



THE SOHO SCOOP

News and Views from Soho Parish



Headline

February began in some style with two of our Y6 pupils interviewing the prime minister, followed by the discovery of a WW2 ordnance in the local area, leading to a lockdown and an evacuation. I was extremely proud of the calm and sensible response by our pupils and the care and composure shown by our staff. We are also very grateful for parent support during this unprecedented situation. We took the opportunity to discuss the impact of the Blitz on the local area and the very rare phenomenon of the unexploded bomb. We look forward to the remainder of the month being equally exciting, but hopefully less surprising.

Louise

Learning from Year 4



It has been a fantastic start to learning in 2020 with year 4. We have enjoyed finding out all about our concept 'Responsibility' and have been learning inside and outside the classroom. In science, we have been learning about the production of fossil fuels and the impact this has on the environment. We even created our own experiments to show this using different types of bread and gummy bears! We have been considering how to be more sustainable and tied this in with our art project. By studying Andy Goldsworthy, we were able to see how we can use natural materials to create beautiful sculptures in nature. This week we created our own in St James' – they were wonderful. Even the park keepers commented on them. Not only did we use our creative skills but also we worked fantastically in teams. We attended St. Annes this week for a Eucharist service it was interesting to find out about the rituals and importance of this in the Christian church. We were all very engaged and respectful. We are looking forward to thinking and learning about how we can be more responsible in school and in the wider world.

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Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance enables an active participation in school life and promotes personal development. At Soho Parish, we believe that continued absence from school undermines the benefits that a school experience can provide. Last year our punctuality and attendance figures were well below the expectation of the local authority. The school gates are open

between 8.45am and 9am Breakfast club is available with drop off from 8am until 8.30am if you need it. Please find attached a letter regarding attendance and punctuality

If in a school year, your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

You should not take your child on holiday during term time.
Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.
Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

Adios Alejandro



It is with great sorrow that we are saying goodbye to Alejandro, who has taught music at Soho Parish for the past decade. He, Zuzana and Adela are relocating to Colombia, where Alejandro's large family is waiting to welcome them. As Alejandro and Zuzana met while working at Soho Parish we will always have a special bond with their family and wish them well. Alejandro has championed music at Soho Parish and will be sadly missed. Over the next term, we will be working with the Tri-borough Music Hub and Alejandro to ensure that his legacy lives on and our musical provision remains one of our strengths.

Kids' Question time with PM Boris Johnson



Out of all of the schools in London we were very lucky to be one of the chosen few to attend a 'Children's Lobby' with the PM at No 10 Downing Street. Two children from Y6 represented the school and took our questions about a range of issues including their aspirations and concerns about the future.

'It was exciting to meet the PM because not many people are giving the opportunity to go inside No 10 Downing Street. I got to

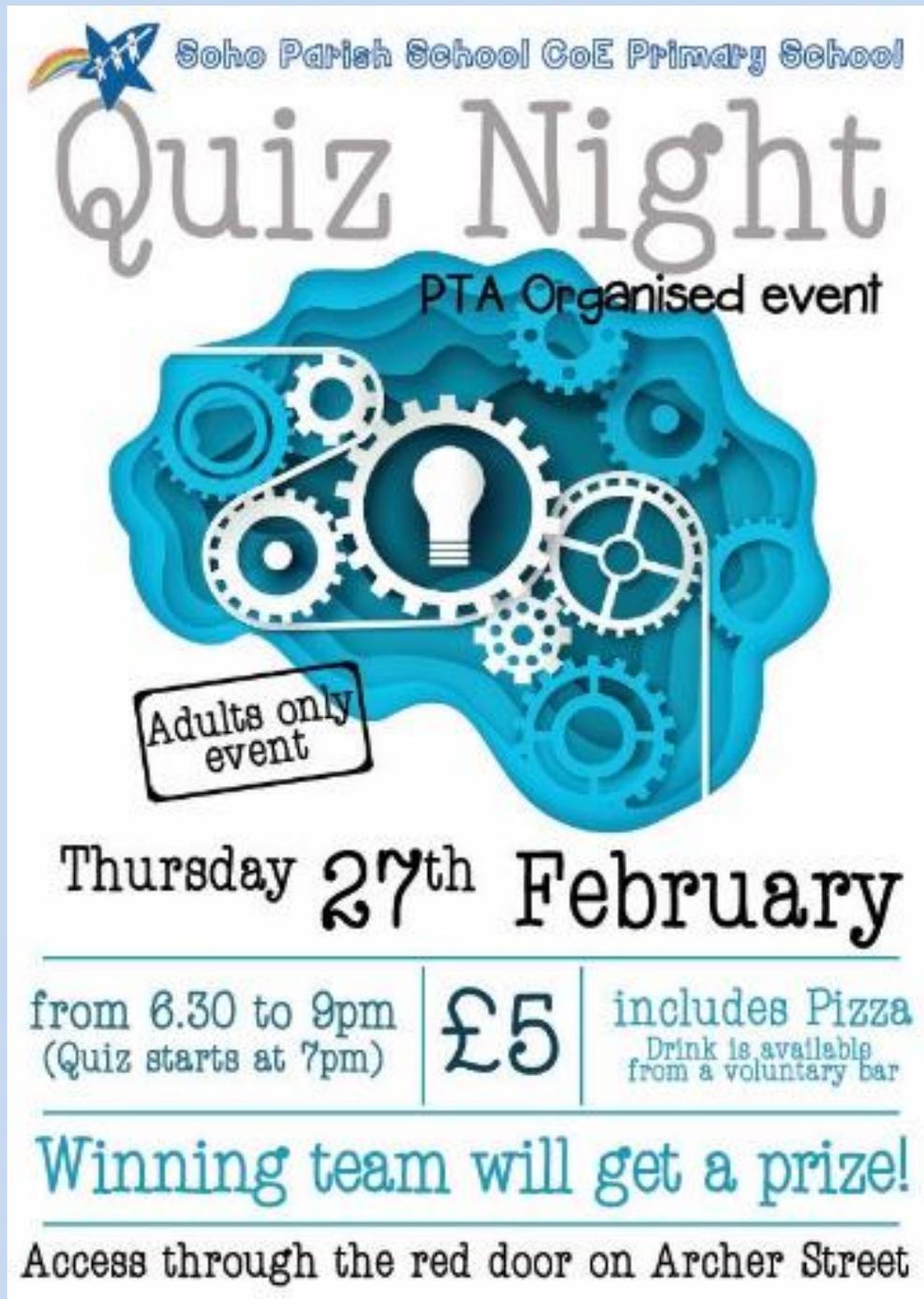
talk to lots of different people who work there. I learned that is quite hard to be the PM's official speaker because you receive a lot of criticism and you can be questioned by the media for the whole day. I sat on a £200,000 chair and got to sit in the cabinet office.'



'It was such a great experience and I felt so special representing our school. I learnt so much about the different jobs that can be done at Downing Street and I really enjoyed the tour and hearing all about the history. It is really big inside! I think the PM answered some of the questions really well.'

PTA Quiz Night.

After the huge success and tremendous amount of fun from our previous quiz nights, please join us on Thursday 27th February from 6:30pm for Quiz Night. The entrance fee is £5 and this includes pizza. Get your tickets from the playground, on the door and from our website www.sohoparishpta.com



The poster features a blue star with a rainbow trail in the top left corner. The text 'Soho Parish School CoE Primary School' is at the top. The main title 'Quiz Night' is in a large, grey, serif font. Below it, 'PTA Organised event' is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The central graphic is a blue, cloud-like shape containing several white gears of different sizes and a central lightbulb. A black-bordered box with white text says 'Adults only event'. The date 'Thursday 27th February' is written in a large, black, serif font. Below this, a table-like structure provides event details: 'from 6.30 to 9pm (Quiz starts at 7pm)', '£5', and 'includes Pizza (Drink is available from a voluntary bar)'. The text 'Winning team will get a prize!' is in a blue, serif font. At the bottom, 'Access through the red door on Archer Street' is written in a black, serif font.

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Toys wanted!

Do you have any pre-loved toys still in good condition? We would love to sell them on and raise funds for our school. Please see Maria (Daniel's mum, Y2) with your toys to donate every Thursday 8:45- 9am on the school gate.



Meet the Governors: Caroline Ryder!



Hello, I am Caroline Ryder and I have been involved at Soho Parish Primary for four and a half years and visit as often as possible.

I sit on the SAW (Standard, Attainment and Wellbeing) committee as well as sub-committees responsible for academic progress and PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education). On my regular visits I much enjoy getting to know teachers and pupils, when attending assemblies, concerts, and church services. The music and art at Soho Primary achieve a high standard.

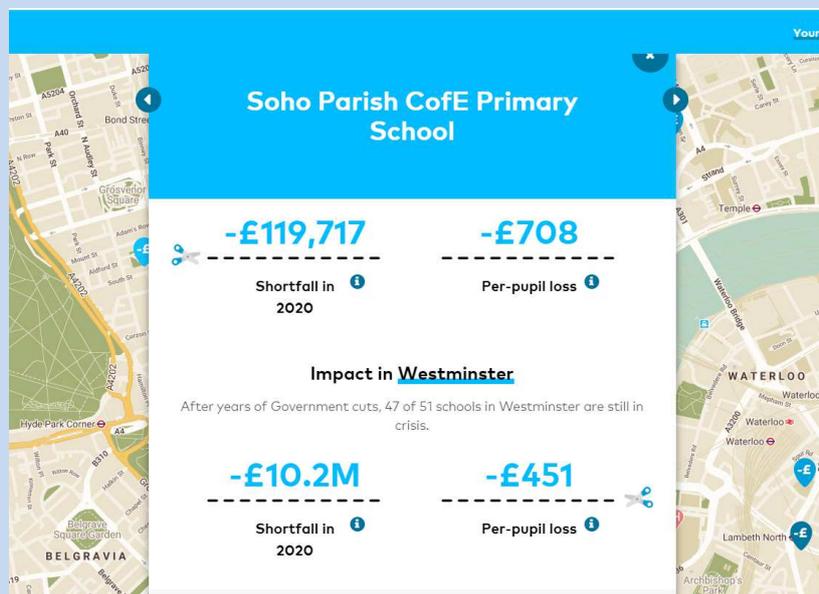
I have undertaken a variety of roles in the education field including being a trustee of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and The Outward Bound Trust. I am also a trustee of the David Ross Foundation, which takes me to the 37 Academies throughout the East Midlands run by The David Ross Education Trust.

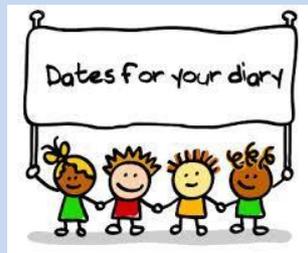
It is a great privilege to serve as a governor of the amazing Soho Parish Primary school, run by staff whose dedication I admire at every level.

Financial Crisis Meeting

Please do come along on **February 14th at 9am**, to hear about the financial constraints facing schools and in particular, the challenges we face here at Soho Parish. We will need all hands on deck over the next few years to overcome the problem posed by funding shortfalls and 'increases' well below inflation. You may be the very person to come up with a radical or straightforward idea that could change the fortunes of a generation of Soho children.

Your school needs YOU!





February

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon 3 rd - Fri 7 th	9:00- 10:00	Stay and Play: Reception Parents	Reception Class
Fri 14 th	9:00- 10:00	Finance crisis meeting	White Hall
Fri 14 th	14:45	Y6 Assembly	BB Hall
Fri 14 th	15:30	Y5 Cake sale	Playground
Mon 17 th - Fri 21 st	Half Term		
Mon 24 th - Fri 28 th		Assessment Week	

March

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tue 10 th		Book Day	
Fri 13 th		Y4 Cake sale	Playground
Mon 16 th		Science Day	
Fri 20 th		Science Fair	BB Hall
Wed 24 th		Y3 Shakespeare performance trip	
Thurs 25 th	13:30- 18:30	Parent Teacher Consultations	BB Hall

April

Date	Time	Event	Location
Fri 3 rd	13:30	End of term – School closes at 13:30	
Mon 6 th – Fri 17 th	Easter Holidays		
Mon 20 th	14:30	Easter Service	St James' Piccadilly
Fri 24 th	15:30	Y3 Cake sale	Playground

Please check these dates every newsletter as they may change.