



St. Jérôme Church of England Bilingual Primary School

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To: All Parents / Carers

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Dear Parents / Carers,

This week I am thrilled to announce that the school has been awarded the British Council International School Award. This recognises our work with international partners on a range of projects throughout the academic year, our international ethos and work across the whole school. It also acknowledges how we share educational practice with partners in other countries. This is testament to the whole teaching team and the work the children have contributed through their language skills and writing to schools in France.

French Learning Opportunities

The South Ken Kids Festival is on-line this year and worth promoting to our parents and community (with some free events), because of the bilingual nature of it and the line-up of amazing English authors: <http://southkenkidsfestival.co.uk/whats-on/>

Also, Year 4 are being gifted an inspiring online session on Monday 23rd November with the notorious author and illustrator Matthieu Maudet:

<http://matthieumaudet.blogspot.com/>

Flu Immunisations

As previously advised this is planned to take place on **Friday 20th November** at St Jérôme School. Each family has received a letter via email which has a link to further information and a consent form. Please ensure completion of the consent form at the soonest opportunity to assist with the planning. If you cannot locate this email please contact the school office.

Armistice Day

Our worship theme this week has been Remembrance. I hosted an on-line assembly where we were delighted to be joined by Mrs Tyler who is known to many of our families as a retired teacher and RE Leader.

The children have made poppies and bleuet de France in class and these will be displayed around the school. They also observed the 2-minute silence to remember all those who have lost their lives in wars and conflicts.

If you are interested in finding out more about remembrance there is a link to the tomb of the unknown warrior on our website: <https://www.stjeromebilingual.org/the-tomb-of-the-unknown-warrior/>

Fire Drill

We successfully completed a fire drill in school today. The children responded incredibly well whilst remaining in their consistent groups (bubbles) throughout. We were pleased with the evacuation process and their behaviour whilst we carried out this essential practise drill.

Children in Need

To support this year's annual Children in Need event the school will be running a competition for the children as follows:

EYFS / KS1 (Reception, Years 1&2) – the children will bring home a sheet to colour in on Monday or alternatively you can download a template from the website: [Colouring Sheets](#)

KS2 (Years 3&4) – children are invited to submit a portrait of Pudsey or create a Children in Need poster.

Entries should be brought to school by Wednesday 18th November 2020.

We would ask parents to then consider donating to the charity in recognition of their child's efforts via the usual link: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Please donate via the "Donate to a Specific Programme" and not the School Fundraising tab. The children's work will be judged by Mme Perrot and Mrs Thana who are our Art Teachers and displayed within the school.

Pastoral Support

I would like to re-affirm my sentiments from last week that we are aware many of you may be experiencing significant challenges. In common with our staff team, some of you may have experienced illness or bereavements in your families, changes to your financial situation or you may be struggling to be apart from those you love and who support you. This is an anxious and stressful time.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch with us if you are experiencing difficulties. We may be able to help you or point you in the direction of other services that can support you.

Please continue to follow the government guidance regarding symptoms and isolation periods <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and inform the school immediately if a member of your household receives a positive test result.

With every blessing,



Revd Daniel Norris
Executive Headteacher