



St Clement & St James CE Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 10th September 2020

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"Love is patient. Love is kind." 1 Corinthians 13

Welcome back!

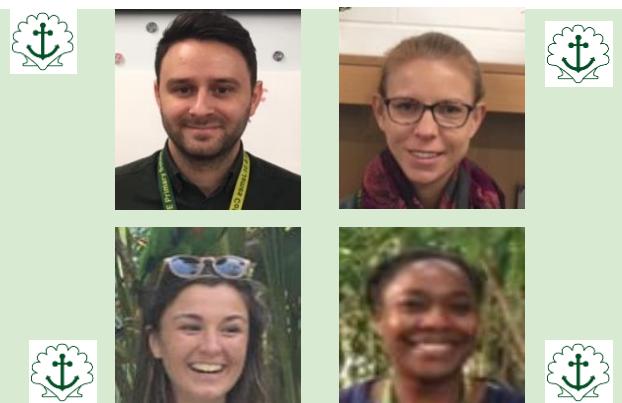
We hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and are ready for a new school year. After such a disrupted end to last academic year, it's been really wonderful to welcome all the children in this week.

We have some new families starting this term, and some new members of staff too. Mr Kris Beel is our new Year 3 teacher, Ms Holly Skilton is the new Y5 teacher, Ms Micaela Church is in Y2 and Mrs Emma Doi-President is our new Nursery teacher. In addition Ms Gericia Pacquette joins our administration team as School Business Manager across both SCSJ and St Thomas'. We'd like to offer a particularly warm welcome to all of them.

This term we have spent some time on getting used to the new routines for hand-washing and rules around hygiene. The children seem to be adapting to these very quickly and we'd like to thank everyone for following our guidelines.

As you know, part of these guidelines mean that we cannot have parents inside the school building, unless an appointment has been made.

Please see below for the parents' coffee morning for your child's class. This is a great opportunity to 'virtually' meet the teachers working with your children this year, hear about some of the learning we have planned and to get information on timetables, home-learning etc. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend.



Welcome to Mr Beel, Ms Skilton, Ms Church & Mrs Doi-President

We don't allow children to bring in phones

Please remember we do not allow mobile phones in school. If children are found with a mobile phone, it will be kept safely in the office and a parent will be asked to collect it from Mrs Dowthwaite or Miss Wilson. Please note that this is common practice in all primary schools in Kensington & Chelsea.

Play provision and breakfast club

Breakfast Club has started. We have some new systems in place to keep the children in their key stage bubbles but otherwise, we have tried to keep everything the same. Places can be reserved and paid for online now and we ask that parents don't drop children off without booking first. Please ask in the school office if you have any questions.

After school we have a few childcare places available but with very limited spaces initially these will be for working parents only. Please contact the office for more information. When collecting from after school play, parents will need to call the intercom as usual and a member of staff will bring the child to the parent externally. We are not allowing collection inside the building. The charges remain the same and all the usual measures around cleaning/social distancing will be in place.

Parent meetings – coffee mornings

Virtual class parent meetings via ‘google meet’ are on the following dates (a link to the meeting will be sent nearer the time):

- Y3 Monday 21st September at 9:30
- Y2 Tuesday 22nd September at 9:30
- Y6 Tuesday 22nd September at 10:45
- Y1 Wednesday 23rd September at 9:30
- Y4 Thursday 24th September at 9:30
- Y5 Friday 25th September at 9:30

- EYFS Wednesday 30th September at 10:00

Picking your child up at the end of the day

Please make sure you arrive on time to pick your child up. Children find it very upsetting if their parent is late. We understand if you are occasionally late but it is not acceptable to collect your child after 3.40pm on a regular basis.

We ask parents & carers of children in Nursery, Reception, Y1, pick up their children from the classroom door via the gate on Penzance Place. If you send someone else to pick up your child from Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2 or Y3, Y4, you must tell us by 3:10pm otherwise we may have to refuse to release your child without contacting you first.

We have observed this week that the hall gate where Y2 are dismissed at the end of the day is quite congested so from **Monday 14th September, we ask that Y2 parents pick up their children from the playground gate by Prinedale Road, where they enter in the morning.**

With children who are in Y5/6 we want to encourage some independence and ask parents to make their own arrangements with their child. **We will continue to dismiss Y5/6 children from the hall gate but if you are picking up your child, please can you queue on the social distance markings on the pavement outside the hall gate, rather than across the road.** There have been a couple of incidents this week where children have ran into the road to meet parents on the opposite side of the road and we need to ensure their safety as they leave the building. There are always adults supervising the playground before and after school so we encourage children to tell us if there is a problem. With parents’ permission though, older children may also be allowed to walk home on their own (depending on distance) but please let the class teacher know your plans for the end of the day.

Important dates for your diary

- Half term is from Friday 23rd October at 3:30pm and we return on Monday 2nd November
- School is closed for staff training on Friday 20th November
- Pupil progress meetings will take place during the week of 30th November via google meet
- Due to the limitations imposed by social distancing, we won’t be able to hold sharing assemblies and Christmas performances in front of a parent audience. We will film Christmas performances instead and post these on our website for you to enjoy.
 - Year 2 - Tuesday 8th December at 2pm
 - Nursery and reception - Tuesday 15th December at 2pm
 - We are hoping (if social distancing allows) to have Christmas candlelit carols outdoors in the playground at 3:45 on Thursday 17th December.
- School finishes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 18th December at 2pm and starts again on January 4th 2021.

Important messages

- **If you borrowed an ipad during lockdown, please return it to the office as soon as possible.**
- **Medical forms** need to be updated. If your child has a Health Care Plan or any new medical needs, please ensure that you inform Susie or Lisa in the office as soon as possible.

School Uniform

It's important to look smart, neat and tidy. If you look good, you have a good attitude too! Please make sure your child wears school uniform as follows:

Nursery and Reception

- Yellow polo shirt with school logo
- Grey school trousers, skirt or shorts
- Knitted green jumper or cardigan with school logo

Year 1 to Year 6

- White collared shirt
- Tie
- Grey school trousers, skirt or shorts
- Knitted green jumper or cardigan with school logo
- Green and white gingham summer dress for girls

All children

- White, grey, black or bottle green socks or tights
- Jewellery – there should be no jewellery apart from tiny plain earrings.
- Shoes – must be black (no trainers or sandals).
- Hair:
 - Shoulder length hair should be tied back so children don't catch head lice
 - Hair bands and bobbles should be plain green, green check or black (no fancy bows, flowers, cats or unicorns)
 - There should be no patterns shaved into hair (no stars, lines or zigzags)

E-safety

An acceptable-use letter is going home soon which explains how we expect the children to use IT safely in school. There will be a Google form to sign to say they have read the agreement and are satisfied with the school's arrangements for learning online. Unless we hear otherwise we will assume that you're happy for your child to use the technological devices in Computing lessons and that your children understand the importance of using them sensibly and responsibly.

Communication between home and school will now be done virtually so we will not be sending paper copies of newsletters and home-learning. Please make sure you check text messages from school and that your child can access Google Classroom (instructions for this will be coming out over the next week). We understand it must also be frustrating that parents cannot have the same level of contact with teachers as before. Please ring or email the office if you'd like to talk to us. We will also set up a virtual parent meeting where we will tell you more about our plans for the class' learning this term.

Our Christian Values

As always we will be focusing on teaching an engaging broad curriculum which will involve reading a whole variety of different genres of texts, as well as '**living our Christian values**': **friendship, thankfulness, excellence, forgiveness, creativity, compassion**

At the centre of the school we have faith, hope and love, defined by 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a: "**"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud."**

At St Clement & St James, we realise that children are not just the future, but a very important part of society today. We want to help the children understand that being a Christian is a *way of being*, rather than a label. We want to develop their desire and commitment to live lives compassionately and caringly towards friends, strangers, and the planet. We believe that whatever a person's religion or beliefs, we should all care about the future of goodness in our world, and about creating a global society where diversity of belief and practice can flourish together. As part of this, even though we are a Christian school, we welcome people of all faiths to be part of our school community.

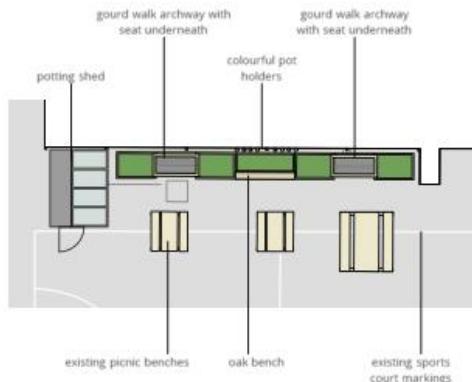
Finally....

The building work for our Edible Playground will start on Monday 14th September!

We are so excited about this new project which will enrich our curriculum further and provide many opportunities for children to grow fruit and vegetables. Nature and growing fruit and vegetables has many therapeutic benefits and will therefore enhance children's well-being and happiness too.

We will let you know how things are progressing. Watch this space! We will upload the plans to the school website but here is a sneak preview!

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Plan view of east fence



Raised beds and benches
All raised beds will be constructed from solid oak sleepers and will be 40cm tall. Benches will be under the archways and along one of the raised beds.



Gourd Walk Archways
Archways will be constructed from reinforced steel mesh and can be planted with gourds and runner beans.



Colourful plant pot holders
Colourful metal pot holders attached to the fence provide fun vertical growing for herbs and flowers.



Potting shed 8' x 6'
This will provide a space for storing garden tools, as well as shelving in the window for bringing up seedlings. The window glazing will be shatter proof plastic for safety and the cladding will be painted.



Habitat creation
Bird boxes and bug hotels in the existing garden area will help give a home to nature.



Enhancing the existing
- A bag of soil will be provided to top up the mud kitchen.
- The existing planter will be mulched.
- Soil will be provided to top up the beds in the existing school garden.
- new mulch will provide ground cover in the existing school garden.



Location plan (not to scale)

Location

The new Edible Playground project will be split across two locations in the school playground: along the west wall and the east fence that borders with the car park.

Objectives

- To provide an accessible garden space for growing fruit, vegetables and sensory herbs that acts as a dynamic resource for teaching the curriculum.
- For each class to have ownership over their own growing bed, with space for the wider school community to get involved too.
- Provide opportunities for vertical growing to add more colour to the boundaries.
- Improve the existing school garden by topping up soil in the beds and laying new bark mulch to the ground.



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