



# St John's Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## *An update from Mr Rubin...*

It's been very busy since I last wrote. Father Alan launched our Advent afternoon beaming in live from church. Ms Bahi expertly organised activities for classes and our Christmas tree is up and looking beautiful. Children are busy rehearsing in the lower end of the school for their performances and yesterday we made history by holding our first ever live streaming of the Nativity. Well done to Class Two, Ms Moses and her team.

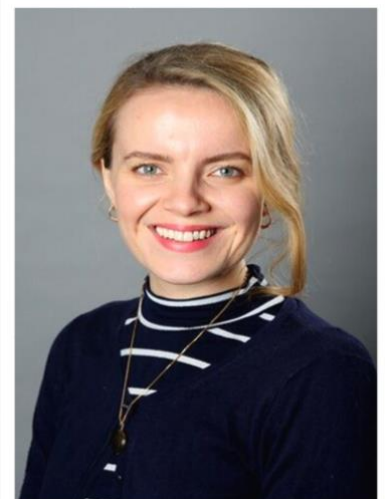
A massive 'thank you' to all of our families for donating money towards our Christmas parties – the children are very excited! I'm often asked by people what they can do to help the school. I am delighted to say that we now have a page where people can donate money directly to us by clicking the link <https://donatemyschool.com/st-johns-ce-primary-school-2431>. I will explain more about this later in the newsletter.

In the meantime, stay safe, look after yourselves and be kind to one another.

## **Staffing Update – Ms Wall**

Due to medical reasons Ms Wall has been advised to take some time off work earlier than she had planned. She will be saying goodbye to the children virtually next week. Ms Kam, Ms Dixon and Mr. Hurst are working with Ms Wall to plan a thoughtful way of saying goodbye.

I have spoken to Ms Wall and she is doing well but missing everyone. We all miss her and cannot wait to see her again soon. I am pleased to welcome Ms Perks to the school who is settling in well to our school family.



## **Tower Hamlets Book Awards**

Not only has one of our fantastic pupils had her art work selected for a prize at the recent Tower Hamlets Book Awards, our lunchtime book club came top of the leaderboard in the Tower Hamlets Book Award Book Quiz, beating twenty four other schools. Incredible!



We now have 252 followers on Twitter. Thank you to everyone who has signed up. Please follow us @5tJohnsTower – it's a great way to see what is happening in school.

## **St. John's Fundraiser**

School budgets are becoming tighter. We know that for a number of families across the country, times are difficult. One of our core values is Compassion and we wanted to see if we could raise some money to help the members of our community when things get tough. 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.

<https://donatemy.school.com/st-johns-ce-primary-school-2431>



### **After School Fitness Club with Mr. Malcolm**

Mr. Malcolm is running after school fitness clubs for every bubble. Mr. Hurst will be sending information about this for next term but do encourage your child to come along as it helps them to stay fit and healthy and beat the lockdown blues. For more information speak to Mr. Hurst or Mr. Rubin.



### **Class 1 Science Update**

Thoughtful science work from our children in Class 1 investigating whether materials are transparent, opaque or translucent.







# Advent Activities @St. John's 2020



## **Important dates:**

14.12.20	EY/Y1 Nativity dress rehearsal – please come to school in your costume
15.12.20	Christmas Lunch
15.12.20	EY/Y1 Nativity (please come to school in your costume)
16.12.20	Christmas Jumper day ( <u>EY/Y1 bubble only</u> ) £1
16.12.20	St John’s Christmas Carol performance
16.12.20	EY/Y1 Christmas Party
16.12.20	Y5/Y6 Christmas Party
17.12.20	Y4 Christmas Party
17.12.20	EY/Y1 to attend (virtual) theatre show ‘Huddle the Penguin’
18.12.20	Y2/Y3 Christmas Party
18.12.20	<div>Last day of term – school closes:</div> <div><div>EY – 13:30**</div><div>Y1 – 13:40*</div><div>Y2 – 13:30*</div></div> <div><div>Y3 – 13:45*</div><div>Y4 – 13:40*</div><div>Y5 – 13:50*</div></div> <div><div>Y6 – 14:00*</div><div></div><div></div></div> <div>*Children collected at normal location. Siblings leave at earliest time in family as normal.</div> <div>**EY children please bring a bag to take home some work</div>