

## DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

I hope you had a good half term and welcome back to the chillier November days!

The learning focus for this week's newsletter is all about RE.

Please check the 'dates for your diary' section at the end of this newsletter for events, including workshops and trips.

Please kindly note upcoming Christmas events, including the Fayre, Panto, Performance, jumper day and lunch.

Workshops for parents have also been planned for this half term.

We are very pleased to be offering wellbeing workshops for all parents (see section below for dates.) Kindly call or pop into the office to register for your place.

An Early Reading workshop has also been planned for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 parents (see diary section for date/time.)

Best wishes

Mrs Rebecca Harris Headteacher and Miss Taryn Jackson, Deputy Headteacher

Go shine in the world as Jesus did, with compassion, honesty and integrity.



# R.E

**Nursery** have been learning to recall their big question: 'Who Made the Wonderful World?' We looked at the planet Earth and talked about how God the 'Creator' made the green grass, the beautiful nature, blue water, sky, sunshine, people and animals. The children deepened their understanding through looking at the Bible and learning about how God created the world in seven days.

In **Reception** this week, we started our new topic 'Why is Christmas special to Christians?' We hosted a baby shower to celebrate the arrival of a special baby called Jesus. We discussed what a new baby might need and then made a baby mobile and greetings cards to welcome the new baby. After the creative responses, we gathered together again to learn about the arrival of baby Jesus. We shared how we would feel upon the arrival of a new sibling. Using artists' depictions of Jesus and the nativity, Miss Hope then told the story of how the world was not a very nice place before Jesus was born, and how Jesus would arrive and make the world a better place.

**Year 1** have enjoyed starting our new topic: 'Why are Saints important to Christians?' We have been talking about our new Christian value of respect and discussing how Saints show respect and inspire Christians to lead good lives. We wrote about some of the characteristics of Saints. "Saints are holy and compassionate". "Saints are good role models for us because they think of other people before themselves".

This term, **Year 2** have been learning all about the Saint of our school (Saint George the Martyr). The children explored why he was a Saint and a martyr and why he is still significant today.

In **Year 3**, the children have been learning all about remembrance and the significance of poppy. We learned all about the signing of the Armistice and why we are silent at 11 o'clock on the 11th day of the 11th month of the year.



The children discovered this after we read a story about the history of the poppy. We then looked at and discussed why it was important to remember people who lost their lives in the war. Due to the destructive nature of a world war, we remember so that we should never repeat our mistakes of the past.

**Year 4** have just completed a unit looking at how belief in God affected the actions of people in the Old Testament. Darius enjoyed learning about religious stories from the Bible. Ivy explained that the message of the stories was to have faith and listen to God.

We are all looking forward to our new study unit looking at Jesus' message from the Sermon on the Mount.

**Year 5** have started learning about Wisdom this week in RE. The class discussed the meaning of the word, after which they examined and talked about various quotes from a range of religious texts, and wise thinkers. They also searched through the book of Proverbs for examples of wise sayings, and recorded these, along with their reasons for selecting them.

**Year 6** are going to be spending this term of RE learning about pilgrimage. They will aim to have an understanding of it as well as why it is so important. Alongside this, Year 6 will be learning about special and sacred places, whether Christians believe the journey or destination is more important.

## WELL BEING WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

NEILA HIRANI AND DEBORAH KAISER FROM CAMDEN LEARNING WILL BE RUNNING A SERIES OF **WELL BEING WORKSHOPS** FOR PARENTS AT THE SCHOOL ON THE FOLLOWING DATES.

- Tuesday 8th November
- Tuesday 29th November
- Tuesday 6th December
- Tuesday 17th January
- Tuesday 7th February

PLEASE POP BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR BOOK BY PHONE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

**All sessions will start at 9:00 am.**

### Parent/Carer Coffee Mornings

#### St. George the Martyr Primary School

We would like to invite parents and carers into school to attend workshops and to enjoy some drinks and snacks. All workshops will be delivered by Camden Learning's Health and Wellbeing Consultants from 9.00-10.00am.

#### Tuesday 8th November 2022

##### Supporting children to cope with stress and anxiety

- Learning the signs, symptoms and causes of stress and anxiety
- How Covid-19 may have affected stress and anxiety
- Strategies and activities to help your child to cope better with stress and anxiety

#### Tuesday 29th November 2022

##### Managing our own stress and wellbeing

- Looking at the impact of lockdown and Covid-19 on our mental health
- Recognising what makes us feel stressed
- Strategies and activities that help us cope better and manage our stress

**Please sign up at Reception to book your place**

Dear EYFS and KS1 Parents and Carers:

We're teaching every  
child to read with  
Little Wandle Letters  
and Sounds Revised  
A complete SSP validated by  
the Department for Education



We are excited to invite you to join us for an **Early Reading Workshop** on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 2:45pm in the school hall. Our Reading Leader Mrs Ross, and Reception teacher Miss Hope will be explaining how your child is taught to read in school, and how you can help them on this learning journey at home. They will deliver an overview of phonics and reading practice, as well as offering you some helpful tips for sound pronunciation, reading for meaning and engaging your child at home. There will, of course, also be time for you to ask any questions at the end.

We hope to see you there, and thank you for your continued support.

This week in **Destination Reader** lessons KS2 children have been **Clarifying**



To clarify something is to try to understand the meaning of what you are reading. There are 2 parts:

- Identifying or admitting being stuck on a word or idea.
- Working out how to solve the problem.

## Reception Work of the Week

Reception have started their new topic this week: 'Celebrations and Festivals.' To celebrate Bonfire Night we watched a firework display and learnt the poem 'Bonfire Night' By Steve Grocott. We thought about which colours and sounds we could see before writing our own firework poems using the vocabulary we had collected and our phonics sounds.

In Design and Technology, we constructed our own 'sparklers' out of tissue paper, pipe cleaners and lolly sticks. In Art, we watched a video of Jackson Pollock painting and created large scale firework paintings together using an Abstract Expressionist technique known as 'action painting.' We also drew firework patterns with pastel.

Finally, on Friday we tried to replicate firework sounds in Music using a variety of instruments. We are looking forward to seeing fireworks light up the sky this weekend!



## Food Donations

A very big thank you to everyone for your generous donations to the Foodbank.

Here is Rev Jamie blessing your gifts at last Sunday's service.

Rev Jaime went off to the Euston Foodbank at 22 Phoenix Road last week and everyone was very grateful.



This half term we are exploring the Christian value of **Respect**.

In Monday's Collective Worship, we learnt about the Old Testament story of Elijah and the Widow.

We thought about how the widow was often treated badly by other people because she was poor and worshipped a different religion. We thought about how God saw her as someone important who had a special job to do for him. In the story, Elijah and the widow treated each other with dignity and respect – they both listened to God and listened to each other.

We asked ourselves: 'What can we learn from this story?'

- We should try to treat everyone we meet with respect, especially the people who are often undervalued.
- We should remember that if we treat people with respect, they are much more likely to treat us with respect.
- We should remind ourselves that God regards each of us as a unique person of infinite value to him.



## YEAR 5 SCHOOL TRIP TO LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM



The class enjoyed a morning at the London Transport Museum, as well as a brisk walk to Covent Garden! Once we arrived the children had a short time to explore the exhibits before we had our workshop. With the help of Museum Staff, and an engineer from TFL, the children programmed rail tracks to cause trains to follow a range of commands. After experimenting with the components we were able to simulate different scenarios and problem solve using the available components. We finally had time for a last look around before returning, just in time for lunch.



## Information for Parents

### Do you have any questions about school life?

We are of course, really happy to answer any questions about school, no matter how small. Do phone the school office to ask questions or ask to arrange an appointment to speak to the class teacher. You can also speak to myself or Miss Jackson (Deputy Headteacher).

A member of the office staff will also be available in the playground in the morning. If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one. We also like to hear your good news. It helps to keep us going with a smile.



**Mrs Rebecca  
Harris**  
Headteacher

### Prayer

*Dear God,*

*Help us to always  
respect others, and  
celebrate difference.*

*Help us also to  
respect ourselves so  
that we can be the  
best that we can be.*

*Amen.*



Please remember the importance of your child being at school on time and being in school every day.

**Holidays during School term time will not be authorized.**

## Information for Parents

Please see below key dates for your diaries this term:

### NOVEMBER

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Year 6 School Trip to Charles Dickens Museum.**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November: Year 4 School Trip to Museum of London.**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 2:45pm Early Reading Workshop for EYFS and Year 1 parents on in the school hall.**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: Y1 Advent Collective worship at Church - all Year 1 parents welcome.**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November: Year 2 School Trip to British Museum.**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November: Year 1 School Trip to British Museum.**

### DECEMBER

**Wednesday 7th December: piano concert at 2.15pm**

**Friday 9th December: School Christmas Fayre 3.30 -5.00pm**

**Tuesday 13th December: Christmas Performance at 2.00pm**

**Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Performance at 2.00pm**

**Thursday 15th December: Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch today, Christmas Panto and party bags 😊**

**Friday 16th December: School finishes at 2.00pm**

## SGTM WEEKLY AWARDS

### Star learners / Christian Value certificates

Class	Star Learners	Christian Value
Nursery	Lina	Aya
Reception	Zayn-Abdullah	Aliyah
Year 1	Luna	Latifah
Year 2	Tehzeeb	Lucan
Year 3	Maya	Sumaiya
Year 4	Darius	Samia
Year 5	Pasha	Finlay
Year 6	Madehaa	Mateo

### Attendance

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
Nursery	97.6%
Reception	92.7%
Year 1	92.5%
Year 2	86.2%
Year 3	97.5%
Year 4	91.5%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	99.6%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>93.6%</b>

### Reading

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	88.1%
Year 3	95.1%
Year 4	91.1%
Year 5	
Year 6	94.1%

### Well done Year 6 and Year 3

