



Newsletter: Monday 22nd March 2021

First full week back



We have just completed the first full week in school with all of the children back. It was great to see the smiling faces and the enthusiasm for being back at school. The children are pleased to see their friends and they are working hard in class.

Green Flag Award



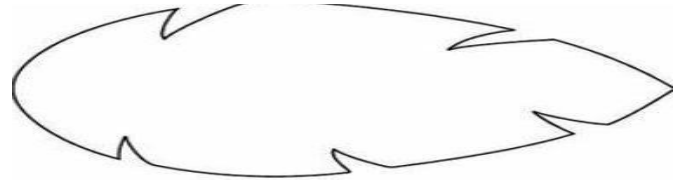
During 2020 we were awarded our 6th Green Flag – the highest environmental award. We have been an Eco School for over 12 years!

This week children in Years 2 -6 have been writing letters to suggest ideas of ways to celebrate this achievement. We look forward to sharing these ideas with you and announcing how we will celebrate!

School Uniform

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform; this means 'proper' school shoes and a navy blue coat. We understand that sourcing uniform is more difficult with non-essential shops offering only a click and collect service but as it has been three weeks now since it was announced that school will be re-opening, we hoped that our smart, uniform policy would be met. No trainers, unless on PE day!

RE Homework Project – get started now!



Your child has been sent home with an outline of a large palm leaf. The idea is to decorate this using the theme of the Easter Story. Feel free to colour it in, paint it, use collage and be as imaginative and adventurous as you can!

In the final week of term these will be stuck onto a class palm tree for all to see. This creative project will replace the Easter Hat Parade, due to the current restrictions.

This will need to be brought into school by Friday March 26th.



Lockdown rules in England from 8th – 29th March

Stay home, only leave for education, work, essential shopping, exercise or medical appointments.

No household mixing indoors or outdoors.

Please continue to follow the government guidance.

Please remember to wear masks at the school gate to protect our school community.



A plea to children at St. John's from Age UK



The following letter came into school and it would be great if the children can take part at home. During Lent we seek to do positive deeds for others. This idea does not cost a penny – but will bring happiness to the vulnerable older people in our locality.

Please read this and take part with your child.



Dear Friends,

As part of Intergenerational Week 2021 we are reaching out to young people in our local community to take part in our 'Help End Loneliness' Easter campaign.

Sadly, 1 in 12 older people in England are chronically lonely. To help our local community of older people feel connected this Easter, we are asking students to make handmade Easter cards with positive messages that we will share with older people who are isolated (even more so during this pandemic).

*On behalf of the older people who will benefit from your time, we thank you.
With kind regards Ross Diamond CEO Age UK Lewisham & Southwark*

Please send your card into school by Thursday 25th March and we will pass them on. Do make every effort to take part, showing kindness to others during Lent is so important!

Celebrating Success

Fire Safety Session



Year 2 and Year 5 are the 2 classes to receive fire safety session by the London Fire Brigade. This is a national initiative to help children be aware of dangers related to fires.

The children enjoyed the sessions this week which were held on Zoom and they learnt lots of useful information.

A key question for everyone which can save lives is this:

Do you have a smoke alarm?



If you do not have one – make this a priority to buy one immediately!