



Autumn 2, Week 1

Friday 5th November 2021

St John & St James' C of E Primary School

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Term Dates for 2021-22:

Autumn 2:

Monday 1st November to
Thursday 16th December
INSET: Friday 17th Dec

Spring 1:

INSET: Tuesday 4th Jan
Wednesday 5th January to
Friday 11th February

Spring 2:

Monday 21st February to
Thursday 31st March

Summer 1:

Bank Hol: Mon 18th Apr
Tuesday 19th April to
Friday 27th May
Bank Hol: Mon 2nd May

Summer 2:

Monday 6th June to
Wednesday 20th July
INSET: Thurs 21st Jul

Welcome back

We hope that you have all had a wonderful half term; we're really looking forward to the term ahead. We have lots of exciting things happening in and around school in the upcoming half term; please be sure to check the dates section carefully for items that are relevant to you and your family. Keep an eye on our newsletter for more details about events happening in and around school each week.

Winter Safety Reminders



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

As we move into the winter months it is incredibly important that we are all taking extra precautions in relation to staying fit and healthy. While we know that this term is known to be the cold and flu term, it is still incredibly important that we are taking extra precautions and we cannot forget that COVID is still very much playing a part in our local community.

If your child is showing COVID-19 symptoms, a PCR test should be booked ASAP. Your child **MUST** isolate until you get the results of the test. If it is negative, your child can return to school. If it is positive your child must isolate for 10 days. You must inform the school if you are getting a test.

This can be done online or by calling 119. The main three symptoms are as follows:

- **A high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **A new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. It is coughing more than you are not
- **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

To protect others, please **DO NOT** go to places like school, the GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital if you have any of these symptoms.

You must stay at home until you get your result. Once you have the results please inform the school immediately.

Wellbeing Tip

This half term we will focus on how giving can make a big difference to our mental wellbeing. Over the next week try giving away smiles. See how this makes you feel and the person you are smiling at.

5 small changes can make a **BIG** difference

SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO IMPROVE YOUR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING



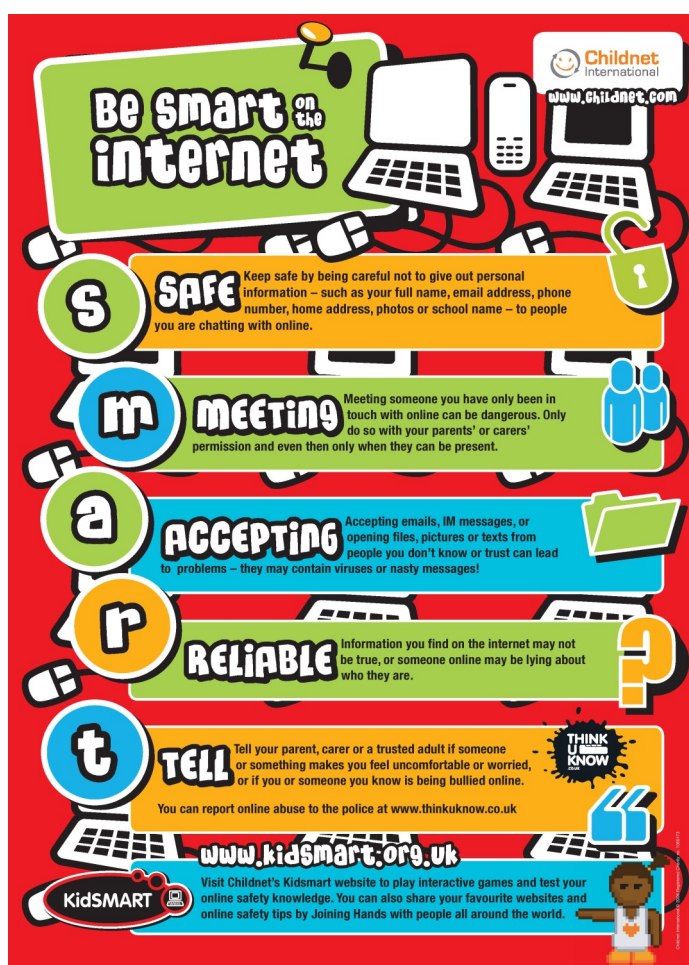
Online Safety Tip

This week we have been focusing on our Education for a Connected World. We have looked at two of the main things we need to be aware of when using online technology and how we should be good online citizens.

KS1: Are looking at self image and identity and how we should act online and conduct ourselves.



KS2: They are looking at online relationships and how we should act towards our friends online when we are communicating.

Be smart on the internet

SAFE Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

MEETING Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

ACCEPTING Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

RELIABLE Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

TELL Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online. You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

THINK UK KNOW

www.kidsmart.org.uk

KidSMART Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.



School Menu for the Autumn 2 Term

Take a look at our new menu for the second half of the autumn term. If you would like your child to switch to school meals, please let the office know.

Week 1: Weeks beginning 1st November, 15th November, 29th November and 13th December

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main dish	Vegetable Chow Mein (V)	Sweet and Sour Chicken	Jacket Potatoes	Beef Ragu	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian dish	As main course	Sweet and Sour Tofu	Tuna and Sweetcorn Veggie Chilli Cheese and Onion	Veggie Ragu	Veggie Fritter
Starchy dish	Noodles	Rice	<i>Included in Main Course</i>	Roast New Potatoes	Skin on Chips
Vegetable	Included in Main	Beans	Peas	Broccoli	Sweetcorn
Salad	Salad Bar Selection	Salad Bar Selection	Salad Bar Selection	Salad Bar Selection	Salad Bar Selection
Dessert	N/A	Cake	N/A	Flapjack	N/A
Fruit	Fruit Selection	Fruit Selection	Fruit Selection	Fruit Selection	Fruit Selection
Drink	Water	Water	Water	Water	Water

Week 2: Weeks beginning 8th November, 22nd November and 6th December

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main dish	Vegetarian Meatballs	Chicken Stew	Lasagne (V)	Jerk Chicken	Sausages
Vegetarian dish	Vegetable Stir Fry	Tofu	As Main	Jerk Sweet Potato	Veggie Sausages
Starchy dish	Pasta of the Day	Fried Rice	As Main	Jollof Rice	Mashed Potato or Chips
Vegetable	Included in Main	Mixed Leaf Salad	<i>Included in Main Course</i>	Peas	Sweetcorn
Salad	Salad Bar Selection	Salad Bar Selection	Salad Bar Selection	Salad Bar Selection	Salad Bar Selection
Dessert	N/A	Apple Crumble with Custard	N/A	Fresh Fruit Selection	Rice Pudding
Fruit selection	Fruit Selection	Fruit Selection	Fruit Selection		Fruit Selection
Drink	Water	Water	Water	Water	Water

Español at SJSJ



This week's phrase of the week is: **Gracias (Thank you)**

Scan the QR code to hear the correct pronunciation:

Did you know...?

Spanish is the official language of 21 countries across the globe.

Do you recognise any of the flags below?



Spanish Ambassadors

From Year 3-6 there are two Spanish Ambassadors in each class, who will be responsible for monitoring the use of Spanish across our school.

These children are:

- **Lila and Braymil, in Year 3**
- **Gabriella and Romans in Year 4**
- **Zi-Ting and Paul, in Year 5**
- **Keichardae and Caelen, in Year 6**

If you need any help with the Spanish words and phrases being introduced in your class, feel free to find these children and ask them for help—they will be happy to assist you!

Competition Time

As the international climate conference, COP26, takes place in Glasgow, Deputy Mayor Bramble is inviting all Hackney school students to join in a competition to produce a poster, piece of art, video or creative object in support of sustainable food in schools. This will be used to demonstrate to fellow students how important sustainable eating is for reducing emissions and tackling climate change.

Entries will be judged by Deputy Mayor Bramble, Annie Gammon, and young people from the Bite Back's Community Food Champions programme. Prizes will be awards to the best entries.

Digital picture entries are to be submitted in JPEG or PNG at least 300 DPI.
Video entries are to be submitted as an MP4 and no longer than 3 minutes.
Physical poster entries can also be submitted and must be no larger than A3 size.

Entries can be submitted by:

- email to Adjeley Kwei on adjeley.kwei@hackney.gov.uk or
- post to Adjeley Kwei, Mayor and Cabinet Office, Hackney Town Hall, Mare Street, E8 1EA

Deadline for entries is **Friday 26 November 2021**



PTA Fundraising Events: Bags 2 School Collection

All proceeds from this year's SJSJ PTA (Parent Teachers Association) events will go towards our **Summer School Trips Appeal**.

To help fund a really memorable school trip for every class in the Summer term we need to raise nearly £2500! **We can't do it without you!** Please get involved to help make it happen.

Bag2School Collection

The PTA has arranged for a Bag2School collection on **Tuesday 30th November**.

How does it work?

Bag2School are a fundraising scheme which collects and sells your unwanted textiles to importers and wholesalers overseas to benefit the Circular Economy. They pay the school 30p for each kilo of clothes donated, so a bin liner full of clothes is worth approximately £1.50.

How can I get involved?

Start by having a pre-Christmas clear out! Bring any clothes/textiles you no longer need to the school office in bin liner-sized bags.

Drop your bag (or bags) **no later than Tuesday 30th November by 9am**.

Donations will be accepted at the school office from Wednesday 24th November.

There is no limit to the number of bags you can donate - the more we collect the more money we will raise for the Summer School Trips Appeal.

What items does Bag2School accept?

The following *good quality* items can be donated for re-use:

- *Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing*
- *Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)*
- *Handbags*
- *Hats*
- *Bags*
- *Scarves and ties*
- *Lingerie*
- *Socks*
- *Belts*
- *Soft toys*
- *Household linen*
- *Household curtains*
- *Household towels*
- *Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)*

Please check the Bag2School website carefully for a list of items that CANNOT be accepted: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Any questions? See your PTA Class Rep or email us.



PTA Fundraising Events: Christmas Raffle Prizes

We need your help!

The hunt is now on for some amazing raffle prizes for the PTA Christmas Raffle. Tickets will go on sale in early December and we need some fabulous prizes to give away!

How can you help?

Do you have any contacts with shops, restaurants or other companies or businesses that you could approach for a prize/donation?

Need inspiration...?

Think ... hampers, vouchers, cash donations, electronics (laptop, phone, table, camera, etc.), perfume, luxury toiletries, a meal out (dinner/lunch/coffee and cakes for a family/for two), chocolates, luxury Christmassy food, champagne, wine, spirits and beer, tickets to a concert or art gallery, a horse riding or sewing lesson, books, children's toys, games and books.



No prize is too big or too small!

PTA Fundraising Events: Class Reps

Want to find out more? Speak to your PTA Class Rep.

Nursery: Karen Widdowson

Reception: Vacant

Year 1: Geraldine Vessier and Louise Lawrence

Year 2: Karen Widdowson

Year 3: John Heaton

Year 4: Jan Bedford

Year 5: Karen Widdowson

Year 6: Selma Kaya



Please get in touch if you can help by emailing stjohnandstjamespta@gmail.com or speaking to your PTA Class Rep. We can help by providing a letter to send to any companies you would like to approach.

PTA Fundraising Events: Christmas Bake Sale

The Christmas bake sale will be on **Friday 10th December at 3.30pm**. We will need lots of festive bakes to sell and help with the stalls, so please put it in your diary!



PTA : Our Next Meeting

The next SJSJ PTA meeting will be on **Friday 12th November at 9.15am** in the School Library. You can also join via Zoom. A link will be circulated beforehand.

On the agenda - Christmas fundraising activities and making plans for next year. Please come along and have your say!



Thank you so much for your continued support!

Contact the PTA directly on: stjohnandstjamespta@gmail.com

Amazing work...

For the first part of the Autumn 2 term the **nursery class** will be exploring the season of 'Autumn'. The children began the week discussing the changes they have identified in the outdoor environment around them. Together they shared the autumnal objects they found during their half term treasure hunt challenge and used their objects, such as conkers, pinecones, leaves (red, orange and brown in colour) to create natural material faces. The children were encouraged to think about the different facial features and represent them using natural materials.



This week in **Reception** we went on an adventure with positional language. Our text 'Rosie's Walk' inspired us to go over, under and through with our resources, while moving through the school and even as we chased Peter Rabbit after he 'escaped'. As the weather has gotten colder we have been learning about seasons and how trees change throughout the year. In our writing area we made our own books to share what we have learned with others.

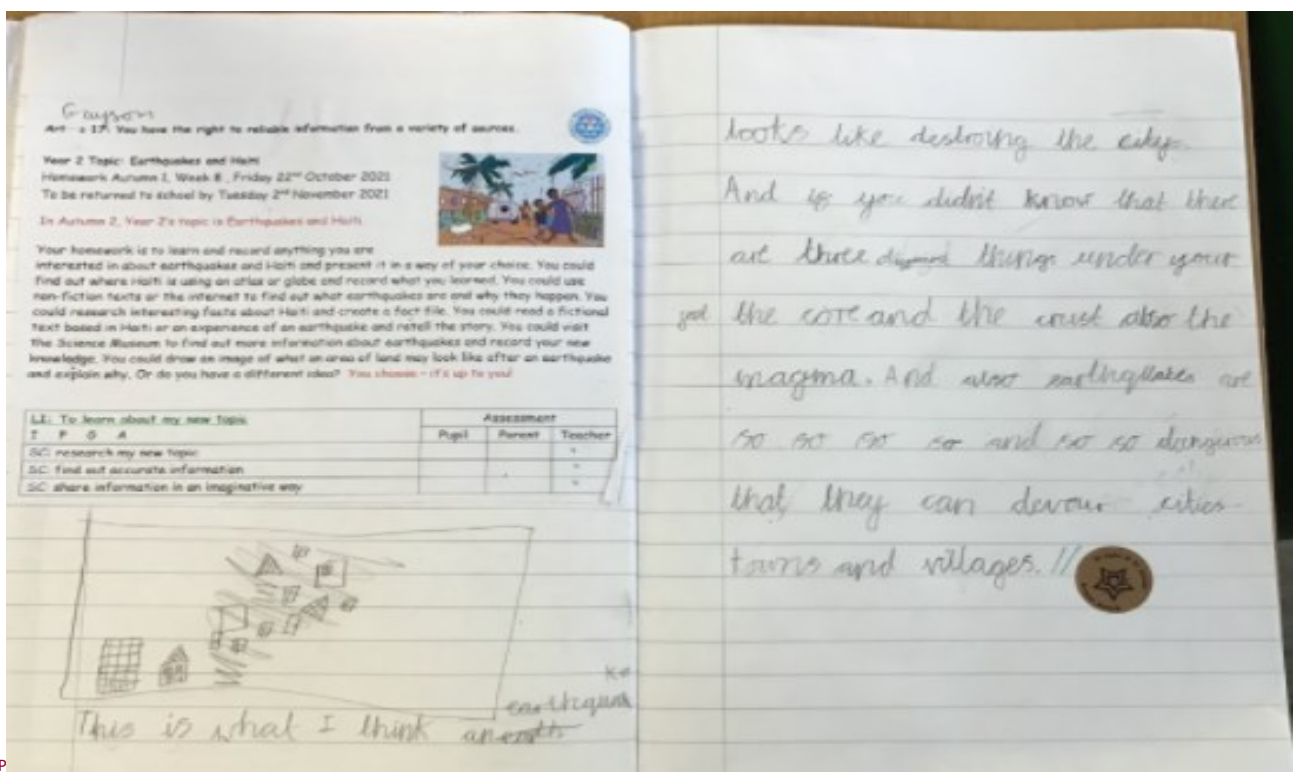


Amazing work...

In **year one** this week we have been exploring our new text Femi the Fox; A Pot of Jollof. We used our best acting skills to retell the key events in our story and thought about how the characters were feeling at each part.



Our geography topic this term in **year two** is all about Haiti and earthquakes. Our homework was to research facts about our new topic. Have a look at Grayson's homework.



Amazing work...

Here is **Year 3** hard at work creating word banks for our writing describing a Stone Age setting. We're using our expertise in the Stone Age, together with our knowledge of expanded noun phrases and adverbs and our senses to create really exciting word banks.

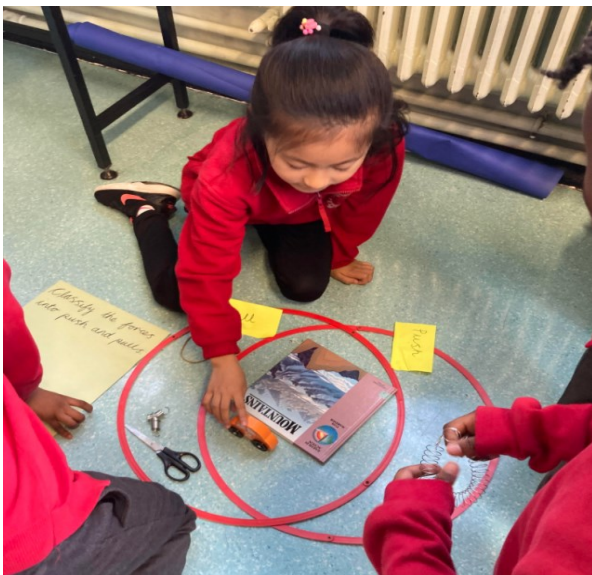
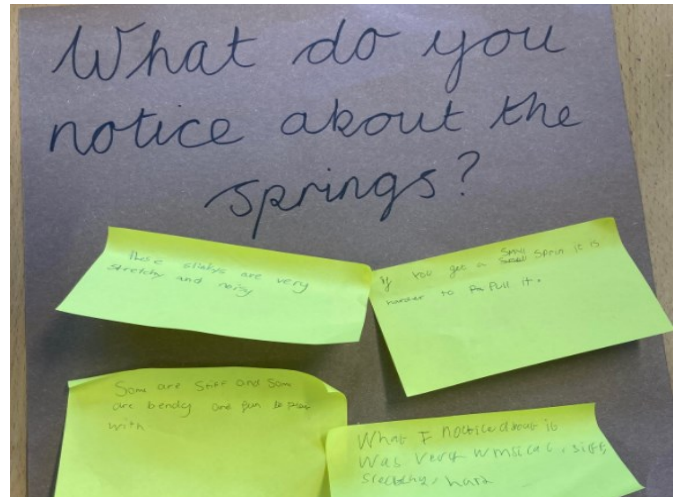


As part of an introduction to their new geography unit, 'Italy and Volcanoes' **Year 4** took part in an interactive Geobus workshop this week. The children were led through a series of activities based on the formation of rocks that lay under the Earth's surface. Each child received a photo pack with a set of 3D glasses, which allowed them to explore Mount Vesuvius from various different perspectives. The children learnt so much from the workshop and are really excited to further their geographical knowledge!



Amazing work...

Year 5 have started learning all about forces in their science unit! They have completed a range of scientific exploration activities in a carousel. They were investigating pushes and pulls, contact and non-contact forces, which recapped their year three learning all about forces and magnets.



Amazing work...

Year 6 had a brilliant time at Dalston library, as part of a Windrush Workshop with Autograph Gallery. The children began by working with a poet to write poems about Hackney and what the borough means to the children. They used figurative language to describe the borough, notably metaphors to make direct comparisons between Hackney and animals, nature and foods. Some children described Hackney as a firefly, which shines in the darkness or a colourful flower, whose colours represent the vibrant diversity of the borough. Some children referred to Hackney as a fast car, depicting the busy, fast paced atmosphere of the borough. The children then analysed some photography from Autograph Gallery. They thought of adjectives to describe the people in the photos and had a go at using their describing words to create their own portraits in a similar style. Have a look at the portraits the children created in the photo booth. We love them!



Apollo Music



This week, **Year 4** enjoyed taking part in their first Apollo Music Workshop. The children were visited by 4 musicians from the charity group, who played a variety of instruments that make up the string quartet in an orchestra. The musicians played a variety of musical pieces and gave the children lots of opportunities to ask questions. They are really looking forward to their next session in a few weeks time!

Scan the QR code to listen to a sample of the music:





Important Dates

Details of Event	Time	Date
First Day of Term	8.55	01.11.2021
Windrush Workshops (various classes)	Varies	w/b 08.11.2021
Music Wellbeing Programme Year 3	11.00	10.11.2021
Flu Vaccinations (Reception to Year 6)	All day	11.11.2021
World Kindness Day	All Day	12.11.2021
Geobus Virtual Workshop - Year 2	1.15	12.11.2021
Road Safety Week	All week	w/b 15.11.2021
Anti-bullying Week	All week	w/b 15.11.2021
Odd Sock Day - wear your odd socks to school	All day	15.11.2021
Black History Month Workshop (various classes)	Varies	w/b 15.11.2021
Apollo Music - Year 4	10.15	17.11.2021
All About the River Lea - Year 5	1.45	18.11.2021
Parent Workshop Anti-bullying	9.00	19.11.2021
PA Gymnastics - Year 5 & 6	3.30-5.00	23.11.2021
Plastic Challenge - Green Team	2.45	24.11.2021
River Lea Tour - Year 5	9.30	25.11.2021
Christmas Decoration Day	All day	26.11.2021
Parent Workshop How to support your child with early reading	9.00	26.11.2021
PA Football Competition	3.30-5.00	30.11.2021
STEAM Week	All week	w/b 06.12.2021
Parent Workshop Wellbeing	TBC	06.12.2021
Parent Workshop How to support your child with counting	TBC	08.12.2021
PTA Christmas Bake Sale	3.30	10.12.2021
Christmas Disco's and Santa Visits	Various	14.12.2021
Whole school Christmas Lunch	lunchtime	15.12.2021
Early finish for the Christmas Holidays All children must be collected promptly at this time	12.00	16.12.2021



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Class Assemblies and Whole School Performances

Details of Event	Time	Date
Year 1 Class Assembly	8.55	12.11.2021
Year 6 Class Assembly	8.55	19.11.2021
Year 4 Class Assembly	8.55	26.11.2021
Year 2 Class Assembly	8.55	02.12.2021
In School Pantomime Performance of 'A Christmas Carol'	Morning	10.12.2021
Church Christmas Performance	9.15	15.12.2021

Gold Award

Name	Year	Reason
Muhlis	Year 1	For great progress in phonics!
Khalid	Year 1	For great progress in phonics and for his fantastic commitment to learning!
Khadeja	Year 1	For her commitment to learning. Well done and keep up the terrific effort!
Manuel	Year 2	For making a huge effort with his home reading. Well done!
Noah	Year 2	For making a huge effort with his home reading. Well done!
Alicia	Year 3	For always working hard and trying her best in every lesson.
Sariah	Year 3	For a fantastic start to our multiplication work in maths. Well done!
Connie	Year 3	For being a great role model at school and at home!
Romans	Year 4	For his brilliant contributions in our Apollo music workshop.
Mason	Year 4	For making a huge effort to complete his home reading task everyday.
Sean	Year 5	For his enthusiasm for reading in the library at lunch. Well done!
Anthony	Year 5	For trying his hardest in all of his lesson. Keep up the great effort.
Dayyan	Year 5	For being a positive and hardworking member of year 5. Keep it up.
Jeffrey	Year 6	For great enthusiasm and participation in our geography lesson!
Tanisha	Year 6	For great enthusiasm and participation in our geography lesson!