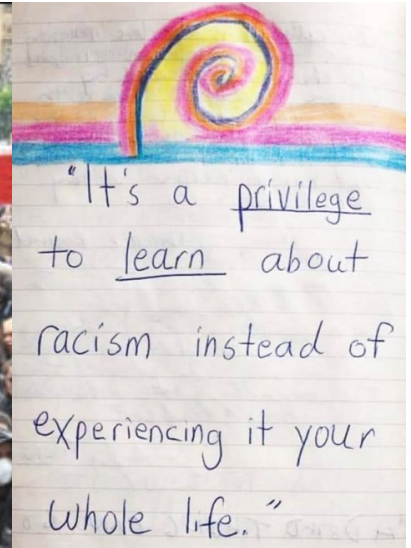




## A special appendix to our most recent newsletter



## Black Lives Matter

### Camelot School welcomes and supports the worldwide focus

This weekend, across our city, our country and across the wider world we have seen a massive reaction to recent events including the death of George Floyd in the USA. Camelot School, its staff and leadership stand alongside everyone at this time in not only supporting the message being sent out across the world but also in advocating for change and education about why the Black Lives Matter protests and call for responses are needed so urgently.

Many families in our community, including the families of staff and pupils, were involved in the weekend marches and protests as undoubtedly this is an issue that is close to our hearts, that we live with every day and which will always be a focus for our work in school.

We wanted to take this opportunity to both acknowledge and apologise for racism in our society and that which may have impacted lives. Our school, our community, our world demands that our children grow up without past and present problems affecting their future; that Black Lives Matter and that at Camelot School we will do everything and anything we can to educate on this, the most important issue at this time.



## EDUCATE YOURSELF!

SPEND SOME TIME RESEARCHING #BLM AND FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT IT.

TALK ABOUT IT WITH PEOPLE ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA, FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Again, we wanted to share with our school community some excellent advice and pages from one of our local Southwark secondary schools—this time from St Thomas the Apostle School (STAC) in Peckham. These are snapshots of some of the pages in their most recent newsletter.



## ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE *VIRTUAL SCHOOL* NEWS

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Monday 8th June 2020

### Key points

- This issue is almost entirely devoted to talking about the significant events unfolding around the world following the murder of George Floyd.
- The staff at STAC will do all within our power to give YOU the confidence and self-worth that you deserve to become the critical thinkers of the next generation who will work towards a world of equality.
- Black Lives Matter

### BLACK LIVES MATTER



Protests have been taking place all over the world following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, USA, after he was held down by police officers.

During his arrest, George Floyd, who is black, died after a white police officer knelt on his neck. He kept his knee on his neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds while Floyd repeatedly said "I can't breathe".

The officer has since been charged with murder, while three other police officers have lost their jobs.

Protests against police violence and racial hatred then began in Minneapolis, before quickly spreading across the world, as people took to the streets to campaign against the police using unnecessary force against black people in the US.

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May protesters took to the streets of Peckham chanting 'Black Lives Matter' and 'solidarity' as they showed their support for the US protesters.

Staff and students at school are outraged by this murder and don't want to stay silent. **This rage and anguish needs to lead to new conversation about how to do better.**

"Faithful God, you continually call us to care for the vulnerable among us, to live with mercy and love. As our tears flow for George Floyd, remind us that we are to love as you love. Unite us in this grief, draw us nearer to one another, and move us to meaningful action. Let us hold these moments of unity close to our hearts that we may dismantle systems of injustice and build new systems based on mercy, justice, and love for all people."

St Thomas the Apostle, Pray for us

### I key thing we have learnt this week...



#### 1. BEING ANTI-RACIST

It is not good enough to not be racist, we need to be actively "anti-racist". We need to ensure that we are educated, informed and active in our role to ensure we live in a FAIR and EQUAL world. **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.** We hope that you—the pupils and parents of STAC will be the driving force for ideas of what more we can do when we reopen.

"Racism should not be happening in the 21st Century. No matter the skin colour we have, we are all human and instead of discriminating against other races, we should be building each other up and empowering each other so that the world can be a better place" George Oppong, Year 9

An additional diary date/parental request that should have been in the Summer One Newsletter. Apologies.

## Parent consultation Meetings Summer 2020

Next week, we will be offering parents/carers a consultation meeting regarding their children's year. These meetings will be very different from previous years due to the exceptional circumstances of this time and will be structured as follows:

- ♦ Parent Consultation Meetings will be either with senior leaders or class teachers
  - ♦ Meetings will be arranged online—in a Zoom invite meeting
- ♦ Meetings will need to be during the school day—between 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
  - ♦ Like every year, meetings will be no longer than 10 minutes
- ♦ The focus of meetings will be celebrating a child's successes as well as looking at their targets going forward
- ♦ Pupil Reports will be sent out next week to coincide with these meetings
- ♦ Sign up for these meetings will be by parents/carers writing to the school email address [office@camelot.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@camelot.southwark.sch.uk) to confirm that they wish to be included in any timetable of meetings to be arranged.

We ask that parents/carers reply by Friday 19th June
- ♦ The school will confirm meetings once all replies are collated and linking these in with the availability of senior leaders and class teachers going forward.

Plans will obviously change should the government advice mean that these meetings can take place in school but this is unlikely before September, when a more normal structure is hoped for in terms of the children's education.



# **Coming soon!**

## *School Talk Live!*



**Facebook live sessions for  
primary school-aged children  
and their parents/carers**  
*When: Wednesday mornings at  
11am*

**Activities to support your child's  
language and communication at  
home**

*Top tips*

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