



Dear Parents

19 December 2017

Winter is well and truly with us, as we complete our final preparations for Christmas.

Thought for the week

We ask that the Christ child will touch our hearts to develop our understanding of the true meaning of Christmas.

Highlights

We have been exceptionally blessed to be reminded of the meaning of Christmas by the children throughout the school.

Pre-school and nursery began to understand the story of the nativity.

Prayer for Families

Loving God,
During this holy season of Christmas,
we ask for your blessing on all families.

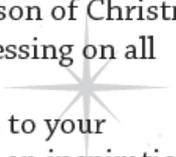
Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.

For this we pray.
Amen.



In Reception and Key Stage 1 the children performed with joy and enthusiasm.



Years 3 and 4 pieced together the meaning of the Christmas jigsaw with great feeling.



Finally Years 5 and 6 reflected on the true meaning of Christmas.



Dates for your diaries !

January

- 2 **INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 3 **CITIZENSHIP WEEK 1**
Children return
NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
- 4 Whole school mass (Yrs 1-6) - 9.15am - Convent

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The children have enjoyed the spirit of Christmas with performing for others. The choir sang for parishioners at St Margaret's.



Pre-school children were very lucky and were able to visit Santa in his grotto.



The Christmas disco was an amazing success with great dancing. We raised over £850 for school funds.



There was great joy at a visit from Father Christmas.



St Helen's hosted the Newham hockey tournament and one of our teams won a trophy.



Some Year 3 and 4 children took part in a chess tournament and participated with great enthusiasm.



Representatives from breakfast club visited the Houses of Parliament to receive our award for being judged the best breakfast club in London.



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Reading Focus

Our readers of the week beginning 4 December were:

Reader of the Week

KS1	KS2
Lucy	Sienna
Matthias	Best
Oluwadamilola	Nassmilah
Henley	Favour
Simona	Klaudia
Precious	Jayden
	Darcey
	Joel

Congratulations to all, especially the children who are completing their new reading records.

To further promote reading in school we have books named around the school on doors and stairs.



Why not ask your child which book titles they have seen in school and discuss the stories over Christmas.

We finished this term with a wonderful mass, thanking God for our many blessings.

Reminders

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.

Thank you

The staff would once again like to thank the parents and children for your great generosity with gifts and cards. We are very grateful.

We wish you blessings, peace and joy of Christmas now and in 2018.



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