



# St. John's C of E School

# Newsletter

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**OUR VALUE FOR THIS HALF TERM IS: TRUST**

**Corinthians 13:7 - It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.**



## WELCOME!

We are pleased to announce two new TAs have joined St. John's this half-term. Please join us in welcoming Miss Gauntlett and Ms Jafari to the St. John's community!



## GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

Miss Martin will be leaving St. John's at the end of this month to go travelling. We would like to thank her for all her work at St. John's and wish her happy travels!



## WORLD BOOK DAY

St. John's will be celebrating World Book day on **Thursday 7th March** and the children will be given a token to buy a book for just £1. The theme this year will be 'bedtime stories' and so we invite all to wear their PJ's on the day and bring in their favourite book. St. John's would like to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital for them to be able to buy books. We kindly ask that the children bring in a donation of £1 to school on the day.

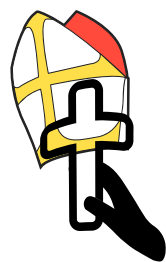
To extend the children's excitement for World Book Day, the children are being challenged to create a piece of artwork around their favourite book or one they have recently enjoyed. This could be a drawing, a story box, story spoons, a sculpture, a painting or a model. Please refer to the message sent out on Weduc to all parents/carers last week for more details. One winner from Early Years/Key Stage 1 and one from Key Stage 2 will be chosen and will receive a brand new book on World Book Day.

On the day, we also invite all parents and carers to return to school at **4:45pm - 5:30pm** to enjoy a hot chocolate and story together in the hall!



## BISHOP'S LENT CALL

Each year, the Bishops Lent Call raises funds for local projects in Southwark and its Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem. The Bishop's Lent Call for 2024 is raising funds for projects that focus on peace with justice in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, and resilience and well-being across our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe. To find out more information on this year's projects you can click [here](#) to read the blog posts and view videos. The direct link to the JustGiving page to make a donation can also be found [here](#).



## RED SCARF - GOOD BEHAVIOUR AWARD

Well done to the following pupils who have recently been awarded the Red Scarf Behaviour Award! Parents/Carers of children who have been awarded the Red Scarf can collect their **FREE** hot drink from our Olive Branch Café!



Dragonfly - Shenay  
Dolphin - Ayda  
Flamingo - Jessica  
Frog - Seraphina  
Polar Bear - Lotanna  
Caterpillar - Roshan  
Toucan - Joseph





# OHANA FITNESS CLUB

Ohana is running a free 4 week programme for Year 4 children and their adults to attend every Monday after school focusing on overall fitness. A leaflet went home last week in your child's book bag with details on how you can sign up. You can also sign up now by clicking [here](#)!



## pancake PARTY



Better late than never! New Life in Croydon will be hosting a Pancake Party event with a guest comedian on Saturday 2nd March. Click [here](#) to view the poster and find out more details to attend.

## LEARN TO SWIM

Whitgift School are running an Easter crash course during the Easter holidays for 4 days. To find out more information and book, please click [here](#)



## £2 a bar



Pre-order until 1st March 2023

Please include:

- correct cash
- your child's name and class
- how many bars you'd like (£2 each)
- how many of these need to be free-from bars



## LOST PROPERTY

We have accumulated a number of lost property items in the cupboard at school. Please can you check if you have any items missing and ensure that all uniform is labelled and named with your child's name and class so it can be easier to allocate the lost items back to the children when misplaced. Thank you.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

To apply please complete the 'Free School Meals Application' form available within Weduc or you can click [here](#) to access. If you are unsure whether or not you are entitled to benefits-related 'Free School Meals', please feel free to contact the school and speak with Mrs Mackenzie who will be able to check eligibility for you.



## PRAYER

Almighty and ever living God,  
you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent.  
May this time be one of outward focus;  
seeking you in those we often ignore.  
Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter.  
Give us hearts hungry to serve you  
and those who need what we have to give.

Amen



## Diary Dates

### TERM DATES

Mon 19th Feb - Thurs 28 Mar  
**SPRING TERM 2**

Fri 29th Mar - Fri 12th April  
**EASTER BREAK** ★

Mon 15th April - Fri 24th May  
**SUMMER TERM 1**

★ Mon 6th May  
**BANK HOLIDAY**

Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May  
**HALF TERM** ★

Mon 3rd June - Fri 19th July  
**SUMMER TERM 2**

★ Mon 22nd - Wed 24th July  
**INSET DAYS**  
(3 days)

Monday 2nd September  
**INSET DAY**

Tuesday 3rd September ★  
**FIRST DAY BACK**

Tues 3rd Sep - Fri 18th Oct  
**AUTUMN TERM 1**

Mon 21st Oct - Fri 25th Oct  
**HALF TERM**

Mon 28th Oct - Fri 20th Dec  
**AUTUMN TERM 2**

★ Mon 23rd Dec - Fri 3rd Jan  
**CHRISTMAS BREAK**

(2024/25 Additional Inset Days TBA)