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To: All Parents / Carers

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Black History Month

As you know October marks Black History Month, the annual celebration of the history, achievements and contributions of black people. Black History Month was first launched in the 1980s and its aim is to challenge racism and educate people.

The children were asked to take part in a competition to design a poster to mark this annual event. The deadline was on Monday and the entries have now been reviewed and the winners posted on our website. I think you will agree the content of the entries were informative, creative and inspiring.

<https://www.stjeromebilingual.org/our-gallery-2020/>

A huge well done to all those who entered and to the winners. Our Black History Month display will be exhibited in school where children and staff can see a selection of the posters. The remaining posters will be returned to class teachers for them to display in their classrooms.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all those parents who completed the google form indicating your preference for the Michaelmas Term Parent Consultations. Your child will bring home a letter indicating your allocated time slot when the class teacher will phone to discuss your child's progress. I respectfully ask that you adhere to the slot allocated and keep to the time allowed. I am aware that some families have asked that they be allowed to view the children's work. Unfortunately, under the current restrictions this is not possible in order to limit the number of visitors to the site.

We will, of course, keep this under review and inform parents accordingly and hope to be able to share your child's work with you in due course.

Nut Free School

Parents are reminded that the school is a Nut Free Zone and this includes sweets and treats that may be given out by parents to mark their child's birthday. Please be aware that we do celebrate the children's birthdays in school but the giving of sweets and treats cannot be allowed as many children have allergies. Additionally, congregating outside the school contravenes our Covid-19 procedures. Please do not ask staff to distribute any treats or gifts on your behalf as this also contravenes our procedures and we will have to say no! Thank you for your understanding.

Mini London Marathon - 2.6 miles

The children are nearing the end of this challenge and will be receiving their certificates by the end of next week and their medals after half term. We are so proud of them all for showing determination and enthusiasm whilst completing this event.

If you have not already done so, please support your child with this endeavour by donating via the following link:

[Mini Marathon Donations](#)

All monies raised will help support Macmillan Cancer Support and the school.

Online Learning

As our area moves into Tier 2 Restrictions from next week the class teachers are working tirelessly to ensure that online learning is fully operational across all year groups to support learning in the event of a full lockdown or an individual isolating. A further letter with full details will follow shortly.

Face Masks and Social Distancing

In order to show a positive example to your children and keep the whole school community safe, parents are reminded to be respectful of social distancing and each individual's personal space when dropping off and collecting the children.

To comply with our Covid-19 Risk Assessment I would also like to remind all adults that the wearing of face masks on the school site is required unless there is a medical exemption. Parents are reminded to leave the site promptly at all times and not congregate outside the school.

The enforcement of further restrictions from Saturday reinforces this stance and I trust we can rely on all our families to adhere to these requirements to keep ourselves and others safe.

Half Term

The Michaelmas half term is from Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October with a staff training day on Monday 2nd November. All pupils will therefore return to school on Tuesday 3rd November 2020. For all our term dates please check the website: <https://www.stjeromebilingual.org/our-calendar/>

I wish you all a restful and peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Revd Daniel Norris
Executive Headteacher