



## Parent Prayer Group

Parents are welcome to join the Friday prayer group, even if for a drop-in. Please contact Mrs Baxter for details. [admin@stjohnsce.lbhf.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjohnsce.lbhf.sch.uk)

Psalm 142:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+142&version=NIV>

David wrote this Psalm when he was fearing for his life. He is troubled (v2), weary/low (v3), and feels unsafe (v4). Covid has probably meant we can all identify with some of these feelings even though our circumstances are quite different. In this Psalm:

- David cries to God for help (v1&6), he tells God his troubles (v2), turns to God for his safety (v4), and he reminds himself that God is watching over him (v3) (rather than remaining silent and trying to bear it on his own).
- David says he is asking God this so that God would be praised and His goodness recognised (v7).

Let us pray:

- For one another as we battle weariness, low-ness and fear; that we would turn to God in prayer with all of our troubles
- That we would recognise God's goodness in answered prayer.
- For St Johns staff and families as they continue with home-learning but uncertain as to when it will end.
- For vulnerable families: that they would receive the help they need from St John's School and the community.
- For children struggling with home-learning or unable to receive much support at home.
- For mental health in children and adults.

RCM Sparks would love to make you aware of a **6-week digital music programme 'Get, Set, Play'**, brought to local Tri-Borough families by the Royal College of Music and Royal Albert Hall, starting at the end of February half term.



This is a **fully funded programme**, offered to families who qualify – eligibility criteria can be found [here](#).

The **dynamic and friendly weekly Zoom sessions include singing, playing the recorder, ukulele, egg shakers, wooden spoons and even dancing together**, presented live with support from musicians from the Royal College of Music and Royal Albert Hall.

Every household will receive a **special free pack of instruments delivered** directly to their home.

This introduction to music-making/instrumental playing is only the start of the musical journey! We return in the summer term for part two, and then, at the end of the programme, children entering Years 2-4 are invited to apply for **fully funded group music lessons** at the Tri-borough Music Hub's Saturday Music School, starting in September 2021

# BLUE TIE

## Winners



Celebrating the values  
of St John's this week...



Mathilda 1A



Sebbie 1H



Christian 2R



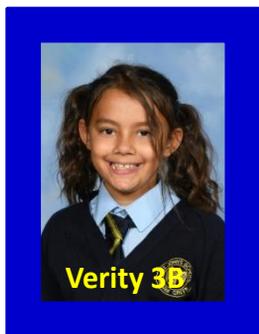
Nancy 2S

Joy

Determination

Perseverance

Perseverance



Verity 3B



Georgia 3G



Bianca 4S



Angel 4M

Wisdom

Determination

Perseverance

Service



Theo 5C



Jude 5P



Matilda 6W



Olivia 6S

Wisdom

Respect

Perseverance

Independence



# COVID-19 update: South African variant

Update by Dr Nicola Lang, Wednesday 3 February



A small number of cases of the South African COVID-19 variant have been identified in some areas across England.

All cases are now self-isolating and robust contact tracing has taken place to trace their contacts and ask them to self-isolate.

Working in partnership with local authorities, enhanced testing will be targeted to specific postcode areas.

These postcodes are:

London: W7, W13, N17, CR4 (for staff living in Ealing and Hanwell, please visit the [Ealing Council website](#))

Every person over 16 years living in these locations is strongly encouraged to take a PCR COVID-19 test this week, whether they are showing symptoms, or not.

Mobile testing units are being deployed, offering PCR testing to people without symptoms who must leave their home for work or essential reasons. Local authorities are providing home test kits for others.

People **with symptoms** should book a test in the usual way. [Book a test here](#).

People without symptoms should visit their local authority website for more information.

Positive tests will be analysed to identify any further spread of the South African variant, helping us to better understand the variant and identify other cases.

**If you are a key worker in H&F and you live in any of those post code areas, then:**

You can continue to go to work if you are an essential key worker and you can't work from home.

Please take part in house-to-house testing even if you are being tested at work. This will ensure that your test result is captured as part of the enhanced testing looking for the South African variant in these specific postcode areas.

The current testing model is for the PCR swab to be dropped off to homes in the affected postcode area and then picked up the next day, so this should be possible even if you are going out to work.

You will have access to local testing via mobile testing units or door-to-door delivery of testing kits, so you will have the opportunity to have a test done at or near home even if you go to work.

If you work in an H&F care setting, tell your manager that you live in an affected postcode and you will be offered a daily lateral flow test.



CAPTAIN SIR TOM MOORE  
1920 - 2021

Tomorrow  
*will be a*  
Good Day