

# SJSC WEEKLY

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## Spring is here!

Twelve months ago, it was announced that schools would close to help stop the spread of COVID-19. This was such a momentous and unprecedented decision, and since then a lot has happened with various stages of being open and closed and changes to every day school. What hasn't changed throughout is the importance of our connection as a school community. With Spring officially beginning tomorrow, and the sun shining, we are taking a moment to be thankful about having everyone back together in school!

This week, Year 1 have been planting wheat ready for an autumn harvest, Year 4 organised our Red Nose Day events, our annual class photos have been snapped, and lots of fantastic learning has taken place.

Throughout Lent, we are challenging everyone to spread kindness throughout our community by doing at least one consciously kind act every day.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Joseph Bell and Alli Crank

## SJSC Diary

### March

**25<sup>th</sup> – EYFS Writing Workshop**

29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> - Parents' Evening

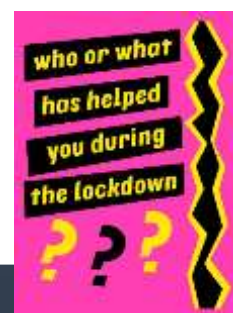
31<sup>st</sup> – Last day of term

### April

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Start of term

### May

17<sup>th</sup> – National Number Day



## London College of Communication Art Project

Our creative year 2 children, from both Van Gogh and Kusama, took part in the LCC's postcard project linked to the artist The Fandango Kid.

The postcards were specially designed by The Fandango Kid, with the children completing them by responding to questions relating to their thoughts and feelings about lockdown and the time we have spent apart. These are now being displayed as part of a virtual exhibit, which you can view by clicking [here](#).

Southwark Arts Network and LCC are hoping to display these postcards as a physical exhibition when we are finally out of lockdown restrictions.

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## Stars of the week

Stars are celebrated because they have demonstrated the school values, or gone above and beyond. Well done to all our stars this week ...

Year One



Year Two



Year Three



Year Four



Year Five



Year Six



**Banksy stars to come next week!**



## SJSC Red Nose Day 2021

We would like to **thank everybody** so much for supporting Year 4's fundraising project for

### Comic Relief's Red Nose day

We are **thrilled** to announce that so far we have raised

# £794!

Well done to the winners of the font cover competition

**Elizabeth** in Year 2 And **Ethan** in Year 5!



**Stay tuned for the release of the first ever SJSC  
Joke Book!**

*well done sjsc!*

## Winning jokes...

Thank you to all who submitted jokes. Year 4 had a great time choosing the winners!

Beatrice (Reception): Why should you never give Elsa a balloon? *Because she let it go!*

Iris (Y1): What do you call a nose with no body? *Nobody knows!*

Aysen (Y2): What is a bunny's favourite music? *Hip hop.*

Barnaby (Y3): Why did the cow need a bell? *Because his horns didn't work!*

Dexter (Y4): Doctor doctor, I only have 59 seconds to live! *Just give me a minute.*

Patrick (Y5): What do you call two octopi that look exactly the same? *Identical!*

Rufus (Y6): The past, present and future walked in a bar. It was tense!

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## Wheat Project...

Year 1 have become scientists learning all about plants! They have researched and learnt about the different functions of plants such as how the roots absorb water and nutrients.

We were lucky to be involved in a community project planting wheat seeds. We used our knowledge about plants to understand the conditions these seeds would need (water, soil, sunlight, protection from the birds). The wheat seeds were provided by our local church, St John's The Evangelist. Reverend Gill spoke to us about these special wheat seeds and we then got to sprinkle and plant them.



Thank-you Reverend Gill. Please see the next page for how you can get involved.

## "Daily Bread"

growing wheat at St John's East Dulwich



### Why not join the fun?

St John's East Dulwich is growing wheat this spring as a community project connecting city dwellers with food production and helping us to think about 'our daily bread' in a new way.

We are looking for neighbours to grow sufficient wheat for a Harvest Feast later this year. We have space for a small patch of wheat in our church garden, but lots more will be required to bake enough bread for our Harvest-Festival!

The wheat (Variety: *Tybal*) is being donated by Limagrain free of charge and is available for sowing in early March 2021.

**Wheat needs a fertile and sunny position, but apart from watering in summer needs little attention.**

The crop will probably be ready for harvest in August and will then be dried, threshed and milled at the historic Brixton Windmill.

### All Welcome

**When:** Sow from 1st March in patio-pots, flowerbeds and window boxes about 50mm deep, and water well.

**Where:** Any fertile **sunny** well-drained soil.

You just need a light sprinkling of seeds. Keep them off with some netting if possible.

**Harvest:** August 2021.

For your **FREE SEED** and growing tips, please contact Brad Collins on:

[office@stjohnseastdulwich.org](mailto:office@stjohnseastdulwich.org)

Or for more information please email: Revd. Gill O' Neill on:

[vicar@stjohnseastdulwich.org](mailto:vicar@stjohnseastdulwich.org)

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62a East Dulwich Road  
London  
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## Governors Book club...

A few weeks ago, we all celebrated World Book Day and just like you, our school governors love reading as well. This issue ... **Jules's book recommendation**

### The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse by Charlie Mackesy



Jules Hill - Parent Governor

This gem of a book about values is a family favourite in my house. The combination of simple, yet beautiful, heartfelt words and illustrations appeals to all ages and it's a wonderful means of discussing the 'big' things in life, in a small person's language.





## EYS writing workshop for parents...

Come and join our virtual workshop to find out more about how you can help your child with their writing.

The session will take place on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30**. Ask the reception teachers or office for Zoom details.

## Traffic, Parking & Idling...

We would like to thank our school community for all your efforts on walking, scooting, cycling and parking in a safe place away from the school entrances.

Unfortunately, there are still a few who are parking with idling engines on double yellow lines and zig zags, please be considerate and keep our children safe by parking elsewhere. All resident bays are free before 9.00 a.m., and after 11.00 a.m., meaning there are lots of safe spaces available at drop off and pick up.

Please note that parking enforcement patrol the area on a regular basis during these busy times.

## Food and fun Easter holiday programme 2021



This year Southwark Council will be hosting the **Food and Fun holiday programme** during the three main school holidays: Easter, Summer and Christmas. The programme is funded by the Department for Education and builds on last summer's very successful 'Summer of Food and Fun' which was run in conjunction with Lambeth. The programme aims to support local families access free, healthy food and fun activities over school holidays in 2021

This **Easter**, we will be partnering with local holiday hubs across Southwark to provide an exciting programme of food and activities for children and young people in our local communities, aged between 5 and 16 years. Although this is an inclusive programme, we aim to reach as many children and young people entitled to FSM as possible and would be grateful for your help in signposting the programme to your families.

Easter of food and fun providers on the [Easter programme website](#), where you can locate and sign up to their nearest hub:

Each programme will provide:

- free, nutritious and tasty food,
- fun physical activity sessions,
- a wide range of other enriching activities to suit different ages and personalities
- opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and their families