

# Summer Newsletter

This newsletter keeps you up to date with information and advice from the school and local community during the Coronavirus lockdown. If you have any questions or comments, please email us at:

[parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

**St Paul's**  **YouTube**

search for: st paul's primary whitechapel youtube

## September 2020 Transition arrangements

Although the government has issued guidance on the return to school in September, there is still some uncertainty about how this might look. You can be sure that we will be busy over the summer doing our best to ensure that everything is in place for the beginning of the school year. We will keep you up to date with developments via Twitter, and our email and text services. We will keep our email address live for any questions:

[parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

Next years class teachers will be as follows:

Nursery	Ms Blake
Reception	Ms Tania
Year 1	Ms Khan & Ms Bassi
Year 2	Mr Thompson
Year 3	Ms Ali
Year 4	Mr John
Year 5	Ms O'Reilly
Year 6	Mr Boutflour
SENCo	Ms Dixon

In order to provide some consistency and stability, next year KS1 and KS2 teaching assistants will be with the same class as this year, except Ms Georgina who will move to Year 1.

Please read the Transition Arrangements (see right).

Dear all,

This is to let you know that it is my intention to begin the new year as follows:

### August

Monday 31st Bank Holiday

### September

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Inset Day

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Children attend their pre-summer class & staff team

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Children spend some time in their new class with the new staff team.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> All children begin their new class

Nothing is certain of course, but I hope this will give children a chance to properly process the transition from this year's class to next year's.

## BLACK LIVES MATTER



We are undergoing a review of our curriculum to ensure that it is appropriate to the diversity of our community. This process, which began over a year ago, has been interrupted by the coronavirus closure, but we hope to have the first units in place in the second half of the autumn term. Look out for details.

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## School closed on Friday 10th July

The school will be closed on Friday 10th July for a staff training day, where staff will be reviewing legislation and looking at the new 'Keeping Children safe in Education (KCSiE) document.

After this current class teachers will be given an opportunity to talk to next year's class teachers about the children in their class.

# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



## From our librarian, Laura

The Ideas Store is opening in stages. Whitechapel will be the nearest to you that's open, but in a limited fashion - borrowing will be by appointment only and children will be able to get a stack of books given to them, no browsing of shelves. Since this is less than perfect they've made the Summer Reading Challenge - this year named the Silly Squad - largely digital.

The Summer Reading Challenge is free to join in with online [here](#) and the Ideas Store has stocked up on lots of digital eBooks to make it easier to access if children can't get to Whitechapel Ideas Store.

Children will still get a medal for taking part in the Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge and the Ideas Store has [lots of free digital activities](#) planned for children throughout the Summer holidays too. If children sign up to go to 6 of these (so basically one each week of the holidays) they get a medal for each activity and 6 medals gets a certificate.

Activities will start from 11th July through until September and the Ideas Store is in partnership with Artburst as well who will make 6 videos for families about how to be creative with arts and crafts.

## Pupil Showcase

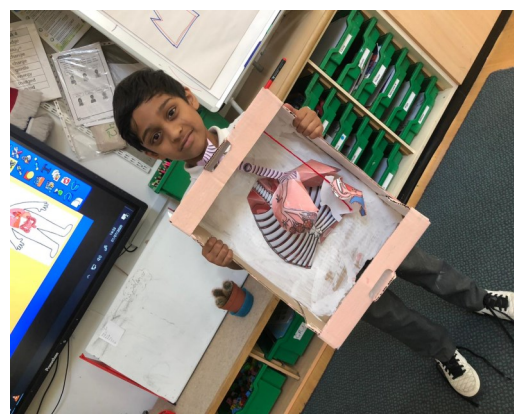
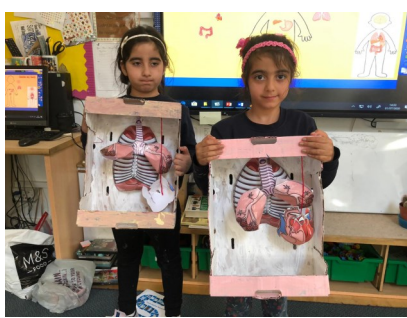


Here is some excellent work from our 'Eligible Group' last Wednesday.

They made these superb human organ models and some fantastic Native American picture stories.

For more of these see page 6.

Thank you to Ms Khan, Ms Ullah and Ms Sharena.



## Tower Hamlets Summer Holiday Scheme

*"Tower Hamlets summer holiday scheme will be open for all children aged 3 – 13 years of age. This in line with advice from Department for Education."*

**Venue:** St Matthias Primary School

**Bookings open:** Monday 6 July 2020 at 12 (midday)

**Bookings close:** Tuesday 21 July at 1pm or sooner once fully booked (no late bookings allowed under any circumstances)

*To reduce the risks we have less capacity than usual and as such early booking is advised. Once we have reached capacity we are unfortunately unable to take further bookings.*

For more information please visit [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs) for the most up to date information.

At this busy time we urge all parents/carers to avoid phoning where possible and to e-mail [holiday.childcare@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:holiday.childcare@towerhamlets.gov.uk) so we can support as many families as possible."



*A message from Place2Be.....*

Hello again children of St Paul's, from Place2Be!



Let's start with a check-in like we do each week.

How have you been feeling this week? Some people describe feelings as 'ups and downs'. 'Ups' might mean when we're feeling **AMAZING, ON TOP OF THE WORLD, REALLY, REALLY HAPPY!** 'Downs' can often mean the opposite to this; you might feel **sad, grumpy or moody**....and of course - there are all the feelings that lay in between!

All these feelings are a part of life - and makes me think about how our feelings can be just like mountains. Every mountain is unique, with peaks and dips, ups and downs, - but they're all individual and magnificent! I wonder if you can design your own feelings 'mountain' to show what your feelings this week might look like? Would they be up and down too? As we say each week; it's really important to share how you're feeling with someone; to talk about your 'ups and downs'. You never know - doing so might help you climb that mountain once again.



For this week's activity, we're going to think about our heartbeat! We often think about how our heart feels when we feel different emotions in our different Zones, and this game helps us tune in to what our bodies are doing!

### **Feel the beat.....!**

Do each of these activities for **one minute**. After you have done them, sit down, close your eyes (to help you concentrate) and put your hands on your heart. What do you notice about your heartbeat? What do you notice about your breath? How does your body feel?

**Jump**

**Run on the spot**

**Read a book**

**Dance**

**Walk**

**Sit still and listen for noises around you**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find here a link to a leaflet supporting conversations around mental health as part of everyday life:

<https://www.annafreud.org/media/7228/tmh-parent-leaflet-final-all-approved-laid-out-for-web.pdf>

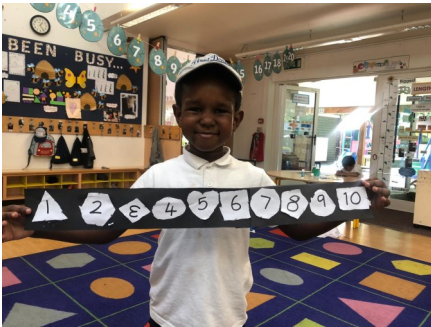




## Early Years Activities

Our Early Years children have really been enjoying being back at school. They have been doing lots of fun activities.

The children have been practising their mark making, bike riding, singing outside, matching numbers to quantity and being creative.



## Protect your mobile phone - a message from the police



Over the last week there has been an increasing number of thefts in our Parks. People enjoying the sunshine have been approached by suspects intent on stealing property on SHOW like your mobile phone.

Please be aware of your surroundings and secure such property upon your person. Be wary of unknown persons approaching you and trying to distract you.

Regards,  
**Alex Adolphe**, PCSO , Email: [bowwest.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:bowwest.snt@met.police.uk)



## A message from the Felix project

And a mention for us in the London Evening Standard

I am very happy to announce that we have now delivered enough food for over 4 million meals to help Londoners struggling because of coronavirus and lockdown.



In fact, every day we now deliver food for 66,000 meals – that's a 200% increase from before lockdown, when we were delivering food for 20,000 meals. We are literally feeding more hungry Londoners than ever before. None of this would be possible without you, so thank you!

### Evening Standard campaign raises 7 million

At the beginning of the crisis, the Evening Standard and The Independent launched their 'Food for London Now' campaign to help us reach more vulnerable Londoners. Astonishingly £7 million has now been raised which will go a MASSIVE way towards keeping up with this new demand, particularly as the economic impacts of lockdown become clearer.

### Making sure children have food

Feeding children continues to be a top priority for us, and we continue delivering to schools to ensure that children have plenty of nutritious food. Over the holidays we are aiming to deliver to over 100 holiday programmes that support children, as well as to the schools remaining open to help their local communities.

Thanks again for all your love and support,

**Andy Holland**, Head of Marketing and Fundraising at the Felix Project

**StPaul'sWhitechapel** @StPaulsCESchool · 9 Jun  
We always love seeing what is delivered by @felixprojectuk ! We wonder what our families will make with asparagus, mint, thyme, mushrooms and crusty bread!



# News from The Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

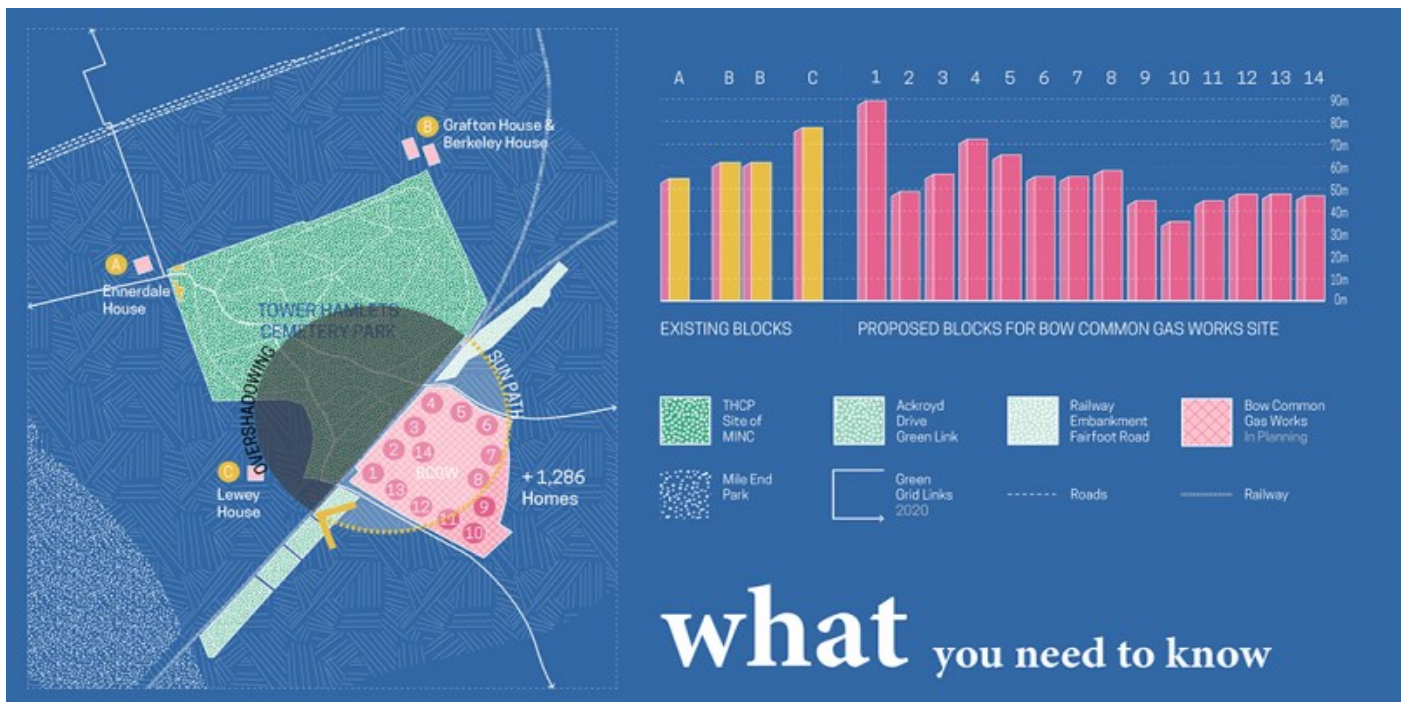
## Protect Our Common Right to Light: Bow Common Gasworks

The Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park, is leading a public campaign against plans for a major development which threatens the future of a widely treasured urban woodland nature reserve. Campaigners say the development would permanently damage wildlife and ecosystems in and around Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park, and place unsustainable pressures on local greenspaces.

St William Homes LLP, part of the Berkeley Group, are proposing to build 1,286 new homes on the Bow Common Gasworks site on the south-east edge of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park.

The development will directly affect Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park and the surrounding community in the following ways:

- The proposed site will be packed with 14 very tall buildings up to 22 stories in height (89m) and housing at the lower levels, and construction will take a minimum of 10 years.
- The shading cast by the tall buildings through the day and light pollution at night will change light conditions and have a detrimental impact on the park's wildlife, local people's well-being and their experience of the Cemetery Park
- Over 1200 new homes and 3000 new neighbours will permanently damage wildlife and ecosystems in and around Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park, and put unsustainable pressures on local green spaces.



## Here are some things you can do to help...

Sign the petition and ask your friends and family to sign:

Please share our campaign [www.fothcp.org/campaigns-gasworks](http://www.fothcp.org/campaigns-gasworks) and petition with your community: <http://chng.it/LffW4DN8CH>.

- **Post this message on your Facebook, Instagram or Twitter account:**

CALL TO ACTION: Join the people-powered @FoTHCP campaign and sign the petition to help protect Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park #UrbanWoodland from the #shade of a large development next door which threatens to damage its #wildlife & #ecosystems. #RightToLight #ProtectTHCP #conservation #biodiversity #EastLondon

[www.fothcp.org/campaigns-gasworks](http://www.fothcp.org/campaigns-gasworks); <https://fothcp.org/gasworks-campaign/>

Selection of images pre-prepared in sizes for Facebook, Instagram and Twitter: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DjxmY2ruWvVNYsmAld-UBTdehpWcG1ek8?usp=sharing>



## St Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary School

### Summer Term 2020

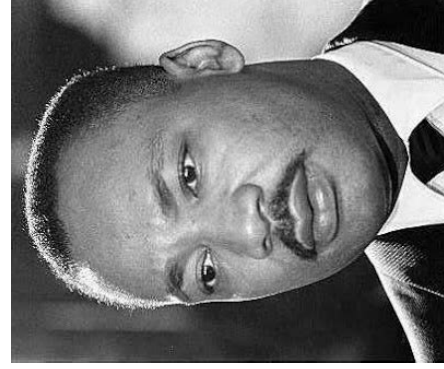
Training Day Friday 10th July  
 Last Day of Term Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
*Eid Al-Adha* Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020\*



*Final Thought*

*"We may at times accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope."*

*Martin Luther King, Jr*



## St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools

### Provisional Term Dates and Holidays - 2020/ 2021

#### Autumn Term 2020 (73 days)

*Staff Training* Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
 First Day of Term Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
 Half Term Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
*Staff Training* Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
 Second half of term Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
 Last Day of Term Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
*Christmas Day* Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
*Boxing Day* Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December

#### Spring Term 2021 (59 days)

*New Year's Day* Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January  
*Staff Training* Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
 First Day of Term Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
 Half Term Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> to Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> February  
 Second half of term Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
 Last Day of Term Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
*Good Friday* Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
*Easter Monday* Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
*Ramadan begins* Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021\*

#### Summer Term 2021 (58 days)

First Day of Term Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
*Staff Training* Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April  
 May Day Bank Holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
 Half Term Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
 Second half of term Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
 Last Day of Term Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
*Eid Al-Fitr* Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021\*  
*Eid Al-Adha* Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021\*