



Dear parents: Also much news and communications this week hard to know where to start. Will probably add an extra Newsletter next week. Remember these are also always posted on our website. If you read one thing this week read the SAGE Report on the effects of schools closing on young people and children. Quite a jaw dropping report and worth a look even if you just read the first 4 conclusions. Remember this next time you hear some militant on the telly calling for school closures. For the record we closed for one day in early March for a deep clean and were open every day since, apart from regular school holidays. Our attendance is still amazing see below. Anti-bullying and Kindness were explored this week in various lessons and certificates given out today. Bullying is complex and it is rare in our school as we know every child so well and we monitor things like hawks. Bullying is also quite topical in the news today. Lots of appeals coming through about Xmas I never write the Chr word.. until Advent starts. See below and on our website. Monday we start our consultation on the new statutory (i.e. compulsory) SRE curriculum which comes in to force at the start of the Summer term. Consultation runs until December 17th. Everything will be posted on our website and is Diocesan / Catholic Church approved already. Cold weekend coming up so wrap up warm and get out in the fresh air if possible. Socially distanced of course. I met virtually with Public Health England yesterday as heads rep for Hackney. Dalston is now by far the area with the highest infection rates in Hackney at 234 so be careful out there. Heard the following on Tuesday — Please offer prayers for an ex-parent of two boys from this school now in an induced coma in the Homerton with Covid-19 aged 58, it can be deadly still. Less than 6 weeks until you can write and say 2021 can't come quickly enough.

Pics of the week:

Wonderful letter from 2 Year 4 girls to Ms O'Grady offering to be of service as librarians giving up their play time to help. A shining example to everyone.... a sight that pleased me as Islington police set up knife screens at Highbury and Islington Station as I drove past apparently a real success and what they should be doing rather than chasing people up for using the wrong pronouns on Twitter ... Kindness certificates given out today well done and what a nice idea from Mr Rook. Winners below and ably assisting me are Ms Sylvia and Ms Asia. Year 2 visiting Dalston Curve Garden on Tuesday details included if you wish to support ...

<https://uk.gofundme.com/f/save-dalston-curve-garden> - the link for the crowdfunder. Dalston Curve Garden



School news ... this and next week

Monday ...SRE consultation begins

Thursday ... Virtual Meeting for parents on our WAMHS work in school. Well-being and mental health services joint working.

Friday ... Year 3 Stone Age dressing up day think the Flintstones

PA Christmas Tree appeal and more news..

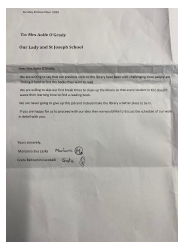
Chr Tree Fundraising Event..... website

Chr Cards going out this evening. Tea towel details to follow.

Star Snappers photos finally back (taken before lockdown in March). They are self portraits and beautiful. Going Out on Monday.

Thursday ... Virtual Meeting 2pm for parents on our WAMHS work in school. Well-being and mental health services project.

Attendance: Remarkable figures currently at 97% in our school. National is around 88% and Hackney @ 89%.. super well done to every family and 99% attendance some recent days.



and finally ... US Election outcomes no longer funny as the war on truth goes on. Best Presidents question from last week. In 5th place Teddy Roosevelt 4th is Thomas Jefferson 3rd is usually F.D. Roosevelt 2nd is George Washington and everyone agrees the best was Abraham Lincoln. Republicans and Democrats both agree. The worst Warren Harding and then Ulysses S Grant everyone agrees but possibly a new candidate soon... I enjoyed Lewis Hamilton last Sunday drove so well in Turkey now immortal. Friend of mine was his headteacher in Stevenage another great hero just now is Marcus Ashford who went to one of my ex-deputies from OLSJ now a head in a primary school in Wythenshawe a really tough area. Good local lad great week of sports with Argentina beating the All Blacks in rugby for information we have banned all children in the school from heading footballs in both training and games as the long term effects are becoming apparent remember seeing Jack Charlton in 1965 heading a wet leather football from a goal kick at Highbury and the noise I can still recall to this day the big controversy of the week was not Pritti Patel but Nigella Lawson and her double buttered sea salted toast I shouted at my TV why not use salted butter in the first place? Brittany butter from Isigny-St-Mere is the best...we have some parents from Brittany I am sure they agree ... good Netflix movie is The Chicago 7 a new true courtroom drama and entertaining 2 hours ...never watched an episode of the Crown but going to dip in this weekend for sure ... ended up cooking with sauerkraut last Sunday for the first time ever with authentic Bavarian wurst and pork shoulder was amazing ... Asian feast this weekend with Kochujuang paste and kimchi... think Korean sauerkraut or Polish Kapusta but very spicy + Premier League is back ...finally America's finest and funniest living comedian made a surprise appearance two hours in to Joe Rogan's podcast last night one Mr Dave Chapelle. His monologue after Trump's election loss was comic genius on Saturday Night Live and he managed to upset Democrats and Republicans alike because he is so funny and is past caring who he offends. He said last night while answering a question on how he was: 'You got to keep moving forward. Take one day at a time. Tomorrow the sun will still rise in the sky in the East. You can't change that. What else you gonna do. Keep on keeping on and keep moving' Simple but great practical advice. Be happy!!