



The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea  
St Clement & St James  
CE Primary School

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parent or Carer

**Grenfell anniversary**

As we are all aware, the anniversary of the Grenfell Tower tragedy is approaching. This is a very painful time for many people. We have been thinking carefully to plan how we can best support the children and you during this period.


- **Advice on what to expect** – “anniversary reactions” – around this time. We know that this is a normal part of the grieving process, and that these reactions will almost always be temporary. Please see the PARENTS section on the website for helpful information for parents from our educational psychologist, or ask the office staff for a copy.
- Jane Roller will be leading a **workshop for parents** at 2:30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June. She will give insight and strategies to help; and there will be plenty of time to share with other parents. Her previous workshops have been extremely helpful for parents, so please do come along. She is also leading a separate workshop for staff.
- We will be holding **age-appropriate assemblies** on the day of the anniversary, to help children reflect on any difficult times they may have experienced (for some this will be Grenfell, for others it may be something else), remember who or what has helped them, and look forward with hope.
- We will be opening our **Prayer Space** early this summer, so that children can have a time and space to reflect individually. The Prayer Space will be open for a week from 14<sup>th</sup> June.
- Over this period it will be important for us to find ways to remind children of their coping strategies. Teachers and Teaching Assistants will be running “**Cook and Talk**” or “**Plant and Talk**” activities, planned by our educational psychologist team, which provide a structured way to share how we have been staying strong together since the Grenfell tragedy. This will be optional for children; if they don’t want to take part there will be other creative activities to choose instead.
- We will be creating a collaborative **artwork**: a tree, made from our handprints, to symbolise both our remembrance of those who died in the tragedy and how St Clement and St James is a growing and strong family with firm roots which

can look forward with hope. We would love to invite parents to put their handprints on the tree too. We will also be reflecting on words of hope and resilience to include in the work.

More detailed information about the last two items will come home in due course.

We are very aware that for some children – particularly those who have recently moved to the school from another area – the Grenfell tragedy has not personally affected them. We do not want them to feel they have to pretend to remember or reflect on something that has not been meaningful for them. For others, feelings are very raw. All our activities will be carried out with sensitivity to the range of feelings and experiences of all our children, and other than assemblies, participation in all the other activities will be optional.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher