friend of the school. She mentioned her visit to our school in the main election hustings.
- **Chris French (Liberal Democrat)** has posted his support for our school here [https://x.com/chrisd\\_french?lang=en](https://x.com/chrisd_french?lang=en)

Thanks to both – it is great to have cross-party support for our children and the community.

Below is a summary of the learning that has taken place across the school this week.

#### Early Years

It has been a slightly different week in EYFS this week as the children in Reception prepared for their first ever class assembly. There have been some nerves, and tummy bugs have seen a number of children off absent (and Ms Conway too), but the children have put so much effort into getting ready and they have been so excited. The children in Nursery have been busy encouraging and supporting their classmates as well as spending time reading 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson. The children anticipated the words in the rhyming lines and focused on retelling the story in order. In RE, we have continued our learning about the story of Jonah and the Whale. This week we have looked at famous paintings of this story.

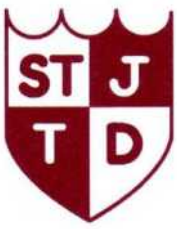
#### Year One

This week the children in Year One have been building on their visit to Vauxhall City Farm – writing recounts of their trip and producing collages of different animals in their connected curriculum lesson. The children were able to write about their journey using a range of time connectives and, they used all manner of wonderful words to describe the animals they saw. In maths they have been recapping how to count in tens whilst also learning about directions and positional language.

#### Year Two

The children in Year Two have continued to develop their inference skills in Reading this week – they have read a variety of extracts and been able to answer questions by 'reading between the lines'. It was tricky at first but the children are getting better at looking for clues in words used by the authors. In English they have been writing their own version of the Cobbler's story, trying to use a wide range of vocabulary to engage the reader. In Maths the children have been consolidating their work on multiplication and division. The children are now all mathematical masters!





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Year Three	Year Four
Year Three visited the British Museum this week to investigate Ancient Greece. We took iPad tours of the Parthenon marbles and then searched for Ancient Greek vases. In maths we have been learning to calculate the passage of time in hours and minutes, for example how long a bus ride lasts. In English we have begun to write formal letters in our most serious and persuasive language. And, everyone has been looking forward to the International Fair on Friday!	We have had another action-packed week in Year Four. In our English lessons, we have begun writing our stories. Our stories use ourselves as the protagonists and they are related to the theme of good conquering evil. In our maths lessons, we have been learning all about angles, turns and shapes. We have identified and ordered angles. After this, we studied the different types of triangles and quadrilaterals. In our science lesson, we learnt about the invention of the lightbulb and in particular the invention of the carbon filament by Lewis H Latimer.
Year Five	
This week in Year Five we have begun reading 'Oliver Twist'. The children have predicted what they think will happen in the story and why - making inferences based on the front cover. We have then read the first and second chapters, and the children have used their summarising skills to discuss what has happened so far. In maths we have been adding and subtracting using decimals.	
Year Six	
In Year Six this week, we have been enjoying the glorious weather with PE playing rounders and cricket. We have also continued to rehearse our end of year production and we have started to think about creating props and scenery. Aside from this, in English we learnt about the current General Election, which inspired many interesting conversations and debates, from which the children wrote non-chronological reports. We also continued to learn about the Christian message, in RE, in particular about the Trinity.	

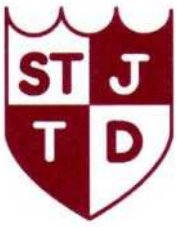
### Head Teacher awards were presented to the following children in this week's celebration assembly.

EYFS	Well done to Ama for working so hard on her reading this week. Her reading is getting better every day thanks to all of her hard work in school and at home! Great job Ama! Well done to Sarah for being such a great helper this week. Sarah has helped Ms Conway and Ms Kelly with lots of jobs this week and has been a great help at tidy up time! Good job Sarah!
Year One	Jayla for the kindness and patience shown to her friends this week and for always listening to the teacher and following instructions. Isaiah for his hard work during assessment week and for persevering through more challenging tasks.
Year Two	Teni for working hard and being a good role model to others in the class Nana for showing goodness to others both in class and on the playground
Year Three	Dominion for his amazing improvement in his swimming Daniel for demonstrating resilience in maths and independently using resources to find answers to arithmetic questions
Year Four	Kyra for displaying great maturity in and outside the classroom and being a positive role-model Riyan for working hard during assessment week and demonstrating what he has learnt
Year Five	J'anae for writing and learning her own lines by heart for the class assembly - well done J'anae you smashed it! Alan for learning his lines in English and performing them in front of the whole school and parents during our class assembly. Well done Alan - you should be very proud! Por aprender tus lineas en inglés e interpretarlas frente a toda la escuela y a los padres durante nuestra asamblea de clase. ¡Bien hecho, Alan, deberías estar muy orgulloso!
Year Six	Naheem for making exceptional effort and progress in creating atmosphere in his narrative writing. Chris for doing exceptionally well in the Spelling Bee and for celebrating the success of his classmates.

The house point totals for this week are:

 <b>GARRISON</b>	32	 <b>AUGUSTINE</b>	28
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 <b>FRANKLIN</b>	26	 <b>DICKENS</b>	32
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*On a final note – we hope you all enjoy the International Fair #Manyculturesoneheart*

Kind regards

Mrs Warland  
Head Teacher

