

The School Newsletter

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Shine, Encourage, Love and Learn

Our 5
Christian Values

Forgiveness
Love
Encouragement
Wisdom
Togetherness

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy month it has been, but it has certainly been an enjoyable one.

Thank you to our parent group who organised a fantastic disco and café for the children and families (and staff!) to enjoy and to those parents who supported on the day.

A special well done to all our children this term. They have performed superbly in all their performances - their class assemblies, the Nativity, and singing and playing instruments in and around our community. They have made us all very proud.

On behalf of all at SJSP, thank you for all the Christmas gifts we have received. We would like to wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful start to the new year.

With thanks for your continued support, Adeola Oladejo, Headteacher

Well Done!

A HUGE well done to all the children, the Choir and instrumentalists for their excellent performances at King Henry's Walk Garden Winter Fair, the SJSP Church Carol Service and at the Christmas Community Concert at CoLA Highbury Academy.

Holiday Homework!

1. Have a good rest (but still be helpful!)
2. Feel proud of yourself and all you have achieved!

Do remember to read regularly and use DoodleMaths if you can!

**Children return to school on Monday 6th
January.**

Doors open at 8.50am

Website

We are pleased that our school website is being updated. At present, we have an interim website.

A new website is coming soon! We hope that parents and carers will find it easier to navigate - please do let us know!

After School Provision

Spaces available from Monday to Friday from 3.30-6pm and is led by our school staff. The cost is £8 per child, per day, with a reduction for siblings and includes a light tea.

Message from The Revd James

I just watched the Jamie Oliver Christmas special. His Christmas dinner did look amazing but I couldn't help notice how many times the word "perfect" was used! Perfect turkey...perfect roast potatoes...with the perfect gravy for the perfect Christmas! What else could you hope for?

For many, though, a perfect Christmas is not what they're looking for. For many of us this can be a difficult time of year. Some of us are away from family or have lost loved ones. In Islington there are over 50 people sleeping rough at the moment and many more couch surfing or in hostels and temporary accommodation.

So what can we hope for if it isn't a perfect Christmas? Well I'm heartened to know that the first Christmas was not perfect either. 2000 years ago the middle east was politically divided, had overcrowded streets, and vast inequality between the 'haves' and the 'have nots'. On top of all this there was no perfect space to be found anywhere for the young and pregnant Mary to have her baby until someone offered them a room in the house where the animals were kept. It was there in this imperfect space that Jesus was found wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger (Luke 2:12).

God didn't wait for the world to become perfect before God decided to enter into our humanity and live within it. But God, in Jesus, came as a vulnerable refugee baby in far from perfect conditions. God didn't wait until the conditions were perfect and he doesn't wait for us to be perfect either before we can know the comfort and joy of God with us.

I am grateful for Jamie Oliver and I definitely will try my hand at those perfect roast potatoes. But if they don't turn out to be the best ever then I'll be reminded in a very small way of that first imperfect Christmas.

SJSP Nativity 2019



Reading Day activities - Y6 story boxes based on Kensuke's Kingdom



Carol Singing at KHWG Winter Fair



Santa came to visit...!
(Thank you to our parent group who helped Santa to provide the gifts!)

