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Dear Parents/Carers

CURRICULUM HEADLINES

These are now available to view on our website: <https://www.spjs.org/weekly-curriculum-headlines.php>

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Today the children had an assembly on Black History Month where they talked about diversity and discussed this year's theme of 'Saluting our Sisters'. This year's theme highlights the achievements and contributions of black women throughout history. It shines a light on the women who have courageously battled oppression and advocated for change but have regularly had their work ignored or forgotten. Black History Month will hope to inspire the children to pursue their dreams. There's also a focus on themes like resilience, determination, self-care, and well-being.

Throughout the month, as shared in the year group weekly curriculum headlines, children will learn about different aspects of Black History. This month's focus is in addition to the diverse curriculum that is taught throughout the year.

NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH POETRY COMPETITION

Linked with National Poetry Day earlier this week, we are encouraging children to take part in a National Black History Month Poetry Competition. Pupils can submit a poem about a pioneering black woman who has made an impact in their chosen field – whether famous or not. The deadline is 15th November 2023. All entries need to be submitted via this link with your support: <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/poetry-competition-entry/>

We want children to learn about and celebrate black women who have made significant contributions in various fields. They can submit a poem about a pioneering black woman who has made an impact in their chosen field, explaining why they are an inspiration to you. The poems don't have to be about famous people; they can be about members of your family, women who have inspired you in your community, or even about you and your experiences as a woman or young person. We want children to get creative and have fun with it!

We would also like the children to copy their poem into Google Classroom Assignment so that we can share some of them in school (children will be able to do this from Monday). Alternatively, children could hand their handwritten poem into the box on the kidney shaped table in school so that we can all read them.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Don't forget to send your children in with their donations on Monday. We would also like them to bring in any photos they may have in the lavender fields.

PARENT WORKSHOP

EMPOWERING PARENTS - EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

There are still places at this excellent peer-led parenting course which will be running in the run up to Christmas on Mondays at SPJS from 9am to 11.15am. This will provide you with strategies to help your children get the very best start in life. If you would like to book a place please email clare.kennedy@sutton.gov.uk or call her on 07873702777

COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

If there are any changes to your usual collection arrangements, please write a note in your child's Home/school Book. The school office gets very busy at the end of the day and receive a large number of requests to pass messages on to the teachers. It is not always possible to pass these messages on in time. Thank you for your understanding.

WATER BOTTLES

Please remember to send your child in with a named water bottle every day to ensure that they keep hydrated.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please could all parents ensure that jumpers and cardigans are named. We have an increasing number of items unnamed items which makes it very difficult to return to the children. If your child has lost an item of clothing you can look in the lost property box next to the hut at pick-up time at the end of the day.

6J CLASS ASSEMBLY

This will take place at 2.30pm on Friday 13th October. Please enter the school via the school office.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend in the sun – remember the sun-cream!

SPJS Team