



22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

This week we have celebrated anti-bullying across the school. Each class from Year 1-6 presented what they had been doing in class around the message, small change, big difference. The work the classes produced really show us that the children in St Peter and St Paul are committed to our mission statement and school values to Love one another.

### **Reception Trip**

Reception class went to on their class trip to Toffee Park on Wednesday to take part in some outdoor adventurous activities. They ended their session with toasting marshmallows on the camp fire. It was a wonderful day, funded by the 11 by 11 programme that Islington have committed to achieve.

11 by 11 funding is available to all schools across the borough to help children access 11 cultural experiences by Year 11. We are very proud to say that our children manage this goal by Year 6.

### **School Photographs**

Children had their individual photographs taken on Tuesday, subject to GDPR consent. Information regarding ordering will follow in due course.

### **Reception Open Morning**

An opening morning for Reception 2020 intake will take place on Thursday at 9:30am. All nursery parents and perspective Reception parents are invited to attend.

### **LSO Trip**

Year 1 and 2 are off to the Barbican on Monday to see the LSO. Please ensure all permission slips have been sent in ahead of the trip.

### **Issues with Children**

If any issues or matters arise in school with your child, please speak to the class teacher to deal with the matter. Parents should not approach other parents in the playground or outside of school. If anyone does approach you to discuss a matter such as this, please refer them back to the school.



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## **Year 5 Trip to Microsoft**

Year 5 had a fantastic time on their trip to the flagship Microsoft Store. We had the opportunity to learn how to code or progress our current coding skills on Minecraft. We then moved into the amazing gaming room and chose our favourite games to play on, we enjoyed using our trip to encourage everyone to stay safe and be kind online. We discussed how small changes, make a big difference.

Don't forget you can take your children to Microsoft after school and on weekends to code for free!

## **Digital Ambassador**

### **WE NEED YOU!**

We want to appoint a parent to become a e-safety champion for our school.

The parent that is appointed will be the link parent for any online safety questions, queries and information regarding digital safety, and to support the school community.

The person will also be member of each parent WhatsApp groups, to monitor and arbitrate content of groups on behalf of the school by managing content on public groups that are more than notices, changes to calendar dates and reminders.

This is a voluntary role, but excellent experience and the school can provide a reference to the successful candidate after they undertake the role.

What the role will entail:

- Advising parents using current National resources for online/ digital safety that is available through the school
- Working alongside Computing and E-Safety Lead for Children's Services Islington Council, Katy Potts, to help reach out to all parents and ensure they and their children are supported, secure and safe online
- Supporting the school and its community including monitoring parent WhatsApp groups
- Report any issues to the school should any concerns arise
- Have safeguarding training to assist in carrying out the role effectively.

If you are interested in this role but require more information, please speak to Miss C McGuinness.

If you would like to apply for the role, we would ask that you write no more than an A4 page addressing how you could carry out the outlined role and maintain the dual responsibility of being a parent and Digital Ambassador.

We look forward to reading your application.



## **Parent Governor Elections Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 (3 Candidates)**

### **Irene Garcia**



As you know I am the mum of Hugo (Y2) and Marcos, who hopefully will start in reception next September. I am Spanish and I have been living in London for more than twenty years. I am a journalist and I work full time for Bloomberg TV, where I have had several roles over the years, from reporter to producer. I am currently a news editor and I am in charge of global planning. It sounds fancy but it isn't, it just requires being on top of news, organised and an avid reader, which I think I am.

Due to the nature of my job and the kind of news we cover (financial news is our bread and butter) I come across with young and eager journalists from different backgrounds. It is an industry that embraces change and moves fast, which has made me realize how well prepared young people need to be in so many levels to succeed. More importantly, the right attitude and self-believe matters nearly as much. And that's why I think every subject, every activity, every after-school club matters. I also think that kindness, friendship, and camaraderie should be encouraged always.

Looking forward to working with you and the other school governors.

Kind regards,  
Irene

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### **Jodie Graber**



I'm putting myself forward for another 4-year stint at being your parent governor. I have 2 children in the school, Year 4, Reception and will soon have another child in Nursery so have a vested interest in the education of all children.

Should I be successful in being elected, I will continue to drive the school towards outstanding.



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**Christophe Pannelay**



I would be honored to serve as a governor of St Peter and St Paul to promote the values and identity of the school in the local parish, community.

Having two children, 12 and 6, who both went to St Peter and St Paul, I am very involved in their future. Our 12-year-old son Victor spent his entire primary years at St Peter and St Paul and made great friends as we did as parents. Valentine is 6 years old and enjoys going to school every day.

I would love to bring my experience: having lived in various countries, I developed a sensitivity for cultural differences, while running a company will be an advantage in managing relationships with and between people as well as setting goals for school and monitoring progress.

Originally from France and now also British, we have been lucky enough to travel thanks to our work. We spent 3 years in Hong Kong and 3 years in New York before settling in London that we love more than 10 years ago.

I currently run a company with 5 people in investment management, after having spent 8 years in a bank before. I am an engineer by background and have also an MBA.

I deeply believe in the power of education giving pupils the best chance to succeed in the projects, regardless of the background. The integration of the school in the local community and parish is also very important. Diversity in our area is a great advantage, it should not only be preserved but encouraged.

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**Voting process:**

- 1. All parents can vote on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of November, for the candidate they wish to see take the role of parent governor.**
- 2. Voting forms will be available on both playgrounds before and after school.**
- 3. The count will take place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November after school, and the two highest scoring candidates will be elected parent governors.**
- 4. The winning candidates will be announced on Classlist and the Friday newsletter.**

**Lastly, we would like to thank the candidates for considering the role and putting themselves forward. We wish you all luck.**



## PTA

### Cake Sale year 6

This coming Thursday 28th Year 6 is launching the first cake sale of the year!

Please come along in the playground from 3.00pm (Reception and Nursery parents are warmly invited too!)

Do come and visit!

Children attending afterschool clubs are allowed to come down and get a slice of yummy cakes: don't forget to provide them with some cash.



### **Green Coins @ Waitrose Bloomsbury**

Great News!

For a nice start to the festive period Waitrose Bloomsbury have selected our school as charity of the month for the month of December.

Waitrose Bloomsbury is located in the Brunswick centre and is probably a long way for some of you to go but you can still participate by bringing your green coins to the school office.

Every time you shop at a Waitrose do ask for the green coins and drop it in the school box just behind the till or pop in to the box left at the school office.

The more green coins we get; the more money we will raise!!!

P.S. Spread the word!





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*“God is so merciful towards us. We too should learn to be merciful”*

Pope Francis

Have a lovely weekend

Miss T Peters

Head Teacher