

# SJL News



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Important dates

Please remember not to book holidays during term time.

### January

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Attendance meetings

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Teaching students visiting from Cornwall

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Year 2 to Hammersmith Bridge

### February

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> L&A committee meeting

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> half term

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Children return

17<sup>th</sup> April and 16<sup>th</sup> June Staff training (School closed)

## Puzzle time



If the answer is  $\frac{3}{4}$  what could the question be?

See if your friends agree.

## Hello

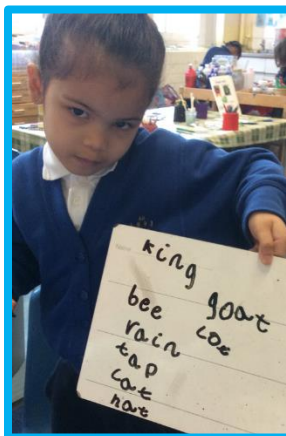
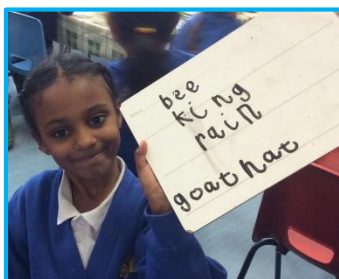
How has your week been?

We've had an exciting week here with the beginnings of our new topics. Have you asked your children what topics they are doing this half term?

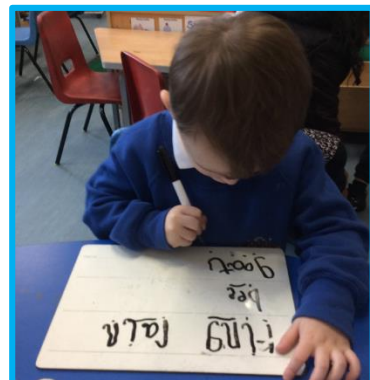
Please look on Google Classroom to see the **knowledge organisers**. These will give you information and facts that will be covered in lessons.

The children have said how much they like their families to be interested. Maybe you can all go on a visit connected with the topic and then share the photos/leaflets/what you saw etc. in school.

**Parent Consultations** will be held the week before the February half term. A timetable will be shared the week before. We will do as we did last term and invite you in to meet your child's class teacher and discuss their progress and targets that you can help us work on with them.



Our Reception children have been writing words with sounds that they learned in their daily phonics lessons.



Do you use the school website?



[www.sirjohnlillie.lbhf.sch.uk](http://www.sirjohnlillie.lbhf.sch.uk)



This week we have added information about dealing with the cost of living crisis.

Go to

[www.sirjohnlillie.lbhf.sch.uk](http://www.sirjohnlillie.lbhf.sch.uk)

Parents → Parents Advice & Help → Cost of living support

Parents → Noticeboard → Cost of living support

This newsletter is also uploaded every Friday too.

Please check your dinner money account.

Any questions, please call Anne in the school office.

Thank you to everyone who spotted the last newsletter said that half term was in January.

Hopefully, all parents and carers received a text to correct this mistake.

**If you didn't receive a text, please call the office with your correct mobile number.**

# Online Safety & Gaming

Gaming refers to playing electronic games, whether through consoles, computers, tablets, smartphones or other devices. Gaming remains one of the most popular forms of entertainment, attracting a wide range of age groups from all across the world. Gaming is always looking to develop, often improving on graphical features, accessibility and user engagement as years go by.



Unlike many other forms of media, gaming brings a sense of challenge to the player. Usually there is a degree of skill involved that players need to develop in order to progress. Depending on the type of game, it can also offer players a platform where they can be imaginative and explore their own creativity.

Some games have rich storylines and characters that are engaging and memorable. Many players also use it as an opportunity to compete and socialise with other users whether it be in person or online. More often than not though, people game, because it is fun!

## Benefits of Gaming

- 1 Can develop critical and creative skills
- 2 Can bring educational benefit and awareness
- 3 Is available to most audiences and family members
- 4 Is an easy and accessible way to socialise with others



## Considerations for Gaming

- 1 Have awareness of appropriate age restrictions
- 2 Parental awareness around purchasing
- 3 Active discussions around socialising safely
- 4 Reporting harmful or offensive content online

## Socialising Online

A staple of gaming is the community that surrounds it. Groups and audiences can gather around a specific game, character or theme to build specific fan bases that can interact with each other. Young people may like to socialise online because:

- 1 It gives them a platform to be with friends outside of school
- 2 There is usually a competitive element at play, which can feel rewarding
- 3 It can build confidence and social skills which may not be attainable physically
- 4 It gives opportunity to young people who have difficulty socialising with friends and others



## Reporting and Blocking

Gaming communities can range from supportive and educational, to toxic and harmful. In some instances, it can even lead towards more radical content being promoted. When faced with something or someone being harmful online, make sure young people know how to:

- 1 Report the player or piece of content
- 2 Mute or block the player
- 3 Manage their privacy settings or communication options
- 4 Speak with a trusted adult for support



To find out more about Gaming visit the SWGfL hub:  
[swgfl.org.uk/topics/gaming/](https://swgfl.org.uk/topics/gaming/)

or scan the QR code



## Further Support

Professionals Online Safety Helpline: [saferinternet.org.uk/professionals-online-safety-helpline](https://saferinternet.org.uk/professionals-online-safety-helpline)

Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Service: [swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/](https://swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/)

Report Harmful Content:  
[reportharmfulcontent.com](https://reportharmfulcontent.com)



## Working together

We believe and value the partnership we have with you.

There are many skills your children will benefit from learning both at home and in school.



Reading with your child daily is a great way to encourage confidence, develop knowledge, grow an imagination, and a love of learning.

Please take time to look at books, posters, leaflets, newspapers, magazines, comics, instructions and recipes. Take time to read on your way to school, at home, on the bus or when doing activities together.

Help us to grow this lifelong skill for your child.



## Staying safe on social media

Have you checked your child's devices recently?

OpenView  
Education  
TRAINING THROUGH THEATRE

### APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS

13+		16+	
 Facebook	 Snapchat	 WhatsApp	
 Instagram	 Twitter	 Sarahah	 MeetMe
 TikTok	 Kik		
 YouNow	 Yubo	 YOLO	 LiveMe
 House Party	 Monkey		



**Can you donate a box of tissues to your child's class?**



Help us to keep coughs and sneezes in tissues. Thank you 😊



**Congratulations**  
**to**  
**5T**

for having the highest number of children to read at home this week and for bringing their signed reading records back into school.



They get five minutes extra play today and a new book for their reading corner.

## School uniform

We are proud to have a school uniform and visitors and members of the public regularly comment on how smart our children look when we go out on trips.

Please help your child to look smart every day by having their school uniform ready for them to wear in the morning.

Please label EVERY piece of uniform with your child's name.

Our policy can be found on the school website.

Please remember your child is able to come to school in their PE kit on the day they have PE.

The PE kit is

- Plain white tee shirt (no spaghetti tops or logos)
- Navy blue shorts or joggers
- Trainers
- School sweatshirt.

## **PE days are**

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| • <b>Monday</b>    | Year 4                 |
| • <b>Tuesday</b>   | Swimming (Y4)          |
| • <b>Wednesday</b> | Year 1, Year 2, Year 6 |
| • <b>Thursday</b>  | Year 5                 |
| • <b>Friday</b>    | Reception and Year 3   |

## Attendance

We held attendance meetings for some parents this morning. They were a great success and we thank those parents who were able to attend.

Please remember you can read the 'Attendance Policy' on our school website.

We will be arranging further meetings in order to support families of children who have low attendance and punctuality.

If you would like to come and chat with us about your child's attendance or punctuality, please contact the school office for an appointment.