



Golden Eagle

16th December 2016

The Christmas holidays are upon us and it's been an action-packed, fun-filled two weeks of Christmas preparation for us all in school. It has been a treat to showcase the Christmas performances to parents; thank you to everyone who managed to attend one of these and see the children sing, act, dance, speak and pray their way through them all.



We have achieved so much during the autumn term – please make sure you read the Governor's newsletter which highlights all our celebrations.

Our library is now up and running. A huge 'Thank You' to Mrs Cowen and her team for scanning in every single book onto the system – a massive accomplishment. Our library monitors are being trained to take this over – look out for more news and updates on this from Mr Furniss.

We're extremely sad to be saying goodbye to Mr Phillips (Year 4) and Mrs Moreno (Reception). We wish them all the very best on their travels and for the future. Miss Brown, who has previously taught at St. John's, will be replacing Mr Phillips until the end of the year and Mrs Popova (apologies Reception parents – I gave you the wrong part of her name!) will be replacing Mrs Moreno until the end of the year also. We look forward to working with them.

Our links with secondary schools has continued into this year. A group of Year 4 girls attended St. Paul's summer school for a variety of enrichment activities, a group of Year 6 pupils have attended Latymer Upper School's debating classes and their Saturday school will begin after Christmas. Two of our Year 5 pupils have also been attending Saturday school at Colet Court. We value these continued links with secondary schools for the enrichment opportunities they provide to our pupils.

The Winter Wonderland has been a tremendous success. A massive 'Thank You' to our school Bursar, Mrs Thomas-Payne, for being the mastermind behind this event and for all the parents and extended families who so generously gave their time, enthusiasm and eagerness to make this a success for the school and the community.

The staff would like to thank all the children and parents for their very kind and generous gifts. They are all very much looking forward to their well-earned rest over the Christmas period.

Wishing all our families and friends a safe and very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year. We will see you back at school for the start of the spring term on **Wednesday, 4th January, 2017.**

Ms. Wightwick

Headteacher

Diary Reminders

Tuesday 3rd January

INSET DAY

Wednesday 4th January

All children return to school

Wednesday 4th January

After School Clubs Sign up

3.30pm – 4.40pm

EARLY BIRD MONTH



**We will be having an
Early Bird month in
January 2017**

It is very important that your child arrives at school on time every day. The main gates are open from 8.30am each morning.

If you arrive at this time you must wait with your child in the playground until 8.45am. Your child must be in school by **8.55am.**

The class with the least amount of late marks will win a prize.

It would be really great if the Late Book had no entries for the whole month. Set your alarm clocks 10 minutes early so that your child arrives on time.

Thank you for your support.



TRI-BOROUGH MUSIC HUB CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL



A huge thank you to the choir (who may be small in number, but excellent in effort) for their contribution to the Tri-Borough Music Hub Christmas Festival Concert on Tuesday at Hammersmith Town Hall. It was a truly marvellous concert, as I think anyone who attended will attest.

Thank you to all the singers, and to the parents who brought them early and to extra rehearsals, or who helped accompany the trips to the Town Hall. These events would not be possible without your help.

POSADA SERVICES

Well done to all involved in these two services, which are a lovely way to start the Christmas season. I have to thank the Y6 and Y5 Recorder Clubs, the Ukulele Club, the Latin Club and the Y6 bell-ringers for some wonderful contributions to the music, not forgetting Y3 and Y5, who sang Henry VIII's carol 'Green grow'th the holly' to the accompaniment of recorder consort. Thank you, parents, for your support, and thank you, teaching staff, for lending children and altering your schedules to suit.



EYFS NATIVITY Well done to Nursery and Reception for singing so beautifully and enthusiastically in your Nativity Play: I thought you were marvellous!



Many heartfelt thanks to the EYFS staff for helping prepare the children so well.

The Parent Prayer group would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and all the best for 2017!!!

May it be filled with love, joy and blessing.

Our next meeting will be on

Friday 6th January, 2017 @ 9am

in the school reception.

Please come and join us!

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT ST JOHN'S



The children were joined by all the staff this week as we all tucked into a traditional Christmas dinner - complete with crackers and hats.

BREAKFAST CLUB FESTIVITIES

The breakfast club were in the Christmas Spirit this week as they enjoyed making festive arts and crafts.

All Pupils are welcome to book a place on a daily basis for the Breakfast Club. Please speak to Ms. Smith for more details.





HOT SHOT STAFF!

What a season of staff netball fun we have had! The sharp shooting of Miss Osiecka and Miss Middleton, supported by the formidable attacking force of Miss Reay and Miss Hagger have had opposition (almost) quaking in their trainers.



The defensive skill, strength and occasional low growl from Miss Rees, Mrs Bertok, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Abu-Ghaida have seen off many opposition attacks. We are firm in our belief that it is not the score line that is important (at all – as our score sheet reflects) but it is the team spirit, fair play and fun of our 'hot shot' team that has triumphed. We may not have made it to the top of the league but we have had a whole lot of fun and have made it through the season largely unscathed (though there has been the odd bruise and blood has been drawn – all testament to the dedication and selfless play of our hot shots!). Congratulations team!

MEDICINE IN SCHOOL

Just a reminder that all medication that comes to school, must come through the main office so that the relevant information can be recorded. This includes all asthma inhalers or 'one off' prescribed medicines.

'JUST ENOUGH' WORKSHOPS

Year 6 recently participated in a fun and informative workshops on Radicalisation. The workshops were free and run by a charity called 'Just Enough'. Further workshops are planned on 'Modern day slavery' for Y5 in January 2017.

Here are some of the comments from our pupils about the workshop;

"Radicalisation means forcing someone into violence and fear"

"Stand up to sexism, racism and other bad problems. I will give to charity and help in every way I can. I will create new technology to help and follow peace, wherever it may go"

"Be respectful to all religions"

"We learnt about people who bring peace to the world"

"To speak up and not let violence get in the way of what is right"

"Be more generous and always kind to everyone"

Some thought provoking quotes, from 10-11year olds, on the subject of prejudice, radicalisation and tolerance.

ATTENDANCE

The winter bugs have had an effect on our attendance in the last few weeks of term. Lets hope we can make an improvement in the new school term.

Class	% Attendance	Lates
NN	97.3	4
R1P	93.1	1
R2M	89.6	0
Y1H	95.7	5
Y1DH	97.9	4
Y2R	91.2	2
Y2O	90.8	1
Y3C	97.1	1
Y3P	96.5	1
Y4P	97.0	2
Y4S	90.8	2
Y5M	87.3	3
Y5W	94.8	3
Y6F	99.0	3
Y6CR	97.8	2



PTFA NEWS

Parents, Teachers & Friends Association of St Johns School

A massive THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Winter Wonderland event on Saturday.

The aim was to create a successful community event both for school and non-school families alike and we certainly did it!

INCOME: £6,554

(financial donations, ice rink ticket sales, token sales, Christmas tree sales, non school stalls, mufti day)

EXPENSES: £3,915*

(ice rink rental, food supplies, grotto prizes, cleaning, electricity generators, porta-loos, licenses)

PROFIT: £2,639

*some expenses were investments that will benefit future events

COMMUNITY BENEFIT:

A fantastic afternoon out, where families, friends and the local community came together for fun, food and festival cheer.

The Winner of the Treasure Hunt Prize Draw was William A. Y2R.

We hope you enjoy your £40 Voucher from Basilico Pizza

Click this [link](#) to have a look at a little **film** made about the event. This is for school viewing only so please do not share or upload to social media.

If you have any concerns and do not want your child to appear please contact ptfastjohns@gmail.com.

We hope you enjoy it!

What

Do

2,104

Christmas lights,

1 Father Christmas

203 yummy hotdogs,

2502 flyers & posters,

300 cups of hot chocolate,

62 faces painted, 76 volunteers,

128 volunteer hours, 200 amazing

gingerbread biscuits, 205 divine home-

made crepes, 155 creative Christmas crafts,

5 weeks of prep, 1 dedicated and happy team of

school, parent and friend volunteers, one lovely Olaf,

308 Santa's grotto guests, & 391 people ice skating equal?

A magical Winter Wonderland!

Thank you!

We are incredibly grateful for ALL of the items that were donated for free, borrowed for free and for the time gifted for free and wanted to acknowledge them here:

Donations: 200 gingerbread men and biscuit decorations, 205 crepes, all marquees & gazebos, performance by the Fulham Brass band, cake and popcorn stall supplies, cake stall decorations, cakes, mince pies, cakes and cakes, carol leading, Christmas decorations including stall signs and trees, extra stall prizes, extra trestle tables and sandbags, food stall supplies from Sainsburys, Starbucks and the Co-op, greeters Anna and Rudolph, lights, lights and more lights, nearly new clothes, banner and flyer design, sandbags and electrical equipment, story time with a professional storyteller, costumes, hand painted photo box, hand painted signs, handmade wooden Christmas trees, handmade snowflake decorations.

We'd also like to acknowledge the incredible team of volunteers (both who are part of the school community and those who are not) who helped make this event possible. Some worked on preparations, some worked on the day, some worked on clearing up and some worked all of the above: **66** parents and family, **12** staff, **3** governors, **15** friends of St John's and the following **local business**; Starbucks, Douglas & Gordon, Co-op, Sainsburys, Little Voices, Fulham Brass Band, Basilico Pizza - Fulham ... **THANK YOU!**