

Newsletter 5 (2021-22)

October 8th, 2021

Dear Parents,

This week's Theme of the Week has been All Good things come from God. I have noticed over these past few troubled months that people who may have gone unnoticed in their work (e.g. cleaners, auxiliary workers in hospitals, refuse collectors, shelf stackers, Key workers of all kinds) really showed their real worth during times when cleanliness and safety became more important than at any other time.

I certainly take the time to say "Thank You" to as many people that I can as it is so important to acknowledge the valuable work that everyone does to keep our world safe for all.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH We began our Black History Month work this week with a wonderful assembly from Miss Granite about Ted Brown, who helped organise protest marches in London asking for LGBTQ+ people to be treated fairly. The children also listened to 'Proud' by M People (one of my all-time favourites) and thought about what we could do to make sure that people are treated fairly. Year 1 have made some wonderful black and white paper sculptures inspired by the work of Charles McGee and Year 6 are busy investigating inspirational Black British people ready to create their portraits. Composer's Corner has had a Black History Month takeover and the children can hear clips of music from Florence Price, Duke Ellington, Stevie Wonder and Stormzy. Breakfast Club chose to listen to the songs of Aretha Franklin whilst munching this week! More to come! Follow us on Instagram to keep up to date with all our activities and learning! There are also lots of lovely displays popping up in classrooms around the school. You can see some of the photos on our Instagram account: @stsavioursprimary.

This year's theme is PROUD TO BE 2021. Here is a useful link for more information on British Black History month: <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

The link for another really interesting site with some great animated short films (such as a great one on the Notting Hill Carnival) is: <https://theblackcurriculum.com/downloads>

Children will begin a more intense study of influential black individuals next week. Thank you to Miss Granite for buying a Black History time line for every class as well as the fantastic book "Black and British" by David Olusoga for Key Stage Two. I thought I would share a fascinating story about a married couple who used to be slaves in Georgia, USA who escaped and made a home in Hammersmith in 1858.

Mr. William Craft and Mrs. Ellen Craft travelled 1,000 miles from slavery in Georgia in the South to freedom in the Northern States with Ellen disguised as a white man and William as her servant. Ellen was very light-skinned, which allowed her to pass as white during the escape, posing as a disabled Southern gentleman planter who was travelling north for medical treatment.





The couple reached Philadelphia, where they were greeted by abolitionists (people who were against slavery) who carried them on to Massachusetts. When new laws meant they could be recaptured by their enslavers, they escaped to the UK. After their arrival they lectured on abolition, reform and social justice.

But in 1850, Congress introduced a law that meant their former enslavers could send agents to abduct them and return them to the south.

The husband and wife fled across the Atlantic in December that year, settling first in Ockham, Surrey, before making their home at 26 Cambridge Grove, a mid-Victorian House in Hammersmith, west London. It is this house which now bears the blue plaque from English Heritage marking their achievements: "Refugees from slavery and campaigners for its abolition lived here".

Resist like Rosa! Fundraise like Lenny! Campaign like Marcus! Care like Mary! Dream like Martin!

PTA News

The Pyjamas/Onesie Non-Uniform day raised a whopping £481.00 Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun!

If you would like to join in the New 100 Club, you can find details on ParentMail. We have currently sold 43 tickets (thank you!) and have 57 remaining – buy one whilst you can. We will be making the first drawer on October 21st so time is of the essence!

Mrs. Toptsis and Mrs. Prothero have agreed to organise a Zoomed Introduction to the PTA presentation on Monday 11th October at 20:30 p.m. This will tell everyone but, particularly, new parents in Nursery, Reception and around the school, what the PTA is all about and understand more about all the events that are starting to pop up. **Zoom details will be coming your way via ParentMail on Monday.**

For the School Christmas Lunch (date to be arranged), we would like to hold a Christmas jumper day at the same time. You may be beginning to think about new Christmas Jumper for this year if your children have outgrown theirs from previous years, we will be holding a 2nd hand Christmas Jumper sale after half term.

We LOVE Reading at St. Saviour's – Join us for a world of excitement and fun!

We are making sure our Reading Corners are very special places to spend time reading so, if you have any spare cushions, fairy lights or similar items, please send them into school.

From next week, we will be sending home suggestions made by the children of their favourite books to give you some inspiration – you will at least know the books are well thought of! In the meantime, Miss Hodgson has found some age related book lists which you may find useful.

Books for Children 0-5

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/1/100-best-0-5/>

Books for Children 6-8

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/1/100-best-books-6-8/>

Books for Children 9-11

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/1/100-best-books-9-11/>

Whilst these reading lists from Book Trust include a wide range of authors and styles, if you were looking especially for books from a Diverse background, this list is a good place to start:

<https://www.scholastic.co.uk/blog/Diverse-Childrens-Book-Recommendations-40252>

For recommendations for Diverse Early Years books try this account on Instagram for awesome suggestions:

@Sharing.the.shelf

Lunch News:

The Census lunch yesterday was a huge success and the beef burgers and veggie burgers were enjoyed by (almost!) everyone! A new winter menu has been released but we would like to make a few adjustments. As soon as these are approved, this will be sent out to you.

We are going to coincide Christmas Jumper Day with the Christmas School Lunch Day – more news of this date shortly.

Buddies Are Amazing!

Well done to Year Six and their Reception Buddies who have made an excellent start to their new friendships. It has been an absolute delight to see the smiles on their faces! We will be inviting Reception parents for a tour of the school with Year Six and their children after half term. This will mean they can also meet Mrs. Spence (returning from maternity leave) and have a cup of tea in the hall at the same time. Details coming soon.

Year Five and Year One will be attending a special Buddy Assembly on Monday 11th October at 9:00 a.m. to find out who their new Buddies will be. This is a very exciting time and we will be Zooming the occasion for both sets of parents. Year One parents are warmly invited for a tour of the school by the children and then a welcome tea in the hall on Wednesday 13th October at 9:00 a.m.

Nursery Parents: We have not forgotten you! Although your children will not have Buddies until after Easter, it would be lovely to welcome you into the Nursery classroom to meet Mrs. Wilson who will be returning from maternity leave after half term. Date to be arranged!

Buster's Weekend Friend – Kenny B (Year Two)

Kenny is a motivated and independent pupil. He is extremely conscientious and always has a positive attitude towards learning. He never gives up when faced with a challenge; instead, he greets challenges with a smile and is a wonderful role model to all his classmates. Well done, Kenny, we are all so proud of you!

Teacher Angel – Mrs. Berisaj

You may not have heard of Mrs. Berisaj before as she is brand new to St. Saviour's. However, the children thought it was important to notice her for the following reasons: Ms. Berisaj has been working extremely hard and is very helpful. Her work in Reception has been particularly welcomed and she is very involved with all the children and is a great asset to the class.

Friday TryDay: Today, we tried a traditional sweet called Milk Bottles. Most children were able to enjoy this treat and the overwhelming opinion was “delicious”! Milk Bottles can be purchased in most shops but I bought mine from Tesco's (3 bags for £1).

Stars of the Week

Nursery: Zain, You are the Nursery Star of the Week! We have all been SO impressed with how amazing you have been in Nursery this week. You have been playing nicely, taking turns and following all of our instructions! You always come into school with a big smile on your face. What a wonderful member of our Nursery class!

Reception: Summer is our star of the week in Reception. Summer is a super role model to her peers. She is so polite and kind to everyone, and has worked especially hard on her writing this week, sounding out her words and using tricky words. Well done!

Year One: Maryiza is this week's Star of the Week. She showed great enthusiasm on the carpet and always greets me with a huge smile. She is definitely here to impress.

Year Two: Jude, you are our Star of the Week! You have been putting in 100% effort in all subjects and have demonstrated wonder behaviour on the carpet this week. Well done!

Year Three: Ethan is the Year 3 star of the week. He has been so kind to all children in the class this week and has made a fantastic effort in all his learning, especially in our science experiment!

Year Four: Imogen, you are our Star of the Week. You contribute some great answers during lesson and always show exemplary behavior. You have also shown great leadership skills during our Maths lessons!

Year Five: Tess has had another fantastic week. In class she has been listening and working well. In Maths she has produced some great work on addition, on subtraction and on measuring length and mass. Brilliant!

Year Six: Anna has had another brilliant week. Her writing this week, from a character's point of view, was incredibly detailed and interesting to read; she used lots of amazing phrases and vocabulary. I was very impressed. Well done for always trying your best.

Today, we say a sad but fond farewell to The Oprescu Family (Edward, Natalie and Arthur) as they leave London to move to Buckinghamshire. Good luck and hope to see you soon!

And, finally, please make sure your child brings a coat to school EVERY day whatever the weather forecast. No coat, no entering the playground!

I hope you have a restful weekend and keep safe.

With love and best wishes,

Ms. Woodford