



# The Bell

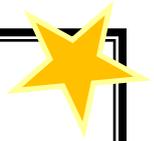
The School Newsletter

November 2018

Our Christian Values

Reverence – Endurance  
Peace – **Hope** – Wisdom  
Service – Forgiveness  
Creation – **Thankfulness**  
Compassion – Friendship  
Koinonia – **Humility**  
Trust – Justice

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## November Star Awards

**Year R:** Santo, Beneal, Cienna, Delina, Aizah, Shakur, Motolani, Tia, Marcel, Brandon, Alyssiah

**Year 1:** Albie, Amani, Eren, Teamo, Rafael, Sajid, Carlos, Cayden

**Year 2:** Ava, Robert, James, Josiah, Maz, Micah, Sophia, Sofia, Blaec,

**Year 3:** Amirah, Nathan, Patrick, Johnathan, Ayaan

**Year 4:** Adeeb, Ruben, Deniz, Anaya, Amanda, Scarlet

**Year 5:** Sophia, Khadijah, Nabel

**Year 6:** Gracie, Zafar, Ashley, Maciah, Naa, Eliza, Ying Hao

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to parents for all their support so far this term.

We have been incredibly busy as a school making sure our teaching and learning is the best it can be. Our school improvement targets for this year have been agreed by the governors and details of some of our main areas for development are overleaf.

We are enjoying preparing for Christmas and we look forward to seeing many of you at the Nativity and carol concert over the next few weeks.

With best wishes, Adeola Oladejo, Headteacher

### INSET DAY: Monday 3rd December

A reminder that the school will be closed for pupils as this is a day for staff training on developing early reading.

### November Attendance

**Come to school, everyday, on time!**

**Whole School attendance for November: 92.9%**

One of our whole school priorities is to improve our attendance so that it is above 96%. Sadly, we have not met this target this month. We understand that some absence is unavoidable, however, we cannot stress how important good attendance is ensuring children achieve their very best.

If your child's attendance falls below 90%, you will be asked to attend a meeting at school to discuss this.

### School Meals

Some of our parents have asked about school lunches. We have contacted Caterlink, the school meal provider.

There will be a meeting with Caterlink in the spring term.

### Nativity and Carol Concert

Reception, Year 1 and Y2 are busy rehearsing songs and lines for EYFS/KS1 Nativity.

This will be held on 19th December at 10am at SJSP's Church.

We will hold a KS2 carol concert this year on 20th December at 2.15pm.



### Reading Road Map

Well done to everyone who has started on the Reading Road Map Journey! All children should be taking a book to enjoy at home which can be read independently or they can read with an adult. We look forward to handing out many bronze certificates very soon to children who have read the first of their 5 books!

### Bronze Merits



Y1: Albie, Amani, Godwish, Solly, Ozioma, Eli, Cayden, Ibraheem, Lexi, Sajid, Rayyan, Rafael; Y2: Daniel, Noah; Y3: Sarah, Patrick, Faith, Sybil, Ayaan, Edwina, Joyce, Sureha, Cleo, Nathan, Isabel, Berfin, Aishani, Khyrah, Nadirah, Nabil; Y4: Ethanm Godson, Deniz, Jasmine, Scarlet, Josh, Zak, Ruben, Joshua, Caleb, Tommy; Y5: Nuseyba, Amaya, Ciara, Rudy, Sophia, Kamarah; Y6: Maciah, Eliza, Sevanna, Eben, Taahyra, Gracie, Fares, Ying Hao, Dylan, Almaaz, Patrick, Sophia, Abel, Amirah, Jack

### **Homework questionnaire**

Thank you to parents who have completed the homework questionnaire. This will help us to review our homework provision in the spring term.

If you haven't completed your questionnaire, please do so and deposit in the box outside the school office.

### **Start / End of Day**

Some parents have queried about how they can speak to the teacher to pass on a quick message at the start or end of the school day.

The class teacher will be at the playground doors from 8.50-9.00am and will be available to speak briefly with you then.

Alternatively, please arrange a time to meet with your child's class teacher should a longer meeting time be needed.

### **Extended Day Childcare**

Some of our children have taken up the provision run by the Hackney Marsh Partnership Youth Hub. However, we understand that this may not be suitable for all families, particularly those with younger children. We are consulting with other schools to find out whether we can make use of their after-school provision. We do need an idea of how many parents would be interested in taking up this service. Please express your interest at the school office by the end of this term.

### **SJSP School Priorities for 2018/19**

As well as continuously striving for excellence in teaching and learning, attainment and progress, these are some of our main priorities:

Raise standards in reading in all year groups—we also want children to really enjoy reading too!

Improve our attendance so that it is 96% or above—this is vitally important for success at school



To ensure that all groups of pupils are challenged—we want to make sure that all children are stretched and challenged to achieve their very best.

Make sure our outcomes by the end of Y6 are the best they can be—we also want our children to develop a love of learning.

Review our behaviour policy so that our rewards and sanctions are consistent and effective across the school—do ask your children about our merit system!

### **Dates for your Diary**

30th November—Parent Group  
School Disco

**Monday 3rd December: INSET Day  
(School Closed for pupils)**

4th Dec: Digital learning day for pupils

Sat 8th Dec: Y2-6 children singing at King Henry's Walk Winter Fair at 11.15am (Parents/carers must accompany as unsupervised)

12th Dec: Choir singing at Mildmay Care Home

14th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day!  
Wear a Christmas jumper, & donate £1 to Save the Children  
PM: Whole school panto in Upper Hall

19th Dec 10am: EYFS/KS1 Nativity in the Church (families welcome)

20th Dec 2.15pm: KS2 Carol Concert (families welcome)

**21st Dec: Last day of term: school closes at 1.30pm**

**Monday 7th January: Children return to school**

### **Remembrance Day**

SJSP pupils commemorated Remembrance Day with a visit from Paul who had enjoyed a career in the RAF. He presented in assembly and KS2 pupils enjoyed a Q&A session on WWII. Pupils completed poppy art work in a range of mediums. We hope you were able to have a look at their art work whilst walking through the school this week.