

St John's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter: Monday 9th September
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Mayflower Project

The term has started with a KS1 and 2 whole school project on the journey of the Mayflower. The children are learning about this local historical event and the significance it has on life today. During the coming year there will be lots of celebrations locally as the Mayflower sailed from Rotherhithe to America 400 years ago. Years 3 and 4 have already taken part in a Mayflower themed session at the Printworks and Years 2 and 5 will be going on Friday.



The children took part in a special Mayflower assembly where they were able to imagine that they were on the ship sailing to the New World. All of the children were involved, with KS2 in role as the crew and the passengers and KS1 in role as the sea and the ship.



We have been fortunate enough to organise a local Historian to lead the children on a local history walk linked to The story of the Mayflower. This will start or end at St Mary's Church, which is a significant place as the Captain of the Mayflower was buried there. You have already signed a letter giving permission for local visits and there is no cost to you as we are going to use the Family Fund to help pay for this opportunity.

Parent Introductory Meetings and assemblies

Beginning in the week of 9th September there will be an opportunity for parents to meet their child's class teacher. Following the parental feedback from last year we are holding the KS2 meetings immediately after the class assembly, as parents felt this this was very helpful, in terms of time management.

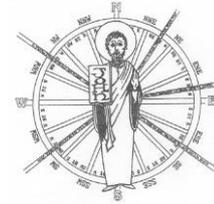
- Wednesday 11th September at 9am – Year 1
- Thursday 12th September at 9am – Year 2
- Tuesday 24th September at 2.45pm – Year 6 (Meeting and Assembly)
- Tuesday 1st October at 2.45pm – Year 5 (Meeting and Assembly)
- Tuesday 8th October at 2.45pm – Year 4 (Meeting and Assembly)
- Tuesday 15th October at 2.45pm – Year 3 (Meeting and Assembly)

Stranger Danger

An incident has been reported on local social media in regards to inappropriate adult behaviour at a local fast food restaurant. We ask all parents to be extra vigilant and to remind your children about stranger danger, particularly when out and about on their own or with friends.



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Birthdays

We have been advised that we should not hand out birthday 'sweet' treats at the end of the day due to potential food allergies. Additionally we do have a commitment to be a healthy school. Suggestions are welcome - if you have any ideas for alternatives, please let us know. This is something we are going to be asking our new School Council to consider.

Family Fund

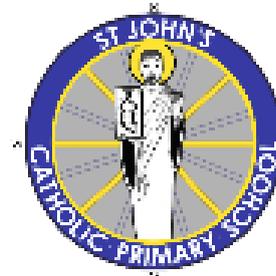
Many schools request this Family Fund contribution from parents, to help towards the 'extras' that school provides. As a school we are asking for families to pay £10 per child (maximum £20 per family). This will fund a piece of fruit every day for all KS2 children among other things! (Including the local Mayflower walks this week!)

Celebrating success



What a great time Year 1 had at Canada Water Library on Wednesday. Jessica shared a fantastic story with the children called 'Giraffes can't dance.' The children then practised different dances from all over the world including the 'Cha Cha Cha' and the Tango.

Term dates 2019-2020



Autumn Term

INSET Day: Monday 2nd Sept

Tuesday 3rd September – Friday 18th October 2019

Half Term Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October 2019

Monday 28th October – Friday 20th December 2019

INSET Day: Friday 29th November

Spring Term

INSET: Monday 6th January

Tuesday 7th January – Friday 14th February 2020

Half Term Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2020

Monday 24th February – Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term

INSET Day: Monday 20th April

Tuesday 21st April – Friday 22nd May 2020

(Friday 8th May – Early May Bank Holiday)

Half term Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2020

Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July 2020

Monday 20th July INSET

Please note that the May Day Bank Holiday has moved this year from Monday to Friday 8th May – this is due to VE Celebrations.