



## St John's CE Primary Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter which is all about Internet Safety and recognising the value of having an open education. It is remarkable to know that it was just 100 years ago that Emmeline Pankurst and the suffragettes managed to get the vote for women. We are fortunate to be in a society that values the contribution of all.

The promotion of Safer Internet Day, this week helps to guide and prepare children of the dangers out in the wider community. So many children see the internet as a fun activity to use when learning in school and continue this into their personal leisure at home. Do you know they are not safe? Just by being on an open website your child may be influenced by others. Even if they are sensible and online, the influence from peers can be overwhelming, the statistics are a worrying read.



This is what you can do:

- Read the school policy
- Get your child to tell you how to be safe
- Give time in the holidays to look at 'Child Line' and see the programs together
- Always monitor what is happening at home together

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018/about-safer-internet-day-2018>

### **Inspire, Build and Create a Community continues!**

During the next half term we will continue the project to encourage a greater self-belief and encourage higher aspirations. We have two events that we would like you to participate in:

- **Family in School Week – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Local Business Week! – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Both events are organised to encourage our children to increase their social skills and improve self-esteem to know that they have the potential to achieve and succeed. When a family learns together, children feel safe to make 'learning mistakes' and be resilient to keep trying. Family members can share an experience and regularly feed encouragement by talking about their learning at school. This builds strong relationships and strengthens family bonds that can last for years. Lastly allowing us to understand who in the local business community can help inspire them.

Furthermore, also a good time to reflect on some of the developments we have made so far. We are getting you to contribute to the necessary change of improvement at St. John's, we have begun to organise the PTA and a Parent Forum. We are also on the verge of working together with Bromley on projects to support families through educational and social needs of children.

As we leave the core value of Thankfulness, I would like to express my appreciation for your patience and support as we make new arrangements around the building to encourage great thinkers and learners.

Enjoy the Half-term break.

Kind Regards

Ms S Rutherford  
(Head of School)



#### **Creating future musicians at St. John's**

Our dream is to create a St. John's orchestra and we are two years in bringing this together. We would like every child to be able to have the skill of playing an instrument.

Please sign up to the opportunities while they are available.



#### **Music Makers – Guitar Lessons**

We would like to extend the range of instruments that children can play in school. We are looking at providing guitar lessons. We are seeking children who would like to begin guitar lessons. Please ask for a form at the school office next term.

#### **Year 4 Clarinet Concert**

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the year 4 concert on Tuesday afternoon. I was very impressed with the children's positive attitude and respect for others. Every child was congratulated for their efforts. Well done year 4.

#### **Year 3 Recorders Assembly**

All the children in year 3 have the opportunity to learn the recorder. We cannot wait see how the children have been improving.

#### **Football Mania**

On Monday some year 3 children took part in a football match against our local rivals Harris Kent House in a friendly. The children did a great job holding on to a draw until the very last minute, when the rivals managed another goal to clinch the match. We came close and will do even better with other matches to come. Well done, to the year 3 children and to the parents who came to support!



#### **French at School**

After the half term we will be having a new French teacher coming into school to develop French conversation skills. Mrs Pointer will be supporting the French curriculum on Tuesday afternoons.

### School Lunch Provider - Nourish

We had an increase to the number of parents who were happy to attend the Nourish tasting session yesterday. Parents were able to taste some of the food that your children enjoy in school. Nourish is happy to listen to any other suggestions about making lunches more diverse to reflect different cultures and the food type for children. There has been a positive response with the new menu that is available.

Please see a quote below from a Grandparent that attended the tasting session.

*“As a vegetarian, I found the red pepper quiche, cheese pizza and vegetarian sausage rolls all very tasty and certainly not bland. The beef stew looked excellent, there were large pieces of tender meat that were much appreciated by the other ladies - even at 2.30 in the afternoon!  
I believe they also do a wonderful macaroni cheese so I am told by my grandson!  
All the meals are served with freshly made bread, salads and vegetables and also on offer are baked potatoes with a choice of fillings. There are always fruit pots, a desert and quite delicious Mr Nourish biscuits. I have to say we were very impressed! Not school food like I remember it!”*

### Year 3 Parent Assembly

Well done to the Year 3 children on a fantastic class assembly.

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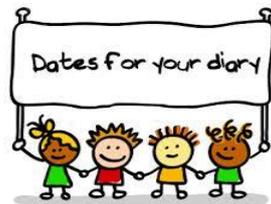
## Attendance & Punctuality

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We are taking firm action to reduce levels of poor attendance and punctuality, to ensure our children start the day well and get the quality learning they deserve. Please ensure your children are on time and ready to learn!

The best classes for attendance this week are:

- Sapphire
- Tiger Eye



**Half Term - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February till Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

**Children return to school Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**



Well done to our top classes for gaining Dojo points! The following classes are leading the way towards the head teacher's prize!

- Pearl 100%
- Ruby 100%
- Topaz 100%



Onyx 94% - Most improved class this week!

### Dojo Stars of the Week

Children who have worked really hard and made a special achievement in their safer internet learning this week.

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| <p><b>Pearl</b><br/>Josiah<br/>Great interaction on Safer Internet Day</p>      | <p><b>Ruby</b><br/>Archie<br/>Great involvement with Safer Internet day session.</p> | <p><b>Sapphire</b><br/>Kayden<br/>Great Safer Internet Day work</p>                  | <p><b>Topaz</b><br/>Billy<br/>Asking the right question to an adult when using the ipad</p> |
| <p><b>Opal</b><br/>William<br/>Great work during the Safer Internet session</p> | <p><b>Diamond</b><br/>Leah<br/>Very engaged in the Internet Safety</p>               | <p><b>Aquamarine</b><br/>Angel D<br/>Great involvement during Safer Internet Day</p> | <p><b>Amethyst</b><br/>Joey<br/>Great work in the Safer Internet session.</p>               |
| <p><b>Tiger's Eye</b><br/>Kylah<br/>Great Safer Internet Day poster</p>         | <p><b>Jade</b><br/>George<br/>Great involvement with Safer Internet Day</p>          | <p><b>Onyx</b><br/>Terrell<br/>Very engaged in the Safer Internet Day session</p>    | <p><b>Emerald</b><br/>Antonio<br/>Good questions asked during Safer Internet Session</p>    |