



St. Jérôme Church of England Bilingual Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the eighth term in the life of St Jérôme School, I would like to thank parents for their support during our recent Ofsted and SIAMS inspections. Your responses on the Ofsted Parent View website and the feedback passed directly to inspectors have been a source of great encouragement to staff and governors. We will be able to share the inspection reports with you when these arrive. From the initial feedback that leaders and governors have received we believe that the reports will identify the strengths that have already begun to develop in our new school community and will also provide a clear indication of where improvements can be made as we continue to build and develop our school.

Happy Mothering Sunday!

A huge thank you to our PTFA for organising a special breakfast for our mums and grand mums to enjoy with their children today. We hope that the thank yous and special treats continue for our mums over the weekend as we remember all those who care for and look after us.



Staff News

Mrs. Thana, much loved teacher of Monet class, will be commencing her period of maternity leave after the Easter holidays. She will be greatly missed during her absence and our thoughts will be with her and her husband over the coming months. We are delighted that Mrs. Jardella will be joining our permanent staff team and will initially teach Monet class to the end of the academic year. Mrs. Jardella is a very experienced, dedicated and caring teacher and will be working closely with Mrs. Bowerman and the Early Years team to ensure a smooth transition for the children. She will be visiting St Jérôme School again on Tuesday next week to meet the children and any parents collecting their children and will be working with Mrs. Thana and Mrs. Bowerman to prepare for next term.

Our much loved and respected Early Years Practitioner, Mrs. Peters will be retiring at the end of this term. I know that many families will want to thank her for her excellent care and support for the children. We will miss her greatly. Mr. Bunting will be supporting in Early Years after Easter and we will be advertising for a permanent Early Years Practitioner in due course.

We are also delighted to welcome to our team Miss Burgham who is an excellent teacher from our partner school Holy Trinity, who will be joining the Key Stage 1 team for the summer term to provide additional learning and teaching support in Year 1 and Year 2. I know that you will warmly welcome her to the team.

Launch of French Home Learning Activities for children in Year 2

Thanks to the generous funding received from the PTFA, Mme Chadier has been able to prepare reading books for all children in Year 2 to enjoy at home. These books have QR codes on the front that when scanned with a mobile device will link to sound files on the school website to support French learning. We will launch the resources in the first week of next term and would like to invite Year 2 parents to attend a workshop on **Thursday 25th April at 8:50am** to find out more about how these resources can be used at home to support learning. We aim to record the presentation and will upload this and the accompanying resources to the school website for any parents who are unable to attend. Mme Chadier would like to extend thanks to the group of parents who have trialed some of the resources prior to the full launch.

Mme Chadier and Mme Stirling will be attending training at the Institut Français in London next week that will qualify them to be examiners of the diplomas awarded by the French Ministry of Education to officially validate French language competence. This will enable St Jérôme School to become an accredited centre for these tests and for us to be able to award these diplomas to children as they progress in their learning. Mme Chadier will share more information about this at the parent workshop on the **25th April**. We expect that children at St Jérôme School will achieve these diplomas significantly in advance of children in other schools.

School Newsletter

After the Easter holiday we will be launching a new weekly newsletter. Thank you to the parents who have told us what you value in our newsletters and what you would like to see. It is our intention that in our new newsletter, our Key Stage 1 children will contribute to writing some of the news articles as 'school journalists'. This will give them a real context for writing. We will be using 'mailchimp' to email the newsletter to you which will enable us to link more closely with the school website and also include more photographs and film clips. Next week Year 2 children will be choosing the name of our new newsletter.

E-safety Awareness Workshop for Parents

As part of our commitment to safeguarding pupils we would like to invite all parents to attend one of our e-safety awareness workshops on **Tuesday 30th April** at either **8:50am** or **2:30pm**. You can choose which session and do not need to book in advance. We have invited a CEOP accredited specialist to lead the workshops to inform parents of the potential risks and dangers of the use of technology and the internet and how you can talk about this with your child and keep them safe. Please save the date and try to attend if you can. Again, we plan to film the presentation and upload it to the school website.

Project Fruitful Working Party on Saturday 6th April

Following our successful launch event, I am delighted that we will be holding the first working party to develop our school garden spaces on **Saturday 6th April**. A letter explaining the project and what will be happening is attached. Please do consider joining the working party. Mrs. Clarke is looking forward to the opportunities that this project affords in Science lessons and we are working hard to become an eco-friendly school.

Awards this week

Congratulations to the following children who received awards in our celebration assembly today.

Star:

Jason and Tyrell
Andre and Naiya
Joshua and George

Diamond:

Benjamin and Alfie
Sadaf and Larisa
Aaron and Rayyan

Kindness:

Elisha and Zaara
Anaiah-Rae and Arnav
Saahil and Evangeline

Easter 2019

Through the season of Lent, we have been preparing to celebrate Easter. We hope you have enjoyed the Acts of Kindness as much as we have. There are some wonderful photographs on our school website of the Easter workshops led by Harrow Regeneration and the children enjoyed creatively engaging with the Easter story. On Thursday next week we are very much looking forward to hosting the Rainbow Theatre Company who will be presenting their much-acclaimed production of The Easter Story to Key Stage 1. We are also very much looking forward to our Easter Service on **Wednesday 3rd April** in St John's Church. We are hoping that the weather will be kind to us and we will be able to be in Church. As always, we need as many parent volunteers to help us to safely walk the children to the Church. If you are able to help on the day, please come to the school office and as soon as children are registered we will set off.

Please remember that school closes for pupils at **1:15pm on Friday 5th April** and after school club at 4:00pm and we reopen for pupils **on Wednesday 24th April**.

Have an enjoyable weekend and don't forget that the clocks change!

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