



# St Saviour's

Church of England Primary School

#### SPRING 1 WEEK 5

Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way that you think - Romans 12:2 NLT

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had as we come to the end of another half term!

#### **ONLINE SAFETY WEEK**

This week marked 'Online Safety Week' and the children have been considering the benefits of the internet and being online as well as considering the risks. They have discussed how they can be safe online, be kind digital citizens and have also engaged in a range of carefully planned and age-appropriate lessons focused around ideas of social construction, such as: enhanced advertising, algorithms, social media vs reality, influencers, body image and digital echo-chambers.

On Tuesday, the whole school logged in to be part of BBC's Safer Internet Live Session 2024. The children were invited to become digital detectives and explore the exciting world of Artificial Intelligence and help them to navigate the digital landscape safely. Presented by tech expert Georgie Barrat, CBBC's Rhys Stephenson and – joining from the National Robotarium in Edinburgh – Blue Peter's Abby Cook, this Live Lesson demystified the technology of the future and provided insights into the world of AI technology.



#### NETBALL COMPETITION

On Thursday 8th February, Y6 competed in a netball competition with other schools in the borough. Lois Lablanchy, member of the

Sports Council and netball team, has shared her recount.

Upon first entering the Score Leisure Centre in Leyton, a bundle of nervousness and a buzz of excitement flew through the children. Soon it was time for the games to begin!

Usually, netball is a sport played with 7 players and the aim of the game is to shoot the ball through the basket while preventing the opposing team from shooting by marking & defending. However, these games were played with five of each team and since the posts were quite high, the swinging system worked so that if somebody were to hit the ball on the ring of the basket, it would count as 1 point but if they were able to score it into the basket itself, it would be worth 2 points.



As soon as the rules had been clarified, and the positions were given, they began to play. Sooner than they thought, the 3 games of the first round were over with the St Saviour's Team winning 11–0, 23–0 and 23–0. Although they already knew they had won all of their games, they were extremely happy to get into the semi-final.

As positions for the semi final were chosen, they tensed up as they were about to play the game that would determine whether they got into the finals or not. After a nervous match (which meant that they did not keep check of the scores), they went to sit down to be told who got into the finals. As the two schools were announced, they were over the moon to hear that St Saviour's was one of them! Everybody couldn't stop talking about it on the way home and the team were congratulated on their return to school.

I would like to end with a quote from 1 Corinthians 13:13 which reminds us of important values that we can follow to guide our actions - 'And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.'

Yours faithfully,

Miss Cherry



### **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

This week in collective worship we looked at Lent. Lent is the period of time that leads up to Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday (the day after Shrove Tuesday, which is when it is traditional to cook pancakes). We learnt that Lent lasts for 40 days and nights (it doesn't include Sundays), which is the same length of time that Jesus spent in the desert.

As part of Lent, Christians often give up something for 40 days, just like Jesus went without food in the desert. For example, people might give up chocolate, crisps, watching TV and so on. However, in recent years there has been a move towards starting something positive during Lent instead of giving something up like 40 Acts of Kindness – which our school has carried out in previous years.

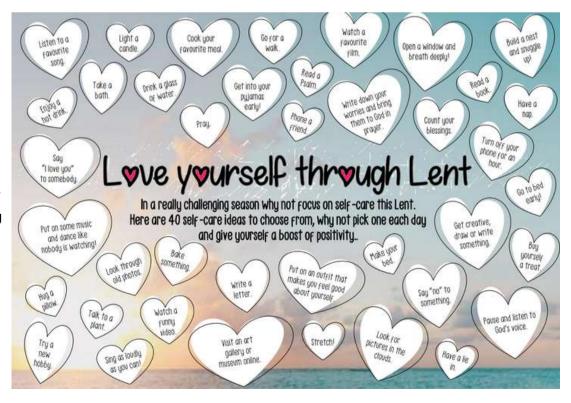


Small changes can make big differences. We might see that our families, our school, our community and the planet are improved because of what we've done through our little acts of kindness.

And remember, it's not forever, just for six weeks . . . although we may end up preferring things the new way!

Experts tell us that if we do something for 40 days, it will become a habit that we do without thinking about it.

Wouldn't it be good if Lent helped us to carry on doing something positive for the rest of the year?



# STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception: Sid & Maria-Isabella



Year 1: Sienna & Eliza



Year 2: Amelita & Laura



Year 3: Nicole, George & Isaiah



Year 4: Zubair & Elsie



Year 5: Lemeha & Tyson



Year 6: Mikaylah & Matthew





## **PROGRESS CUP WINNERS**

A huge well done to **Kyla-Rose, Osasu & Zaraa** who are this week's Progress Cup winners!







# PRESENTATION AND SPELLING AWARDS













Y6 Hai Qin



## **ATTENDANCE AWARDS**



2 Emmeline Pankhurst - 96.44%

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Y5 Stephen Hawkings - 98.26%

who have won the attendance mascots this week.

## **VALUES CARDS COLLECTORS**

Well done

# Mercedes in Y3

who has been an excellent role model and has collected values cards for consistently showing the school values.







# YOUNG TRANSFORMERS SPRING PROJECTS

This term, our projects are going to give children the opportunity to be curious and develop their confidence.



Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in a street dance workshop; challenged themselves with complex choreography and performing to an audience to develop their confidence.



Safari Pete will be coming in to give children the chance to get up close to some exotic creatures, spark their curiosity and learn interesting facts about them.



Story Explorer Drama Workshop
EYFS and Year 1 will be taking part in
an exciting Story Explorer Drama
Workshop based around the book
'Stick Man' developing their
confidence and creativity.

# YEAR 4 CLASS CORNER

In Year 4, we have been learning about forces in Science. In our "push and pull" forces lesson, we learnt about balanced and unbalanced forces which resulted in Mr Banks almost ending the day with one arm!



In Topic, we have been studying the rise and fall of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in post-Roman and pre-Norman Britain. We have just learnt about how and why the era ended in 1066 (does that date ring any bells?)

In Art, we have been practising our sketching techniques, including shading and cross-hatching, in advance of drawing our Viking portraits. Contrary to common depictions, did you know that there is no historical evidence that Viking helmets had horns?

We also enjoyed our afternoons at Forest School (despite, or perhaps because of, the mud and mess!)

### NEW HALF TERM REMINDERS

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM

We like to see all of our children wearing the correct uniform; it helps them to be proud of their school and creates a sense of identity and belonging. Please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform and PE kit and that all items are clearly labelled with their full name. Footwear includes plain black school shoes (no trainers) and black plimsolls or plain black trainers for PE lessons.

Can I please remind you not to send your child to school with a large rucksack as we do not have the space to store them in the classrooms. Our school book bags are the perfect size for reading books, reading records, a break time snack and a water bottle.



### **ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

School attendance is central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential. The expected attendance level at St Saviour's is 97%.

Parents and carers are expected to:

- ensure their child attends every day the school is open except when a statutory reason applies
- immediately notify the school when their child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g. sickness)
- ensure that, where possible, appointments for their child are made outside of the school day
- report to the main office when returning to school during the school day
- only request leave of absence in <u>exceptional circumstances</u> and do so in advance
- not arrange family holidays during term time

All appointments, other than emergency ones, need to be booked outside of school hours. Other than in an emergency, a letter or appointment card must be presented at the Main Office **ahead of the appointment** for the school to be able to authorise the absence.

#### Holidays during term time will not be authorised.

The school or local authority can fine parents for the unauthorised absence of their child from school, where the child is of compulsory school age.



# **SCIENCE WEEK 2024**

We have a very exciting event ahead of us: Science Week 2024 and the theme for this year is Time!

'Time is key to so many discoveries in science, technology, engineering and maths. Evolution looks at how plants and animals changed over a long period of time, the Earth's movements show us why we have seasons and different time zones. In fact, the study of all the celestial bodies in our universe are centred around time; we talk about stars and planets being light years away – the distance light travels over a year.'

During Science week, we aim to develop pupils' science capital with a range of activities.

#### 1. Workshop and visitors

Pupils will experience a fun science workshop by Silly Science and they will be visited by a STEM ambassador who will talk to children about the theme, Time. Look out for photos in the newsletter!

#### 2. Science Symposium - Thursday 21st March 2024

We would like to invite all parents and carers to join the children on Thursday 21st March 2024 from 3.45pm - 5pm for our big science event. During the event, pupils and their parents and carers can take part in lots of hands-on science activities and be challenged to try easy experiments at home.

For the event, all children in our school are invited to enter the Science Symposium competition by creating a science project at home. These projects will be showcased in the school hall for all to view during. Winners will be chosen from each key stage and awarded a prize. The deadline for the projects is on Monday 18th March 2024.

#### 3. Dress-up day - Friday 22nd March 2024

Pupils can come to school dressed as something to do with science! During a special assembly, pupils will show their outfits and some pupils will be invited to talk about their costumes. Please support them in choosing and researching their concepts. The main purpose of the activity is to develop pupils' science capital, meaning they can learn something different and interesting which they can share with everyone. Therefore, we would like to discourage pupils from dressing up as scientists unless they are researching a specific field or career in science.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE THE LETTER SENT YESTERDAY FROM MRS MORRIS.



# Magic with Water



What you'll need:

Plastic Zip Lock Bags

**Sharp Pencil** 

Water

Simply fill and seal your plastic Zip lock bags with water and head outside or over a sink or bath.

Have the children gently stab each pencil through the bag until it pierces both sides...and surprise, surprise, NO water leaks out!

#### What's the science?

The molecules that make up the plastic bag and the balloon are very flexible. When the pencil or skewer goes through the material, the molecules shift and mold themselves around the poking object. The flexibility creates a seal so that the water or air does not leak out.

## **PARENT CALENDAR**



FEBRUARY 2024







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#### APRIL 2024

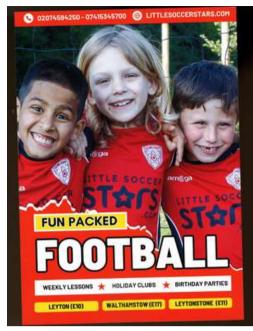
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### **HALF TERM CAMPS**







#### Half Term Gymnastics Short Courses at Walthamstow Leisure Centre



S – 7 years	8 + years		
Friday 16" of February 2 - 4pm	Wednesday 14° of February 2 - 4pm		

Available to book now on Better App or Better website

https://betterflow.courseprogress.co.uk

Come along and try out our fun packed gymnastics lessons or improve on existing gymnastics skills!

Everyone is welcome

Please note places are lin

How to find us

Markhouse Rd. London E17 SRN

For more info email: waithamstow@gll.org



#### WALTHAMSTOW LEISURE CENTRE

JUNIOR BASKETBALL FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY

· Activities include dribbling, shooting, ball control, passing, team work and general fitness. Basketball is a great way to improve discipline, social skills and physical fitness. All session are coached by a level 2 qualified basketball coach with over 10 years' experience in coaching under 16s.

Tuesday 13th February 2024	2 - 3pm (11-14 Years Old)	3 -4pm (14-16 Years Old)
Wednesday 14"	1-2pm (6-7 Years Old)	2 -3pm (8-10 Years Old)

- Cost 65 30 per session

How to find us Walthamstow Leisure Markhouse Rd London F17 SBN Tel:020 8520 7464 For more informa





#### STRATFORD **FEBRUARY HALF TERM** CAMP



HELD ON MONDAY 12th TO FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2024,

9AM – 3PM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4 – 13

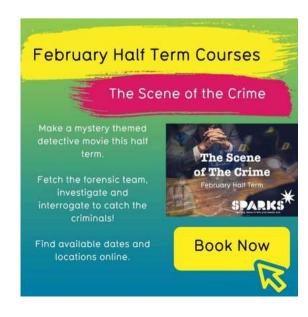
WE HAVE BEEN RUNNING OUR FOOTBALL CAMPS AND COURSES IN YOUR COMMUNITY FOR OVER 24 YEARS! Exciting news! We are runn Friday 16th February 2024. running our annual February Half Term Camp on Monday 12th to

- The Camp is for 5 days from 9am-8pm, Lunch is 12.15pm-1pm, children must bring their own packed lunch and plenty of drinks.
- The camp is held on Astroturf football pitches and Sports Hall (If bad weather) therefore children may wear trainers or moulded sole plastic studis if playing outside
- On Friday at 2.15pm we hold a presentation, whereby EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY as well as many opportunities to win trophics, including the FA Cup Tournament, penalty shoot out competition, skill point winners.
- The camp is run by FA qualified coaches, who are DBS checked and are currently
  working with children in schools daily, enabling them to learn essential football
  techniques, building CON-FIDENCE, improving FITNESS and providing the most
  important ingredient of all FIUN'2
- The cost of the 5 day camp is £100 per child (£60 for additional brothers and sisters). £25 daily rate.

There will be consent forms to complete on arrival and payment should i made on the first morning of the camp or in advance via payment link.

TO RESERVE FEBRUARY CAMP PLACES PLEASE TEXT: HAM CAMP+ CHILD'S FULL NAME + AGE

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# Term Dates 2023- 2024



#### Autumn Term 2023

First Half (35 Days)

INSET - Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th September 2023

Start - Thursday 7th September 2023

End -- Friday 20th October 2023

Half Term: Monday 23rd October 2023- Friday 27th October 2023

Second Half (38 Days)

Start - Monday 30th October 2023

End – Wednesday 20th December 2023

Holidays: Thursday 21st December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024

#### Spring Term 2024

First Half (25 Days)

INSET - Monday 8th January 2024

Start - Tuesday 9th January 2024

End - Friday 9th February 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

Second Half (29 Days)

Start - Monday 19th February 2024

End - Thursday 28th March 2024

Holidays: Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024

#### Summer Term 2024

First Half (29 Days)

Start - Monday 15th April 2024

End - Friday 24th May 2024

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2024 - Friday 31st May 2024 Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2024

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 27th May 2024 (during Half Term)

Second Half (38 Days)

Start - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

End – Wednesday 24th July 2024

This calendar gives a total of 194 (190 pupil days plus 4 inset days – Staff to work twilight sessions to make up 1 inset day).