



School News

Issue 2: Thursday 21st September 2017

Jeans for Genes Day



Jeans for Genes Day is the annual fundraising campaign for Genetic Disorders UK, the national charity that supports individuals and families affected by a genetic disorder.

On **Friday 22nd September**, every child is invited to take part in our fundraising event by wearing jeans – blue, black or white - ***no ripped jeans please*** and donate **£1 to the Genetic Disorders UK charity**.



Please note that your child must still wear their uniform from the waist up – so shirts and ties with sweatshirts are expected.

Monies raised on Jeans for Genes Day fund the work of the charity and provide grants to organisations for projects that aim to transform the lives of children with genetic disorders.


Governance



Ms Narissa Bowles, one of our parent governors, was elected by the governors to continue as our **Chair of the Governing Body**.



Mr Andrew Woodward is our new **Vice-Chair of Governors**.

Thought for the week 
Ephesians 4 verse 32:

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you”

Spanish Day – Tuesday 26th September

Spanish

Hola padres e hijos. El próximo martes es el día español en nuestra escuela! **Spanish Day** es una celebración de la lengua, cultura y comida española. Por favor vengan a nuestra tienda española en el playground. Estará abierto desde las 3.00pm.

English

Hello parents and children. Next Tuesday is Spanish Day at our school. Spanish Day is a celebration of the Spanish language, culture and food! Please come to our spanish shop in the playground. It will be open from 3pm.



Children are invited to **wear red and yellow on Tuesday** which are the main colours of the Spanish flag!

No Pens Day Wednesday



Of all the skills we develop at school, the ability to communicate effectively is the one that has the most profound and potentially positive impact on our lives.

Strong language skills and good communication are key to whole school improvement, progression and attainment and supporting children and young people to develop these skills is vital.

On **Wednesday 4th October**, our school will run a **No Pens Day Wednesday** where staff and pupils will put down their pens and engage in a day of **speaking and listening** activities.

Black History Month, 1st - 31st October 2017



Black History Month has been celebrated across the UK every **October** since 1987 and aims to promote knowledge of black history, culture and heritage, disseminate information on positive contributions by black people to society and heighten the confidence and awareness of black people in relation to their cultural heritage.

In October, we will be doing the **Who am I?** project – celebrating and mapping everyone's ethnic origin. This will be followed by every class learning about two black people each month:

October: **Who am I?** project
November: **Malorie Blackman and John Agard**
December: **Sheku Kanneh-Mason and Chi-chi Nwanoku,**
January: **Katherine Johnson and Rosa Parks**
February: **Olaudah Equiano and Mary Seacole**
March: **John Sentamu**
April: **Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King**
May: **David Lammy and Dianne Abott**
June: **Serena Williams and Usain Bolt**
July: **Jessica Ennis and Mo Farah.**

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Events at Church

Pet Blessing Service at St Stephen's at
6.30pm on Wednesday 4th October

On **Wednesday 4th October at 6.30pm** Graham our vicar has invited the local community and the children of Burdett-Coutts and their families to bring their pet to church for a blessing in honour of St Francis.



St Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals. St Francis saw animals as his brothers and sisters because they were God's creatures, just like people.

He said of animals: *"Not to hurt our humble brethren is our first duty to them, but to stop there is not enough. We have a higher mission -- to be of service to them wherever they require it."*

So St Francis prayed that God would work through him to help animals as well as people.

Harvest Festival Mass at St Stephen's church at 10am on Sunday 8th October.

On **Wednesday 4th October**, we will be celebrating **Harvest Festival** at St Stephen's church.

We need your help with collecting donations on behalf of St Stephen's church.

Your donations will be used to help people in the local community as this year we are collecting for **Westminster Food Bank and St Stephen's Church Food Bank.**

We would be most grateful for your donations of


- **non-perishable tinned items**
- **tea & instant coffee**
- **pasta, rice & breakfast cereals**
- **jam, tinned fish/meat**
- **combs, sponges, new adult socks**
- **new adult underwear, toothbrushes, deodorant or toothpaste.**

Please bring your donations to the ground floor hall **by 9am on Monday 2nd October.**

You are most welcome to attend the **Harvest Festival Mass at St Stephen's church at 10am on Sunday 8th October.** Graham is looking forward to welcoming many families from Burdett -Coutts!

Many thanks in advance for your generosity and support.




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Dates for your diary - Autumn Term 2017

Dates	Events
September 2017	
Friday 22 nd	Jeans for Genes Day
Monday 25 th	Year 3 Educational Visit to the Museum of London
Tuesday 26 th	Spanish Day- wear red & yellow 3pm Spanish shop in the playground
Thursday 28 th	9am More Able Workshop for parents and carers St Michael and All Angels
Friday 29 th	9.15am, Fine Class Assembly Year 2
October 2017	
Wednesday 4 th	No Pens Day! 6.30pm at St Stephen's church St Francis of Assisi blessing of the animals service <i>Animal blessing service</i> – please bring your parrot, cat, dog, gerbil etc.
Friday 6 th	9.15am, Blackman Class Assembly Year 5
Sunday 8 th	10am, Harvest family service at St Stephen's church – all welcome
9 th – 20 th	Friendship Fortnight
Thursday 12 th	9am Emotional well-being workshop for parents
Friday 13 th	9.15am, King-Smith Class Assembly Year 3
16 th -20 th	Year 5 cycle training week
Thursday 19 th	School photographs – individual photo day
Friday 20 th	Friendship Assembly
Half term Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October	
Monday 30 th	Autumn term 2 begins – children back in school
November 2017	
Wednesday 1 st	All Saints Day
Thursday 2 nd	6pm, All Souls Day service at St Stephen's church – all welcome
Friday 3 rd	9.15am, Lewis Class Assembly Year 5

Dates	Events
November 2017 (cont)	
6 th -10 th	Maths Week
Friday 10 th	9.15am, Burningham Class Assembly Year 1 & World's Biggest Maths Lesson event
Sunday 12 th	Remembrance Sunday
Thursday 16 th	3.40-7pm KS2 Parents' Evening
Friday 17 th	9.15am, Anti-Bullying Assembly
Thursday 23 rd	3.40-7pm EYFS & KS1 Parents' Evening
Friday 24 th	9.15am, Rowling Class Assembly Year 4
Sunday 26 th	Christ the King
December 2017	
Friday 1 st	9.15am, Cowell Class Assembly Year 3
Sunday 3 rd	First Sunday of Advent
Friday 8 th	9.15am, Whole school Nine Lessons service at St John's Smith Square – ALL WELCOME 3.45 –5pm: School Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12 th	10am & 2pm, EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play (for parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
Thursday 14 th	10am & 2pm, KS2 Christmas Play (for parents of children in Years 3-6)
Friday 15 th	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Wednesday 20 th	10am, Christingle service Last Day of the autumn term SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm


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