

Autumn Newsletter

Christmas is coming to St Paul's School

It is lovely to read about all the exciting activities that have been happening in school over the last few weeks.

I am always so proud when our school community comes together. As a school we have thought about those people who have been selfless as part of our Remembrance Day activities, we have thought about how we can be better friends to one another as we worked on activities for Anti Bullying week and we have helped those people less fortunate than ourselves by giving up our time to support the homeless people that live in our borough.

Not to mention all of the money we raised for Children in Need. I am always keen to explore ways in which our two schools can work closely together. Over the next fortnight, coordinators in both schools will be looking at standards in maths, English and science. Being able to share and learn from good practice is key to professional development.

Finally, do make sure you familiarise yourselves with the activities that are happening in the run up towards Christmas and take a look at our website, there are some lovely pictures.



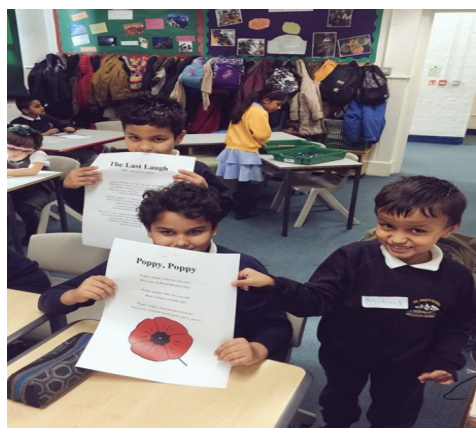
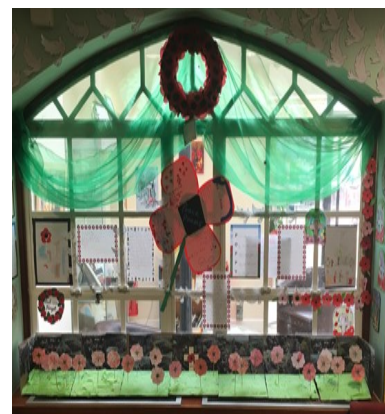
Remembrance Day 2017

Remembrance Day (also known as Poppy Day or Armistice Day) is an occasion to remember those that died or were injured on duty in the armed services. Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November to recall the end of World War I "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" of 1918, with the German signing of the Armistice.

To think about this in school, our

children came together, in mixed year groups, to reflect, honour and respect those who gave their lives for their country. Children explored the idea of peace and wrote poems based around war and peace. Some groups then illustrated their poems. Older children supported and engaged with younger children.

A big thank you to Miss O'Reilly who organised this.



Stop press!!!

There are no clubs in the final week of term.

Last day of term: Friday 15th December. Church Service 9.30am (all welcome) School closes at 2pm

School Dinner News

Please note that if you pay for school lunches, they will be increasing to £2.00 a day from January 2018.

ALL SAINTS DAY EUCHARIST SERVICE



Heels is a social enterprise founded by local Bengali women. It is open to women of all backgrounds and cultures and aims to help women become economically more independent through cooking. They also cook food for people who cannot afford it.

Our choir runs every Wednesday evening after school with the Eucharist Service once a month, all our welcome.

As part of our monthly Eucharist Service with our Choir Church, we celebrated All Saints Day. With the assistance of Mr. Dagget, our choir performed to the congregation. The children gave the sermon this time and told us about our Patron Saint, St. Paul.

Afterwards, Meals on Heels kindly fed everyone a delicious chicken curry and lentil soup. Meals on



At the Movies

The Into Film Festival is an annual celebration of film and education for children. Children across the school have been out visiting local cinemas watching and reviewing films. Years 5 & 6 saw Rock Dog. Year 4 saw Ballerina with St John's School. Years 2 and 3 went to watch the Emoji Movie which had very mixed reviews! Year 1 were treated to the old favourite—Aladdin.

Anti Bullying Week = Friendship Week

ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



Anti-bullying week took place at St. Paul's last week. Our School Council gave a powerful presentation on the importance of friendship and helping others. Classes focused on our Golden Rules and did some work centred around how we should all look after and care for one another. To mark the day, children came into school wearing odd socks. The theme this year is 'All different, all equal' and money raised went to the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Thanks to Miss Blake for organising this.



Christmas Diary Dates

December:

Wednesday 6th	10:45 am	Year 2 Class Assembly
Thursday 7 th	10:30 am	Early Years Nativity
	Lunchtime	Christmas Lunch
Monday 11th	Afternoon	KS1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 13 th	Afternoon	KS2 Christmas Party
Thursday 14 th	10.00 am	KS2 Christmas Play
Friday 15th	9:30 am	Christmas Service at St. George's in the East

St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools Term Dates and Holidays - 2017/ 2018

Autumn Term 2017 (75 days)

Last Day of Term Friday 15th December

Christmas Day Monday 25th December
Boxing Day Tuesday 26th December

Spring Term 2018 (55 days)

New Year's Day Monday 1st January
Staff Training Tuesday 2nd January
First Day of Term Wednesday 3rd January
Half Term Mon. 12th to Fri. 16th February
Last Day of Term Thursday 29th March

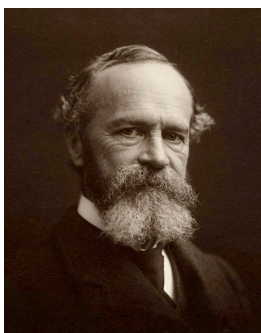
Good Friday Friday 30th March
Easter Monday Monday 2nd April

Summer Term 2018 (65 days)

Staff Training Monday 16th April
First Day of Term Tuesday 17th April
Staff Training Friday 4th May
May Day Bank Holiday Monday 7th May
Half Term Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June
Last Day of Term Wednesday 25th July

*Ramadan begins 16th May 2018**
*Eid Al-Fitr 15th June 2018**
Eid Al-Adha 22nd August 2018

* to be confirmed



Final Thought

"The spirit of Christmas is peace, the miracle of Christmas is hope and the heart of Christmas is love."

William James

St Paul's' children, staff and parents at the Good Shepherd Mission



A huge thank you to our Y6 pupils Josh, Sophia, Musa, Imran, Kemoi, Rayyan, Fred, Yusuf, Asha and Su Ling who gave up their time to help set up beds and deliver food over to the Good Shepherd Mission.

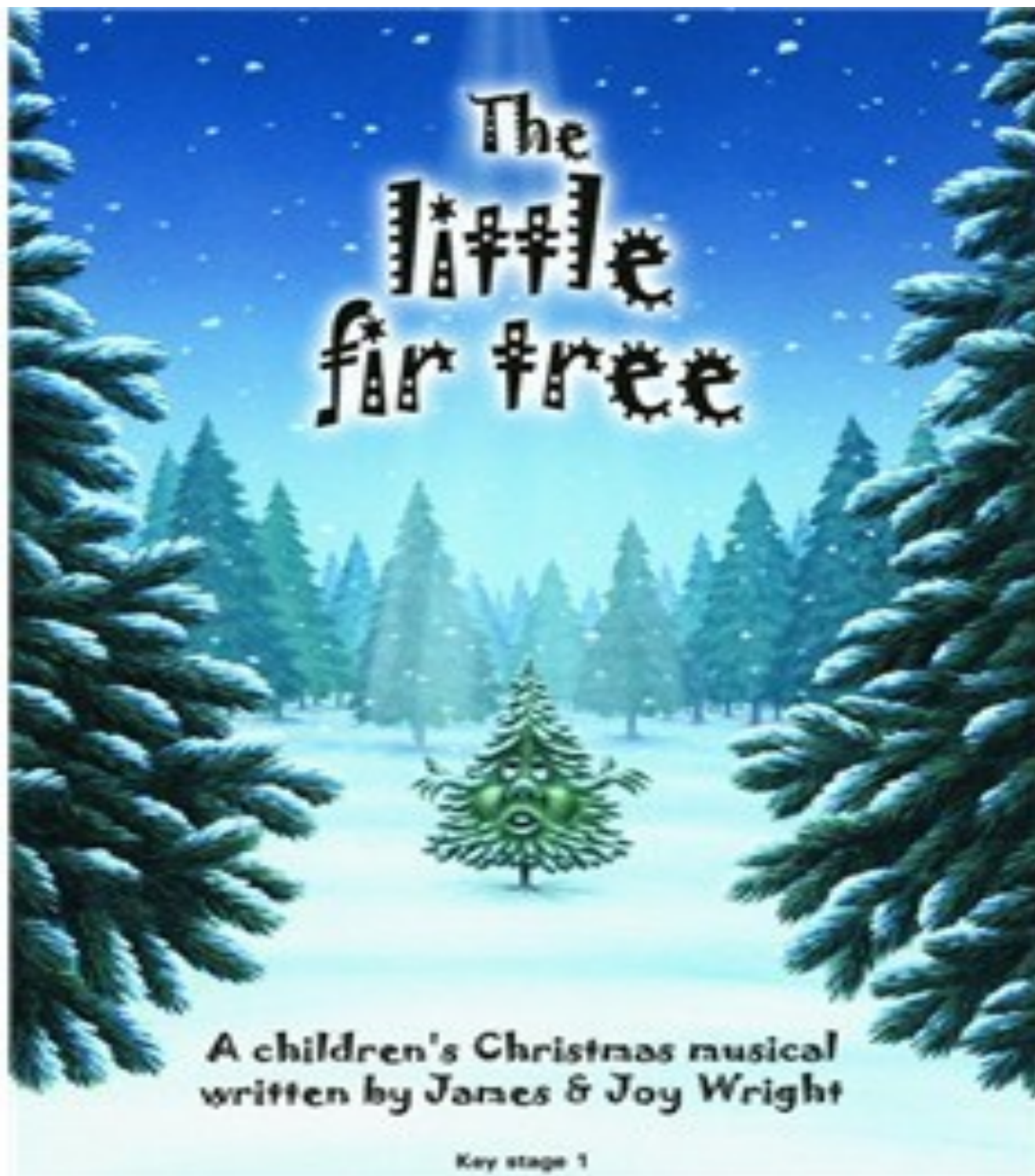
Thank you to our parents and carers too for helping to prepare such delicious food.

And thank you to our staff who helped take the children over and serve the meals too.

Our children really value helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank you to Mr. Jacob who coordinates this project.





Don't Forget:



School Christmas Play

Thursday 14th December 10:00 a.m.

Early Years' Nativity Play

Thursday 7th December 10:30 a.m.