



St. Jérôme Church of England Bilingual Primary School

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Dear Parents,

WOW – what a week! I do hope that those of you who were able to come, on Tuesday, to the official opening of St. Jérôme Church of England Bilingual School, enjoyed the morning. It was such a privilege to have the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Richard Chartres KVCO, the Bishop of London to open our beautiful building. The children behaved impeccably and sang their special song of blessing, with Holy Trinity Choir, so beautifully. So many of the visitors commented on the children's behaviour as well as the wonderful school building they are now enjoying. I have now taken many parents on a tour of the building, I do hope everyone has had an opportunity to see the future classrooms and other facilities your child will use in the future. If you have been unable to see the rooms, please do speak with me one morning or afternoon.

Last night I had the pleasure of attending the Bishop of London's last public engagement, a Eucharist Candlemas, his farewell service, before he retires after 21 years in post. The setting in St. Paul's Cathedral, was obviously splendid and to see so many people (overflowing into Paternoster Square) there to support him, was wonderful. Mrs Peters was also a part of the congregation and the clergy from the Diocese of London were part of the procession into the cathedral with the Bishop. This included Revd Norris, Revd Barry Hingston, Revd Marj Mott (from St. John's), as well as one of our parents, Revd Jason Gardner. We all were very proud and more than a little excited when Bishop Richard mentioned our school in his sermon! Please follow the link for the whole sermon, our mention is in the fifth paragraph: <http://www.london.anglican.org/articles/valedictory-sermon-master-now-dismissing-servant/>

This week in worship we have begun to talk about more about respect, starting with using "please" and "thank you". We are also talking to the children about looking after our possessions, be they their own, or something belonging to other people or the school. I, along with all the staff, have been saddened recently by the number of broken school toys, books and games. Please would you support us at home, by talking with your child this weekend, about the need to be very careful and gentle with school equipment. We have stressed that accidents do happen, but not with quite the frequency that they have happened recently. We are visiting St. John's next Wednesday (8th February), and would welcome help, walking to and from church, from any parents who are free to stay after school drop off.

This week we awarded more achievement certificates in our Friday celebration assembly. This week we celebrate with:



Star of the week (all round fantastic week): Saahil and Ciara



Diamond Learners (making great efforts with their learning): Adrielle and Noah M



Kindness award (an act of kindness, generosity or support): Adam G and Joshua

Thank you to all 3 candidates who stood for our school Parent Governor election recently and to all the 85 parents who sent in their vote. I'm sure you received a letter yesterday from Mrs Denning (Clerk to the Governors) confirming that Mrs Julie Dyson and Mr Ibrahim Mohamed have now been elected. Congratulations.

Some of you will be aware that we recently advertised for an Office Manager to support Mrs Smith and we are delighted to say that Mrs Stebbing will be joining us on Monday. Mrs Stebbing has over a decade of experience in education administration and we know she will embrace our values and ethos and quickly settle into our school community. I am sure parents will warmly welcome her to St. Jérôme and will have the opportunity to meet her at the Coffee Morning before our Phonics Workshop on Thursday.

Future dates for your diary:

8 th February	Visit to St. John's Church 9 am
9 th February:	Coffee morning & "phonics for parents" workshop 9 am
13-17 th February:	Half term holiday – School closed to pupils
1 st March:	Ash Wednesday Church Service 9 am
8 th March:	Red class parent & teacher meetings
9 th March:	Blue class parent & teacher meetings
15 th March:	Visit to St. John's Church 9 am
31 st March:	Epiphany Term ends <u>1:15 pm</u> (After School Club at <u>4 pm</u>)
18 th April:	Trinity Term begins

Do contact me via the school office if you have any questions about life at St. Jérôme Church of England Bilingual School.

Yours sincerely,

E.J.Walton

Mrs. E. Walton
Head of School

**It is our part to seek, His to grant what we ask;
Ours to make a beginning, His to bring it to completion;
Ours to offer what we can, His to finish what we cannot.
St. Jérôme (347-420AD)**

