



Dear Parents

5 December 2017

As we move into the season of Advent the children have continued to learn in a variety of ways at St Helen's.

### Highlights

Over the last two weeks, our children have been learning about maths and the economy. Across the whole school the children have thought about money.

### Thought for the week

As we begin our Advent journey let us consider those who are refugees at this time.

In Early Years the children have visited the shops.



Each day we read about, we see, we hear people seeking refuge from war, from poverty, from natural disaster, searching for a better life for their families and themselves.



Jesus, we remember that your family also sought refuge. Now, as we prepare for your arrival in Bethlehem let us walk alongside our sisters and brothers created in your image, who also seek refuge.

Some children in Year 4 made a profit of over £100 for the Mission Together charity, when setting up Who's for cake? and Who's for more cake:

This Advent let us see in them your face and be joyful, not fearful. Help us rejoice and not lament. Amen.

## Dates for your diaries !

### December

- 7 Mass - 6B - 9.00am  
Christmas Disco
- 8 Pre-school & Nursery Christmas play - 10.00am  
Pre-school & Nursery Christmas play - 2.00pm
- 11 Pre school to visit Father Christmas - 10.00am  
Reception & Year 1 Christmas play - 2.00pm
- 13 Years 3& 4 Christmas play - 2.00pm
- 14 Mass - 6Y - 9.00am  
Christmas lunch
- 15 Years 5& 6 Christmas play - 2.00pm  
Next newsletter



Year 6 are evaluating their cookie and chocolate business to work out if they made a profit.



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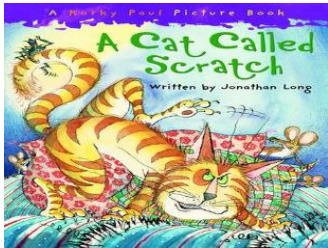
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Year 2 attended a concert "A Cat Called Scratch" at the Barbican to develop their knowledge of music and performance.

Year 5 enjoyed Bernstein's music to West Side Story at their concert experience at the Barbican.



6Y were able to learn more about myths and legends at Dover Castle.

Thank you for your many donations to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. St Helen's raised £526.97.



Reading Focus

Reception and Year 1 children learnt more about life under the sea in their geography workshop.

We are delighted to share the readers of the week. The names of the children are attached. Please do continue to encourage reading. You can join in learning our words of the week. This week's KS1 word is colossal and KS2's is gargantuan.



Our new words are on the front page of our website each week

Reminders

The children sang as the Christmas tree lights were turned on at Rathbone Market.

Security

To ensure children are safe at all times at St Helen's the Falcon Street entrance can only be used to enter and exit the site between 8.30am and 9.00am and 3.15pm and 3.30pm daily.



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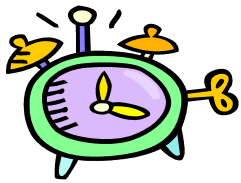
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### Punctuality

Please remember school begins at 8.55am. It is very distressing for children who arrive late, particularly when assembly or mass has begun.

Please support us by ensuring children are in the playground by 8.50am before the bell is rung.



### Vacancies



We have a few vacancies in pre-school. If your child was born between 1 September and 31 December 2014 please collect a form from the office.

### Parking

There is plenty of parking in Falcon Street, outside the Convent Chapel. It is only a 2 minute walk to the Falcon Street gate.



### Highway Code

It is illegal to park on double yellow lines at ALL times.



### Lost Property



Please help us to reunite children with their jumpers, PE kits etc., by writing your child's name on their clothes. Please also check your child hasn't taken someone else's items by mistake.

### Fundraising

We have joined forces with Easyfundraising to generate extra funds for the school. You can help by shopping online through [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)

All you have to do is:

1. Go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sthelenscps](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sthelenscps)
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping and start fundraising - there are no catches or hidden charges.

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ST HELEN'S READERS OF THE WEEK 20 NOVEMBER 2017

<p><b>Reader of the Week</b></p>	<p>KS1</p> <p>Adelyn Joshua-James Stanley Danni-Lee Dionne Jamien</p>	<p><b>Reader of the Week</b></p>	<p>Ks2</p> <p>Alicja Afra Honey Maya Archie Kate Kevin</p>
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ST HELEN'S READERS OF THE WEEK 27 NOVEMBER 2017

<p><b>Reader of the Week</b></p>	<p>KS1</p> <p>Emmanuel Chidera Mark Ogo Cadell Favour</p>	<p><b>Reader of the Week</b></p>	<p>Ks2</p> <p>Lillian Nymah Gabrielle Albert Layna Emmanuella Miguel Povilas</p>
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