



# St. Jérôme Church of England Bilingual Primary School

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To All Parents / Carers

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Dear Parents / Carers,

What a joy it has been to see the children back in school this week and to welcome our new families in Reception. The children have all settled incredibly well and we look forward to an exciting term of learning. Please continue to monitor your emails and read carefully all communication sent to you as this is our main form of communication.

### **Our New Class Names**

An important aspect of our school vision is the growing and flourishing of every member of our community and this is symbolised by the tree on our school crest. The redirection of our class names this year was the initiative of a group of older children in the school who felt that it would be good to focus on this aspect of our vision for the coming year. Many of our children have raised concern about the protection of nature and the environment (especially with the approaching climate summit) and we felt that the metaphor of growing trees was a helpful one to explore together this coming year. The school year has begun with each class creating a family tree in their classroom in which they are all included and we will be reflecting in collective worship on Jesus' teaching in John's gospel (Chapter 15) in which we are encouraged to be rooted, connected and to bear fruit.

Each class has planted seeds as an act of hope and we are considering how like plants and trees we each need a nurturing environment in order to thrive. We will be enjoying parables such as that of the sower and the mustard seed and children's literature about seed, plants and trees and how the conservation of the planet's precious resources is a concern to people all over the world, of all faiths and languages. We intend the expansion of our school garden areas as an opportunity for our children, some of whom have limited access to outdoor space at home, to experience growing and caring for nature and the sense of well-being this creates. After extended periods of being indoors or in lockdown we felt it would be good to have an outdoor, natural focus. A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who have supported the maintenance and development of the garden areas around our school. If you would be interested in supporting them, please contact the school office and we can put you in touch.

### **After School Activity Clubs**

After School Activity clubs for years 1 to 5 which will begin from the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Full details will be sent early next week giving information on availability and how to book and pay for these activities. The majority of these clubs will be led by the teaching staff and we hope that the children will find an activity they will enjoy in the variety on offer.

In the first instance, we ask that parents book just one club per pupil to allow each student the opportunity to attend a club of their choice. If there is still availability at the end of the week (you

can view this via ParentPay) please feel free to book a second club as all families would have had the opportunity by then to make a booking.

### **Parent Survey**

The Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team of St Jérôme School have very much valued the feedback we have received from parents. Your positive feedback and thanks are a source of great encouragement to the staff team and your ideas of how we can further improve is essential to ensuring our school continues to grow and flourish. Reflecting on the last year, we would very much welcome your comments and feedback. We are grateful to those families who have already completed this survey and would like to provide further opportunity to those families who have not had a chance to complete the survey and therefore it will remain open for a further week.

The survey can be completed online by following this link:

[Parent Survey](#)

### **Packed Lunch**

We continue to promote school meals for all our children as we believe the social aspect of enjoying a meal together is important for children's development as well as the balanced nutrition on offer. Parents will be aware that the government funds all meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 but from Year 3 some families may choose to send a packed lunch. Kindly note that our Packed Lunch Policy should be signed before sending your child with a packed lunch and that the contents must always have nutritional value and that products with a high sugar or fat content are not permitted. This policy is available on our website: <https://www.stjeromebilingual.org/the-school/policies/>

### **We are a Nut Free School**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all families that the school is a nut free zone. If children in Key Stage 2 bring nut products in their packed lunch these will be removed and your child will be given a school meal.

Please also bear this in mind when offering gifts to other children or staff as we cannot accept any nut product on the site. Thank you in anticipation of your understanding in this matter.

### **Half Term Activity Club**

After a highly successful Holiday Camp which operated on our school site during the summer we are pleased to announce that Let's Leap will be running a further camp during the Autumn half term 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October. Details on how to book a place for your child(ren) are attached with this email. All bookings and any questions regarding this club should be directed to Let's Leap and not the school admin team.

### **Curriculum Details**

We will shortly be sending details of this term's curriculum for each year group to enable you to support your child's learning.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher