

Newsletter 6 (2021-22)

October 15th, 2021

Dear Parents,

This week has seen a significant rise in COVID infections and Chicken Pox across the school. The Chicken Pox is to be expected but due to the Lockdowns fewer children were exposed to the “usual” viruses and the warm weather hasn’t helped either. Please keep a look out for bright red spots and let us know if these develop. Children may not come back to school until the spots have scabbed over.

Affected Classes (so far!): Year Five, Year Three, Year Two and Reception. I suspect it will be across the school in a very short time.

Please see the attached self-portrait of Katie (Reception) with Chickenpox. Not only is the picture delightful, but please check the phonics spelling – well done, Katie!

The increase of positive tests for COVID are scattered across the school and we have 11 confirmed cases and some whole families isolating. We have contacted the Local Authority and we are doing all that is required under current Government guidelines. **Please look out for a fuller explanation message via ParentMail today.**

Artistic Good-byes and Hellos

Sadly, we will be saying “Good-Bye” to Sophie Smallhorn, our Artist in Residence at the end of next week. Miss Smallhorn is an internationally renowned artist so we have been very lucky to have her working with us. Due to a heavy demand for her work, she has had to take the hard decision to concentrate on her designs.

Miss Smallhorn has revolutionised the way in which our children are taught art and their work can be seen around the school. They have, clearly, enjoyed her lessons and eagerly acquire new skills. These build upon each other from Nursery all the way to Year Six.

I am delighted to announce that we have found a brand new Artist in Residence who will begin working with us after half term. Her name is Mrs. de Perlaky. The portfolio of work she showed to Miss Hodgson and I as well as the enthusiasm she had for working with our children made her an obvious choice.

BLACK HISTORY

I am delighted to attach a fascinating round up of Black History Month art exhibitions that are open in London at the moment – such a rich range of exciting creativity. Thank you to Summer’s mother for bringing these to our attention.

PTA News

If you would like to join in the New 100 Club, you can find details on ParentMail. We have currently sold 47 tickets (thank you!) and have 53 remaining – buy one whilst you can. We will be making the first drawer on October 21st so time is of the essence!

For the School Christmas Lunch (Wednesday 8th December), 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.

'A Day in my Digital Life' poster competition

ParentZone (in partnership with Google) have launched a very exciting competition for children aged 5-11. They are required to design a colourful and creative poster that reflects how they use the Internet and digital technologies in their lives. The poster should showcase what purposeful ways they use the Internet (playing games, coding, research, playing 'Interland', homework, catching up with friends and family etc.) but also how they balance their online and offline activities, so display pictures of them playing sports, dancing, reading a book, yoga etc. The top 50 entries will have their posters displayed in the Houses of Parliament and be invited to an event in Westminster to view their work on display!

You can find the details on how to submit your work here: ['A day in my digital life' art competition | Parent Zone](#) We would love to see as many children as possible taking part in this and, fingers crossed, we could have some winners from St Saviour's!

Partnership with Westbourne Baptist Church Projects

Please see the attached flyer for half term activities which are being run by the Westbourne Baptist Church – they are so exciting!

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

We are launching a photographic project for half term entitled "Reading in Unusual Places". I could read anywhere so there must be somewhere I can think of that is really unusual. If you are going away over the holiday or staying at home, there must be somewhere you could think of. There will be displays around the school as well as top slots in the entrance hall and on the website.

Buddies Are Amazing!

Our fabulous Year Five Buddies have already made great friends with Year One. They were even able to conduct parent tours around the school on Wednesday. The delightful smiles on their faces (adults and children!) plus their obvious enjoyment at being able to show their classrooms, playgrounds, offices and even lavatories filled my heart with joy!

Year Six and their Reception Buddies are well on the way to being Top Partners. Each morning at the gate, you can see the friendships developing so much so that this is what two Reception children have said to their parents. Amber "I want my hair done the same way as Bayley" and Anastasia "I want a pink jacket like Sophia".

Buster's Weekend Friend – Senna (Year Three)

Senna is a wonderful role model for everyone in Year Three. She is kind, conscientious and strives for success in every lesson. She is always keen to learn new things – her art work is fantastic. She has been extraordinary in helping new classmates settle in and making sure they understand what is happening. A new confident side is emerging and we love this!

Teacher Angel – Mr. Powell

The children chose Mr. Powell to be Teacher Angel this week because he is very understanding and supportive. He is always happy and fun to talk to. He is also a good listener and helps children with any problems.

Stars of the Week

Nursery: Theodora, you are our Star of the Week! You have had a fantastic week in Nursery and have been showing everyone how to sit and listen well on the carpet – what an excellent example you are to your friends. We have also been impressed with how well you eat your lunch and how independent you are. Your cheerful smile and enthusiasm brightens our day!

Reception: This week's Star of the Week is Pablo. For working really hard on his phonics, blending his sounds to read words and being a super friend to everybody.

Year One: The Star of the Week is Rayan because he has shown so much enthusiasm for learning. He always waits patiently for his turn and listens very carefully to other children's ideas.

Year Two: Congratulations Dahlia on being Year 2's Star of the Week. You have worked incredibly hard all week. I am particularly impressed with the paragraphs you wrote in your sequel to 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. Well done!

Year Three: Star of the week in Year 3 is Stefanos! He has been incredible this week, trying hard in his maths. He has been so helpful to everyone in class.

Year Four: Paige, you are our Star of the Week! You are always contributing excellent answers during our discussions. You are also generating some great ideas for the Reading Corner as you are a fabulous Book Monitor.

Year Five: Sarya has had another fantastic week. Sarya works hard all of the time and during lesson discussion times, she listens intently and she always shares her thoughtful and insightful ideas with the rest of the class. Brilliant work Sarya.

Year Six: Congratulations Vasilis, you are our Star of the Week. You are always so kind, caring, thoughtful and hardworking. And, you have a great sense of humour! WE love the positivity you bring to the class. Your writing and maths is brilliant. Keep up the great work and, stay cool, dude!

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