



Dear Parents

17 November 2017

Once more we have wonderful news to share of all the exciting opportunities we provide for the children.

### Highlights

#### Thought for the week

We have been able to spend time with the Blessed Sacrament, as part of our reflection on faith for life.

Last week we had an opportunity to reflect on our faith. The children were able to spend time in prayer and reflection with the Blessed Sacrament in school.



We processed with the Blessed Sacrament.

O Sacrament most Holy,  
O Sacrament Divine,  
All praise and all thanksgiving,  
Be every moment Thine



### Dates for your diaries !

We celebrated our faith at mass at the end of our mission week.

#### November

- 22 Educational visit - Yr 2- Barbican  
Assembly - 3Y - 9.00am
- 23 Mass- 9.15am - 5B  
Educational visit - 6Y - Dover Castle
- 25 **Saturday School**
- 29 Assembly - 9.00am - Rome Club  
Lion King pm - Saturday school best attenders
- 30 Mass- 9.15am - 5Y  
Choir at Rathbone Street - 4pm



Pre-school have been out and about to help their learning by visiting a garage and a greengrocer.

#### December

- 1 Educational visit - Yr 5 - Barbican  
Geography field trip - Yrs 1&6 - West Ham Park  
Next newsletter



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RY visited the local café to help them in their role play in class.



St Helen's children joined others from the Deanery Catholic schools to remember those who had died in wars.



The Mini vinnies from St Joachim's and St Helen's helped to raise awareness of the issue of homelessness by "sleeping out."



The children raised over £600 for the charity Depaul who support the homeless.



### Reading Focus

As we continue in our efforts to raise the standards in reading and increase children's love for books and reading, we have introduced the reader of the week award.

## Reader of the Week

Our first readers of the week will appear in the next newsletter. Children can be awarded reader of the week for an excellent book review, learning phonics and key words and for completing their home learning activities.

### 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/sthelensops](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sthelensops)
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### Reminders

#### Online safety workshops

Thank you to all the parents who attended our online safety workshops.

Please remember to ensure children only access the internet where they can be seen by an adult to keep them safe.



Online games, especially Roblox are used by adults as well as children, so please do keep checking the games that are being played.

#### 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.

#### Security

We aim to keep St Helen's a secure site at all times. The Falcon Street gate will shortly be locked with no exit access after 9.00am or 3.30pm.



### Punctuality

Please remember punctuality is an important life skill that we are aiming to teach. Please support us by ensuring children are in the playground by 8.50am before the bell is rung.



### 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.

