



# St John's Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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

I wanted to send one last newsletter as we end 2020. It has been a challenging year but nevertheless, I have been so proud of how we have managed as a school community to keep providing a safe space for our children to learn. A big thank you must go to our staff who have been so flexible and gone above and beyond their normal duties. The last fortnight has seen an Advent Service, a Christmas Carol Service, class parties and two live-streamed Nativity performances. Not bad considering there's a global pandemic!

Our value of the term is Compassion and I am pleased to let you know that we will be open for food collection for a couple of days next week and the week after. We will text you next week but it is looking like Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. If you need help or support please email the parents address on [parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk) or ring the school on 02089801142.

In the meantime, have a lovely Christmas and New Year, stay safe and be kind to one another. See you all on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.



### **St. John's Fundraiser – How to make a Donation**

Our fundraising campaign has been up and running for a week now and has raised almost £500. Money raised will support our families and enhance our children's learning experiences. If you have any friends or family that have some spare change and want to make a donation to our school, do please encourage them to do so. All they need to do is click on the link below. Every contribution helps our school.

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

### **Keeping Safe over Christmas – Important Information**

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 once school has closed, you must contact us by emailing [parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parents@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk) or phoning 02089801142 in order that we can look at the time frame as to when your child last had contact with their classmates and staff.

## **St. John's Community Carol Service**

At this time of year, we should be in our beautiful church at St. John's to hear the Nativity story. Father Alan would lead the service and our choir entertain us with their fine voices. This year, Ms. Bahi was determined that our school should adapt and show Resilience. Just like our Remembrance Service, our school came together safely in the large playground for a Christmas carol service. Members of the local community observed from their homes as members of our Worship Council led us in prayer and song.



## **Class 6 Topic Update - Ms Walker**

Class 6 celebrated the end of their World War II topic by having their very own VE Day party. Children dressed up in authentic outfits and enjoyed a St. John's street party complete with home-made scones and flags. A fitting end to such an important piece of learning.



## **The Felix Project – Update**

We continue to be supported by The Felix Project. Every Friday we receive delicious food that is heading towards the end of its best before date so needs to be eaten. By accepting this food, we are stopping it from heading to landfill and going to waste. We send out text messages every Friday so you can reserve a slot to pick up the food. To find out more about this project that supports St. Paul's, St. John's and many other schools too, take a look at their website <https://thefelixproject.org>







# Nativity @ St. John's 2020

