



The Anchor News

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Hello,
I hope you have all had a wonderful week. My name is Mrs Opong and I am the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator at St Clements. It's been lovely getting to know many of you children and parents since you've made me feel very welcome. When relaxing, I love to read and one of my favourite authors is CS Lewis. He got me hooked as a child with 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' and into adulthood with the 'Screwtape Letters', which I highly recommend. As well as reading, I also enjoy going to see live bands from Shalamar (yes I'm that old!) to Jess Glynne and enjoying a good boogie to the right music. Spending time with my family is so important to me as we all love to sit around enjoying a laugh at a good sitcom, while eating curried mutton and rice. If you see me around school, feel free to say Hello, I promise not to bite! Mrs Opong

Just before half term, **year 6** went to visit a Buddhist temple as part of their RE unit. It was a fascinating experience. The children were beautifully behaved. They also attended a WW2 workshop where they took part in different evacuation scenarios and role playing. This was to support their History topic– World War 2. As well as the fun stuff, the children also completed some practice SATs tests to give us an idea of gaps in knowledge and areas for development. The results from this tests can be shared with parents if you wish to support your child at home. Please speak to Miss Shryane.



Important Upcoming Dates

November	16.11.23	Prayer morning– please join us if you can 9.00am
	22.11.23	Y4 Class Assembly
	23.11.23	Y3 Class Assembly
	27.11.23	Y5 Class Assembly
	28.11.23	Individual school photos
	29.11.23	Y2 Class Assembly
December	6.12.23	Y1 Class Assembly
	12.12.23	EYFS, Y1-3 Christmas lunch
	13.12.23	Y4-Y6 Christmas lunch
	14.12.23	Community Christmas lunch
	18.12.23	Shining Stars Assembly
	19.12.23	EYFS & K1 Nativity
	20.12.23	Whole school Christmas Concert
	21.12.23	Prayer morning & carol Service (AM) Christmas Disco & parties (PM)
21.12.23	Last day of term School closed 22.12.23– Teacher training day	

Our values focus this half term

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Head Teacher: Miss Shryane

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Assistant Head Teacher: Mrs Fox



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Safeguarding:



This half term our Jigsaw topic is 'Celebrating Difference'. It includes lessons on Similarity & Difference, Bullying, Stereotyping, Racism, Discrimination and Celebrating Differences and Individuality

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
Identifying talents Being special Families Where we live Making friends Standing up for yourself	Similarities and differences Understanding bullying and knowing how to deal with it Making new friends Celebrating the differences in everyone	Assumptions and stereotypes about gender Understanding bullying Standing up for self and others Making new friends Gender diversity Celebrating difference and remaining friends
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Families and their differences Family conflict and how to manage it (child-centred) Witnessing bullying and how to solve it Recognising how words can be hurtful Giving and receiving compliments	Challenging assumptions Judging by appearance Accepting self and others Understanding influences Understanding bullying Problem-solving Identifying how special and unique everyone is First impressions	Cultural differences and how they can cause conflict Racism Rumours and name-calling Types of bullying Material wealth and happiness Enjoying and respecting other cultures
Year 6		
Perceptions of normality, Understanding disability, power struggles, Understanding bullying, Inclusion/exclusion Differences as conflict, difference as celebration, Empathy		



We are looking for volunteers to help organise and run a Christmas fair this year. It would be great if a member of the PTA caught up with a member of the leadership team to arrange a meeting to discuss.



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