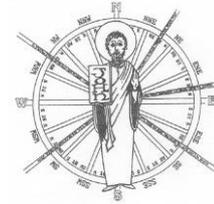




St John's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter: Monday 2nd December 2019

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Ofsted Visit



Following the 2 day Ofsted inspection of St. John's the Inspection report is now available to read on-line. This can be accessed directly through the Ofsted website or through the Ofsted page on the school website.

This inspection sought to verify that St. John's remains a 'good' school. We would like to highlight the beginning of the report and I am sure you will be delighted to read what it says about the children of our school. You can be very proud of your children!



"Pupils said they really enjoy coming to school. They know that teachers have high expectations for them. They said that learning is funPupils behave very well in class and in the playground. Pupils are courteous and polite and they clearly enjoy each other's company.... The school ethos of 'Love and Serve' can be seen clearly in the strong relationships between pupils and all staff. Parents and staff say that St. John's is a happy family.'



Christmas Dinner

If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to have a Christmas Dinner on Thursday 12th December, please inform the School Office.

A BIG thank you goes out to the Friends of St. John's for the amazing job they have done in fundraising to help our youngest children to be able to attend the Living Nativity at the London Zoo.

Through the funds raised by the Barn Dance and with a generous donation made by the Friends of St. John's (which came from the many successful events organised last year) the cost of the trip has been reduced from £14.75 per child to just £5. In effect, the FOSJ have paid not only the cost of the Living Nativity Show at the Zoo, but they have also greatly subsidised the coach trip too.

I am sure you will agree that the FOSJ group have helped make this very special Christmas trip for the younger children happen – and we are all very grateful for that.



The Spiritual Life Committee and the Mini Friends of St. John's have decided to support 'Southwark Foodbank 'Feed a Family' Christmas Campaign.

From Monday 9th until Friday 13th December we will be collecting the following items to donate to this worthwhile cause:

mince pies, custard, Christmas pudding, Christmas cake, chocolate and treats, snacks and nibbles, jam, rice pudding, tinned fruit and new children's books (2-16yrs old).

NO FRESH PRODUCE, PERISHABLE FOOD, PASTA, SOUP OR BEANS.

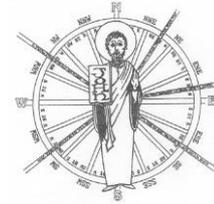
Please ensure donated food has a long shelf life and is well within its' use by date.

Free Books

The school has signed up for The Sun Newspaper 'Books for Schools' campaign. The aim is to collect 3,500 tokens between now and 18th January 2020.



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- Tuesday 3rd December** – Year 5 Advent Service at St. George's Cathedral
- Thursday 5th December** – School Council Meeting 8.45am
- Monday 9th December** – Reception, Year 1 & 2 trip to London Zoo
- Wednesday 11th December** – Year 5 trip to the Bridge Theatre
- Thursday 12th December** – Christmas Dinner
- Tuesday 17th December** – KS2 Carol Concert 2pm
- Wednesday 18th December** – Nativity performances 9.30am or 2.30pm
- Friday 20th December** – School finishes at 2pm

Online Payment System



Please make sure you have the My Ed App downloaded on your phone and that it links to your child's details. Please note that only one parent can be linked to the account. We hope to have the new payment system implemented for after the Christmas break

Celebrating Success A group from Year 5 & 6 Ice Skating



With all the hard work the children have been doing, some Year 5 and 6 children were selected to go on an Ice skating trip to The Tower of London Ice Rink. They had a terrific time and were extremely brave as half of them had never been Ice Skating before.

Science speaker



Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a special Science assembly with a Zoologist. Chloe said, 'I found it inspiring that a zoologist came to visit as I now know more about animals'. Sonnie learnt that zoologists observe badgers by trapping them and also by placing cameras in woods.

Year 2 Maths



Year 2 were learning about money last week, they went on an exciting trip to Tesco with their one pound coins! They looked at different fruits, sweets and considered what they could buy with their money and the change that they would get back. After that, they selected a piece of fruit and a sweet. They then paid for it at the counter. The children were so proud of their bag of shopping! This is a simple but powerful way to help your child understand money, try to do this with your child.