

Autumn Newsletter

A Christmas like no other!

It has been a very unusual end to an extraordinary Autumn term. We have managed to go ahead with most of our usual Christmas activities, Christmas parties and lunch, an assembly led by Fr Richard and performances by the children.

You will have been sent a link for each class' performance, if you did not receive this please email

our parents@ address and we'll send you the link. See Page 4 for more details.

You are also invited to watch a Christmas Assembly from our friends at Crossteach which can be found here:

[Crossteach Christmas Assembly](#)

St George's Church very kindly treated us all to a performance of



the Selfish Giant, an enjoyable show which focuses on the true message of Christmas for Christians.

Fundraising for St Paul's Showcase

School budgets are becoming tighter and we know that for a number of families across the country, times are difficult.

However, Compassion is one of our core values and we wanted to see if we could raise some money to help those members of our community who most need support when things get tough.

The money raised will support our families and to enhance our children's learning experiences. If you have any friends or family that have some spare change, you might want to suggest that they make a donation to our amazing school.

More details can be found on our website or by following this link:

donatemyschool.com/st-paul's-ce-primary-school-2420



Please see Page 2 for important information about Coronavirus over the holiday period.

If your child tests positive over Christmas, please contact us on parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Incarnation

You come to Earth with your Holy Spirit,
The body of God brings light,
You cleanse the Earth at every step.

Born of God,
Light of mankind,
You who comes from the father.

Full of grace,
Purity you bring,
Holy son of God,
Oh Holy one!

Coming to cleanse the Earth,
Coming to restore our love,
You bring brightness to overcome the dark,
Oh Holy one!

To reign over us all!

By Mersiha, Year 6

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Celebrate Safely this Christmas

However you are planning to enjoy your Christmas break, remember to celebrate safely - share the moment, not the virus.

Residents should visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/coronavirus for the latest information from the council, including ways to stay safe this Christmas, or to access [support](#).

Those in need of emergency help can call **020 7364 3030** (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm) or visit [this page](#) for emergency contact details, including the police, utility companies, housing associations, and more.

If you have symptoms call 119 or visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If you learn or teach at secondary school or college in Tower Hamlets, or live with someone who does, you should get tested with or without symptoms - visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/MTU for more information

The good news is we have a vaccine but rolling this out will take time, which means we must stay alert to the risk of Covid-19: **Wash hands. Cover face. Make space.**

If you choose to see family and mix households, you can – up to a maximum of three households - between 23-27 December only. Otherwise, you must follow regulations, whether we are in Tier 1, 2 or 3.

To check what Tier you are in, and what you can or cannot do, visit gov.uk/find-coronavirus-local-restrictions

Children and young people can attend school and college safely, to support their wellbeing and education and help working parents and guardians. Schools and colleges will remain open in any Tier – 1, 2 or 3. All students should continue to attend school or college, unless required to self-isolate.

Visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/safeatschool to see what support is available for families with school children.

More from Tower Hamlets

Tower Hamlets
Family Information Service

**Family Information Service
Christmas Opening Hours**

This year the Family Information Service telephone lines will be closed on the 24 December and reopen at 9:00am on Monday 4 January 2021.

If you are looking for something to do with your children during the festive break don't forget to visit the Local Offer www.localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk

Wishing you all a lovely Christmas break.

Families Matter
Bitesize E-bulletin

Parental Engagement
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Messages from the Parent and Family Support Service

Click [here](#) to read the E-Bulletin

School News



Year 5 made a delicious baked potato and mixed bean and vegetable meal! They considered what could replace items in a recipe when you don't have them. It got a huge thumbs up from everyone!

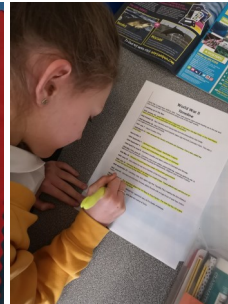
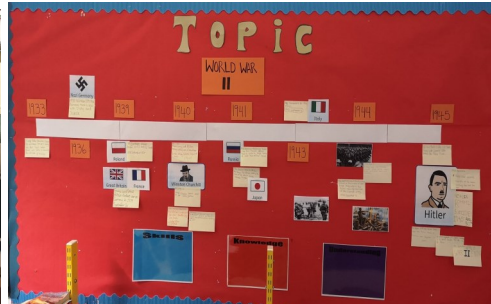
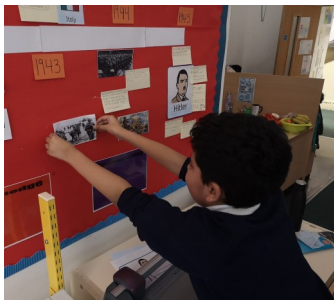


The early Years children are loving our new mud kitchen (above). There are great opportunities for creative, imaginative and physical development.

Brasilia drumming
for year 6!
Feel that beat....



Thank you for dropping by Chef Cyrus and Tilda Rice. The delicious rice will go to good homes. We are so fortunate to have such great friends. Their kindness and generosity is appreciated.



Year 6 made a timeline with the key events of World War II, drawing on knowledge from previous learning and their own research!

Place2Be Kindness Cup



Our Kindness Cup is presented each week to a child who has followed the Golden Rules consistently. The recent winners are:

Week 9 Year 6

Sara

Week 10: Year 5

Rano

Week 11: Year 4

Hania

Well done all!

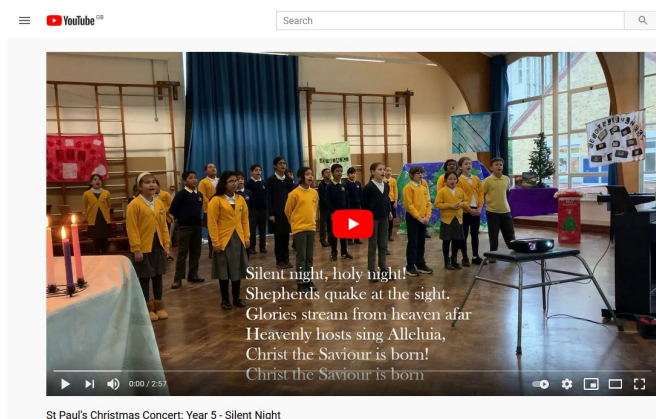
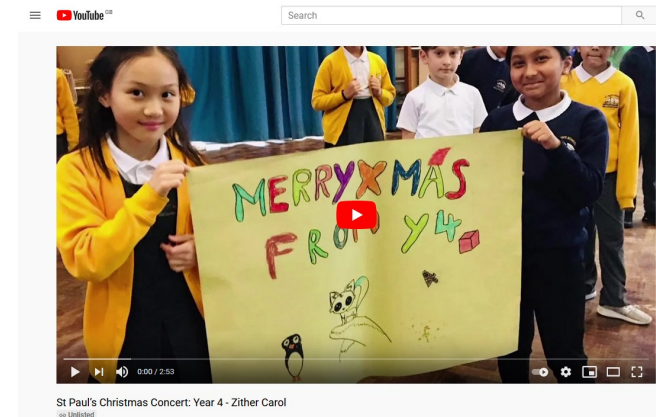
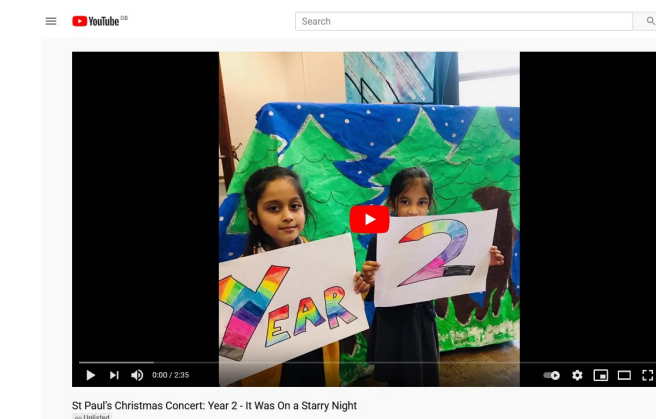
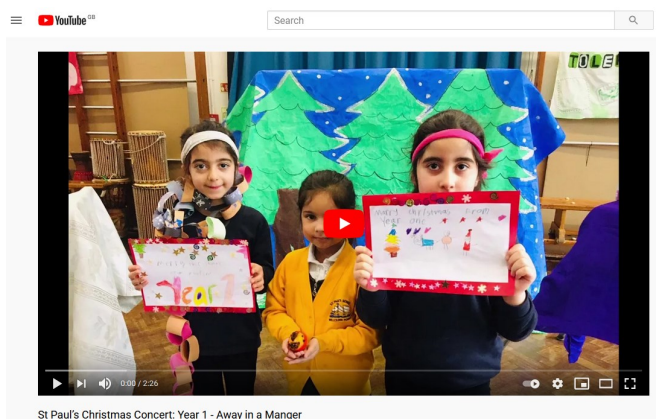
The Federation of St John's
& St Paul's Whitechapel CE
Primary Schools

Golden Rules

Be gentle
Be kind and helpful
Work hard
Look after property
Listen to people
Be honest

St Paul's' Christmas Performances

We couldn't invite you into school for a Christmas performance, so each class created their own video. You will have been sent a YouTube link to enable you to watch. If you did not receive this, please email us at parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk



St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools
Term Dates and Holidays - 2020/ 2021

Autumn Term 2020 (73 days)

Last Day of Term Friday 18th December

Christmas Day Friday 25th December
Boxing Day Saturday 26th December

Spring Term 2021 (59 days)

New Year's Day Friday 1st January
Staff Training Monday 4th January
First Day of Term Tuesday 5th January
Half Term Mon. 15th to Fri. 19th February
Second half of term Monday 22nd February
Last Day of Term Friday 26th March

Good Friday Friday 2nd April
Easter Monday Monday 5th April

Summer Term 2021 (58 days)

First Day of Term Monday 12th April
Staff Training Friday 30th April
May Day Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May
Half Term Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
Second half of term Monday 7th June
Last Day of Term Friday 23rd July

Ramadan begins Tuesday 13th April 2021*
Eid Al-Fitr Thursday 13th May 2021*
Eid Al-Adha Tuesday 20th July 2021*

190 School Days,
5 Staff Training Days (1 to be arranged)

* to be confirmed

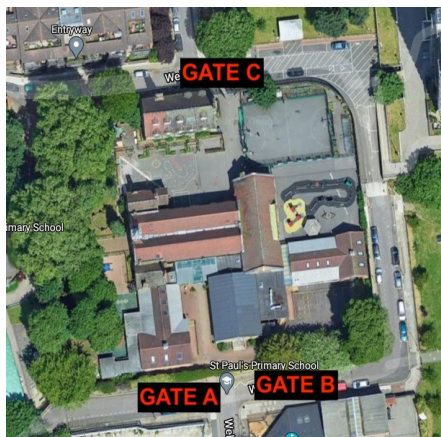


Final Thought
"I will honor Christmas in my heart,
and try to keep it all the year."
Scrooge in A Christmas Carol,
by Charles Dickens



End of Day Collection Times

3:10	Year 1	Gate C
	Year 2	Gate C
3:15	Siblings	Gate A
3:20	Year 3	Gate C
	Year 5	Gate C
3:30	Early Years	Gate A
	Year 4	Gate B
	Year 6	Gate C



To help the school's social distancing measures:
Please don't arrive early or late for collection.



We continue to be very grateful to Reynolds, the greengrocers, who generously provide fruit and vegetables for our Cooking & Nutrition programme.

We are also grateful to Cyrus and Pervin Todiwala (of Café Spice Namaste) who have been huge supporters of St Paul's School and who put us in touch with Reynolds.

