

## SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION

Friday 23rd November 2018

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### GROWTH MINDSET AT ST JAMES & ST JOHN

As mentioned earlier in the year, St James & St John is embarking on a journey where we will be examining the way we think about our learning and, in particular, the importance of our mistakes. As a part of this, we will be completing a series of lessons in each class. The lessons have begun across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 and will be introduced to the EYFS in Spring Term.

Below are some of the topics being discussed and investigated in classes:

#### Years 1 and 2:

- Characteristics of mindsets
- Failure and learning
- What is learning?
- Personal challenges
- Working as a team
- Responding to mistakes
- Effort

#### Years 3 and 4:

- The brain and learning
- Talent **versus** or **and** effort

- Perseverance
- Negative language
- Intrinsic v. Extrinsic motivation
- Characteristics of effective learners

#### Years 5 and 6:

- Why are great teachers great learners?
- Strategies for learning
- The importance of reflection
- The science of the brain
- Deep learning
- How to give and get feedback
- Barriers to individual learning
- Overcoming procrastination
- How to share good learning practices

Opportunities to participate in some of the learning will occur in the future for parents and carers; an afternoon/evening will be run for all to see the types of activities and learning that have been taking place.

For those who would like to read about the importance of mistakes

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with their children, some book ideas are listed below:

- *An Orange for Frankie* by Patricia Polacco
- *A Pair Of Red Clogs* by Masako Matsuno
- *One* by Kathryn Otoshi
- *The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes* by Mark Pett and Gary Rubenstein
- *Beautiful Oops!* by Barney Salzberg
- *The Most Magnificent Thing* by Ashley Spires
- *Zach Makes Mistakes* by William Mulcahy and Darren McKee
- *Mistakes That Worked* by Charlotte Jones

All books are available from online book sellers in the UK, with most also being available in store at physical bookshops. If you'd like more advice on book ideas for looking at the power of learning from mistakes, especially when connecting them to our school values of perseverance and trust, please do not hesitate to ask Mr Peters.

### Advent Preparation and Celebrations

The Advent period is approaching and so, with it, do the opportunities for the school to participate in and celebrate the upcoming season.

Our school choir will be performing at the Queensway Christmas tree next Friday – November 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm – and all are most welcome to attend.

The PFA will also be holding their annual Christmas Market on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of December. Please keep an eye out for the advertisements and pop in to join in the festivities.

### Naming of clothes and belongings

As the weather gets cooler and the amount of clothing coming to school increases, we would politely ask to make sure that ALL belongings are named. This will help return anything left behind after clubs or lunch-time breaks as quickly as possible.

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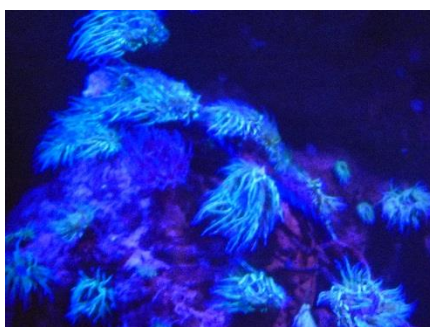
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### School Trip photography

Year 4 has been using their trip to the London Aquarium, which was funded by the PFA, as great inspiration for their work in class. Here were some of the best examples of what they encountered:



### School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2018/2019 Academic Year

#### AUTUMN TERM

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

PFA Christmas Market

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

EYFS Christmas Show for parents

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Show for Parents

10am and 2pm

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Whole School Nativity Service

St. John's Hyde Park 10am

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Last Day of term

School closes to children at 1:30pm

**Christmas Holiday**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January

#### SPRING TERM

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

First day of the spring term

**THIS IS NOT AN INSET DAY**

Please note that this is the one half term of the year that will not start with an INSET DAY. The children will be expected in school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

Whole-school Epiphany Service

St. James's Sussex Gardens 2pm

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

KS1 SATs meeting for parents 5pm

KS2 SATs meeting for parents 6pm