

Newsletter 19 (2020-21)

March 26th, 2021

Dear Parents,

After two weeks back at school, it is beginning to feel like we are almost back to “normal”. However, we all know that we are not there just yet. Over the Easter holidays, further restrictions will be lifted and, hopefully, by the time we come back in April, we can begin to breathe a little easier.

Sometimes, even in the darkest moments, we can see some light. We have noticed that allowing the children slightly less time in the playground at lunchtime but each class having sole use of the space. This will not change! We will also be keeping the staggered arrivals and exits each day as they are so much easier for everyone and the pavements are not so congested.

PTA News

Intro to PTA presentation

If you are new to St Saviour's and want to understand the who, what and why of the PTA please join our Zoom presentation on Monday 29th March 8.30-9pm. We will explain all, debunk the myths and try to answer your questions. All parents/carers are welcome.

Zoom details: Mar 29, 2021 08:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77484568848?pwd=bVlyall1azFuRnF5NmtLSmR3akQ4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 774 8456 8848

Passcode: SSSPTA

Charity Committee – Easter Raffle

The Charity Committee were delighted to discover that the number of tickets bought for their Easter raffle has raised an amazing £931 for The Make a Wish Foundation. What a wonderful result. The raffle was drawn by the Committee and the winners were as follows:

1st Teddy Y2, 2nd Violet Y6, 3rd June Y4, 4th Jahanara Rec., 5th Natalie Y2, 6th Cassius Y3, 7th Dahlia Y1, 8th Ellen Y4 and 9th Purdy Y1

Well done to the children on the Charity Committee (Aaliyah, Leon, Charlie, Ellie-Mae, Laila, Macey, Shae, Carlotta and Sophia) for a great job done and, of course, Miss Rogers for organising!

Messages from the School Office

1. Please make sure to pay your Lunch money as soon as possible
2. If you need to make an urgent doctor or dentist appointment, please make sure that you bring back a completed Medical form. These can be obtained from the Office and will be on line shortly.
3. From April 19th, cancellation of WrapAround Club will require a 48 hour cancellation period or you will be charged.

A Huge Number of Fantastic Messages From Miss Hodgson:

You might be interested in a drama Easter Holiday course which Perform are funning for 4-10 year olds. Based on *Beauty and the Beast* these fun drama, dance and singing courses will run from 10am-3pm each day. You can read more about them here: <https://www.perform.org.uk/classes-courses/holiday-courses/beautyandthebeast>

Fancy Joining the prestigious London Youth Choir (LYC)?

We've got some very talented singers in our school - if you're one of them, maybe you'd be interested in joining a really super choir with other very talented singers!? LYC are auditioning very soon.

Miss Hodgson has spoken with the team and if you are dealing with financial difficulties and mention St Saviour's at your application stage - there will be help with fees (and additional costs including travel, should your child be selected to join). Choirs to choose from:

- LYC West (mixed) - Yr3-6 rehearses in Ealing Thursdays
- Girls' Choir - Yr 3-6 rehearses near St Pauls Mondays
- Boys' Choir - Yr3-6 rehearses near St Pauls Mondays

Please let Miss Hodgson know if you choose to apply so she can help you prepare for your audition.

You can find out more about the choirs and the application form

here: <https://www.londonyouthchoirs.com/audition-join/>

We're very proud of all the hard work the children have shown during lockdown. Even with all the obstacles of the changing nature of learning over the past twelve months, the children have shown such enthusiasm and creativity. We're particularly proud of these wonderful achievements...

Sarai (Y6) won the London Youth Choir Christmas soloist competition meaning that she opened their Christmas Virtual concert with her interpretation of 'Once in Royal David's City'.

She has been awarded a scholarship place in their youth choir and now enjoys their weekly zoom rehearsals.

We are also very proud that she has been selected for a Music scholarship for her secondary school too!

Well done Sarai!

Lockdown on-line Music programmes – we are officially marvellous!

Over fifty children from St Saviour's completed online music classes (with the Arts Council funded project Lycaem) during lockdown, helping to enrich their home learning. This was the highest attendance of any school involved with the project and the children who took part have been very excited to report back on their learning. Lessons varied from Grade 1 theory and Music History to Film scores and composing using Music Technology. Well done everyone!

Further News on the Westminster Faith Exchange Art Competition – Award Ceremony

The Mayor of Westminster presented five of our children with prizes and certificates at an online Awards Ceremony to celebrate the Westminster Faith Exchange Art competition. He remarked that he was impressed that the 8-10yr old category was filled entirely with St Saviour's pupils which meant that we must have very skilled and inspiring teachers and a strong Art ethic at school! We couldn't agree more!

Our congratulations go to: Violet, Charlie, Ellie-Mai and Alma (8-10yr category) and a special prize to the youngest entrant - Katie (3yrs) who made a wonderful sculpture.

PLUS.....

Huge congratulations also go to the children whose art work was selected to be included in the Creative Collective Virtual Gallery organised by the Westminster City Lions.

The children created wonderful pieces that explored the themes of Community, Black Lives Matter or Life in Lockdown. We await news of which pieces may be included in the final installation at the Saatchi Gallery - how exciting! Well done to: Arnica, Carlota, Macey & Ellie-Mai. You can see their work (& that of other entrants) here: <https://citylions.org/students/creative-collective-virtual-gallery/>

Stars of the Week

Nursery: The Nursery Star of the Week is Arthur! We have all been so impressed with all of the wonderful listening, playing and helping that you have done this week. You have set a brilliant example to all of your friends. We think that you are a SUPERSTAR and we are very proud of you!

Reception: Bianca has been a superstar since coming back to school. She is the most helpful and kind child and always willing to go the extra mile. She is trying very hard with her phonics and reading. Thank you for being such a pleasure to teach, Bianca! ☺

Year One: Our Star of the Week is Jonathan! This week he has been working very hard in our phonics lesson. He has made excellent progress with his reading, particularly when reading alien words. Keep up the good work!

Year Two: Senna has had another brilliant week. Your multiplying and dividing in particular has been superb! We have all been so impressed with how hard you have been working. Well done and keep up the great work.

Year Three: Alex for making excellent contributions in all subject across the whole week. Well done!

Year Four: Lucien. You have put a lot of effort into your written work and your behaviour has been great!

Year Five: Jackson – you have had a fantastic week. You have worked hard and produced a very good story – with high quality vocabulary. Brilliant! Keep it up!

Year Six: Jasmine has had another great week. She always impresses us with her work ethic and dedication in all subjects and she is an inspiration to all. Very well done!

I hope you have a restful weekend and keep safe,

With love and best wishes,

Ms. Woodford xxx