



St John's Newsletter

Friday 16th December 2022

An update from Mr. Rubin...

What a busy couple of weeks it has been since I last wrote to you. We have had our Nativity Performances from the Early Years and Key Stage One and they were so lovely. During the round of applause at the end, one member of the audience exclaimed that the children should be in Hollywood! The standard of the performances was high and the children sang and acted with such gusto and enthusiasm. Thank you to all of our children for their energy and performance levels and a special thank you to all of our staff who work so hard to make these events happen. They all deserve a big rest!

Not only did we have our performances to enjoy but in addition, we had our Christmas Bazaar which was very well attended. Our parents/carers are becoming much more involved with organising these school events which makes a big difference. Thank you to Mrs. Jheeta and Ms Carly for helping to organise this and also Mr Jones for helping with the shifting and carrying.

Have a lovely Christmas, a Happy New Year and be kind to one another. We will look forward to seeing you back in school on Wednesday 4th January



Thank you Father Alan

Father Alan has been a friend to our school for over twenty years now. On Wednesday, we said goodbye and thank you for his incredible service to our community. At our Christmas Service, children, ex-pupils and former staff members, shared their thoughts and thanks. Mr. Bennett spoke about Alan's wisdom and integrity, not to mention his endurance as a school governor for so many years!

Thank you Father Alan for everything you have done for St. John's. We cannot wait for you to visit us and wish you all the very best in your new parish in Brighton.



SCHOOL REOPENS WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY 2023



School Meals Update

Our school meals are absolutely delicious. Our children encourage one another to make healthy choices. If you would like more information on the meal provision at St. John's speak to Mr. Rubin



Year 6 Update – Miss Walker

Year 6 have been learning all about the Second World War as part of their history topic this term.

Children really immersed themselves in this area of study and celebrated by having their very own VE party to commemorate the end of the Second World War.

When I went up to the classroom, they were very busy having a tea party with delicious home-made scones!



Tower Hamlets New Age Kurling Champion

It seems that in every new edition of the newsletter, we win another sporting competition!

This time, Mr. Malcolm and Ms Ilaria took our team to play some New Age Kurling and our squad proved triumphant.

Thank you Ms Dixon for organising this.





Early Years & Year 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity December 2022





St John's Christmas Bazaar!

What an event this was! Despite being a chilly day, the playground was rammed with happy families. There were biscuit decoration stalls, book stalls as well as the most delicious cake stall which Mr. Malcolm spent a lot of time at.

It was great to see the work that Mrs Bahi has done with our incredible choir who kept everyone in good spirits.

Incredibly this event raised a whopping £232 which will be spent on our children. Our School Councillors along with Ms Moses will be canvassing opinions to see what we can spend it on. Thank you to all our friends who made this possible.



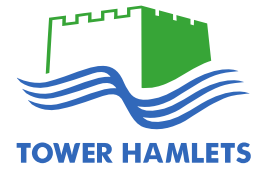
Bethnal Green Town Hall Hotel

What a treat we had the other day when our friends at the Bethnal Green Town Hall Hotel invited our junior children to come and celebrate Christmas with them. They donated one of their main function suites and provided the children with some delicious food. Ms Walker and Mr. Malcolm kindly organised party games and the winners of the Christmas card competition were announced. What a fantastic afternoon!





Improving lives
and reducing
waste in
Tower Hamlets



The Food Store is a place you can go every week to pick up large quantities of food for a small amount of money, all while being helped to access support for your finances and wellbeing.



MAYOR OF
TOWER HAMLETS

'All of Tower Hamlets' residents deserve healthy, affordable food. Food Stores showcase all that is best about our Borough - communities coming together to ensure that everyone is fed, regardless of their background. I am proud to oversee the opening of these stores, and look forward to working more closely with and supporting them moving forward'.

Lutfur Rahman, Mayor of Tower Hamlets

How does it work?

In return for a weekly membership fee of £3.50 you will be able to pick up £20 to £30 worth of groceries and household items. While you are a member we will also set you up with access to advice services for help with debt, benefits access, housing issues and other areas you might find useful.

What kind of food will I get?

We stock quality redistributed food that can help to top up your weekly shop with nutritious essentials. Your weekly groceries will include fresh fruit and vegetables, chilled and frozen foods, and store cupboard staples. We also offer household items, like toiletries and cleaning products, when we have them.

Where is The Food Store?

The Food Store is running in sites across Tower Hamlets.

How long can I be a member?

Every three months we will check in to see how you are doing and if you are getting the right support. If things have improved and you no longer need our help, the membership will end – if not it will carry on. Memberships normally last for six months.

How do I sign up?

To sign up, or for more information, please email **TheFoodStore@towerhamlets.gov.uk** with your name, address, postcode and contact details.





Are you concerned about a child or a family?

Make a factual record of your concern.

(Include day, date, time, other witnesses, concern and your signature)

You must share your concerns without delay.

The Designated Members of Staff Responsible for Safeguarding and Child Protection at St Johns are:



Terry Bennett –Executive Headteacher



Darren Rubin –Executive Head of School



Bal Jheeta – Deputy Headteacher



Lisa Lee – Business Manager



Marie Dixon- SENCO

St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools
Term Dates and Holidays - 2022/ 2023

Autumn Term 2022 (70 days)

Staff Training	Thu 1st & Friday 2nd September
First Day of Term	Monday 5 th September
Half Term	Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October
Second half of term	Monday 31 st October
Last Day of Term	Friday 16 th December

<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>Sunday 25th December</i>
<i>Boxing Day</i>	<i>Monday 26th December</i>

Spring Term 2023 (58 days)

<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Sunday 1st January</i>
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd January
Staff Training	Tuesday 3rd January
First Day of Term	Wednesday 4 th January
Half Term	Mon. 13 th to Fri. 17 th February
Second half of term	Monday 20 th February
Last Day of Term	Friday 31 st March

<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday 7th April</i>
<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>Monday 10th April</i>

Summer Term 2023 (64 days)

First Day of Term	Monday 17 th April
Staff Training	Friday 28 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May
Half Term	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June
Second half of term	Monday 5 th June
Last Day of Term	Friday 21 st July

<i>Ramadan begins</i>	<i>Wednesday 22nd March* 2023</i>
<i>Eid Al-Fitr</i>	<i>Saturday 22nd April* 2023</i>
<i>Eid Al-Adha</i>	<i>Thursday 29th June* 2023</i>

190 School Days, **5 Staff Training Days** (2 to be arranged)

* to be confirmed