



# THE SOHO SCOOP

News and Views from Soho Parish



## Headline

I wish you all a warm welcome back to the Spring term at Soho Parish. Winter will soon be behind us and longer, brighter days are ahead with lots of opportunities for outdoor learning. In the interests of promoting physical health and active lifestyles we invite all staff and children to get their sports gear on every Friday (see below) and join us for a workout at 8.30am. I look forward to donning my sweatband and getting motivated for the day. This week we had a very successful RE day, encouraging the children to ask and debate 'big questions' about Christianity. A big thank you to Jacky, Rev. Simon and all the staff for creating such a buzz around the subject.

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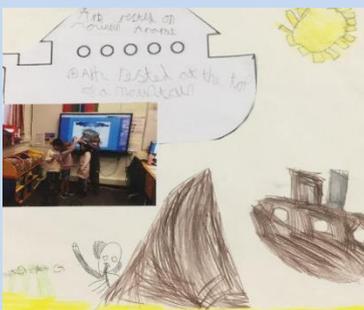
## Learning from Year 1

It has been an exciting first week back to school in Year 1! We were introduced to our new concept 'responsibility' that will underpin our learning this term and discussed lots of different ways we can be responsible in our everyday life and take care of the planet. As an extension from our learning about plants in science this term, we will be planting cress seeds and taking responsibility for them at school. We decorated our pots and can't wait to see some sprouts of green! We have been thinking a lot about the environment and have enjoyed inventing stories in different settings; some included a seal that needed water and was saved by a fish; and others included cows in search of grassier land than their urban home could provide! We also visited St Anne's Garden to observe the changes in the seasons and enjoyed taking photos of nature and making observational drawings of plants. Lots of deep thinking and reflection occurred during RE day this week, where year 1 learnt about the concept 'the fall' from the Bible, where Adam and Eve made a mistake and disobeyed God. We created some art depicting 'the fall' and enjoyed discussing the moral of the story in our RE assembly. The children have really thrown themselves into their learning this week and are excited to learn more about our responsibilities to ourselves, friends and families, school and community this term.



## RE Day

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January, we held our first RE Day where time was given for creative RE, excellent learning lead to deep thinking and real opportunities for spiritual development and new perceptions of RE were gained. The day was based on the Core Concepts of the Bible's narrative (God, Creation, Fall, People of God, Incarnation, Gospel, Salvation, Kingdom of God). Rev. Simon started the day with a thought provoking introduction to God, His love and the Trinity before the children went to their individual classes to explore their concept using a wide variety of activities, including art, drama, film, music, debating, video making and more. This gave plenty of opportunities for the children to ask their teacher questions, respond and explore ideas within their concept. The children were buzzing both in class and during the end of day assembly, where each class presented their concept to the school. It was wonderful to watch the children sharing back their learning from the day to each other, with understanding, responsibility and in such imaginative ways. Not only did the whole school live the day to its fullest by supporting and serving each other, our values of love, individuality, courage, imagination and community shone brightly throughout the day.



## Well-being Wednesdays

As part of our well-being offer at Soho Parish we would like parents to be able to benefit from our 'Breathing Space' in school. We already have yoga for parents on Mondays 9-9.30am and now Hannah our mindfulness teacher will be offering free drop in mindfulness meditation sessions for parents every Wednesday 9-9.30am for the Spring term. Please make your way downstairs to the Breathing space after dropping your child off and get yourself comfortable. Please make sure you arrive by 9am so as not to disturb the meditation once it has started. You may want to bring a shawl to cover yourself with as sometimes the body temperature can drop when lying down.

**Starting Wednesday 15th January**

## Fitness Fridays

As I am sure you would agree, it can be quite difficult to feel motivated to exercise particularly in the winter months! To encourage the whole school (staff included) to get moving, we will be introducing 'Fitness Fridays'. The gates will open at 8:30am where we invite you and the children to join in with a work out, led by Laura. At 8:40 you are welcome to visit your child's class as normal to see their work. We ask that children come to school in appropriate fitness wear.



## PTA: Film night

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January, the PTA will be hosting a film night for parents and their children in the BB Hall.



**Film:** Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (rated PG)

**Time:** 5pm – 8pm (film to start at 5:15pm)

**Price:** £5 (with a 3 for 2 offer)

Ticket price includes Margarita pizza, squash and popcorn. Children can come in their pyjamas or as their favourite Harry Potter character and bring a pillow to sit on/ toy to cuddle.

Tickets will be on sale on the PTA website <https://www.sohoparishpta.com/> and in the playground from next week.

## PTA: Support Soho Parish when you shop online!

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## Meet the Governors: Simon Buckley!

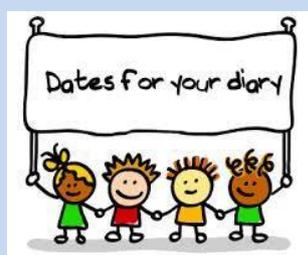
Hello, I'm Rev'd Simon Buckley and I have been a foundation governor since February 2013.



I have known Soho Parish School since 2004 when I first worked at St Anne's. Contrary to rumours, I was not at St Anne's when the church founded the school in 1699! I love the diversity of Soho and the fact that it retains the feel of a small local community even in the middle of such a big and busy city. I am well known to the children through taking assemblies in school and at St Anne's as well as popping up in classes whether to support RE teaching or talk about the history of Soho; I am keen that all children, of every faith and none, are enriched by the core values, which underpin Christianity and this school.

## Congratulations

We are delighted to announce that Robyn Churchman, our year 6 teacher become engaged over the holidays to her partner Tom. I am sure you will join us in wishing them the best with their wedding plans. We look forward to celebrating with them.



### January

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon 6th		Start of term	
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	15:30	Y6 Cake sale	Playground
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00- 13:00	CHILL Study	
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>	17:00- 20:00	PTA: Film Night	BB Hall
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:00	Relationship & Sex Education Parent Meeting	White Hall

### February

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

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
Tue 10th		Book Day	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>		Science Day	

*Please check these dates every newsletter as they may change.*