# **SSPP School News**

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# OH HOLY NIGHT, THE STARS WERE BRIGHTLY SHINING

# SS Peter and Paul's Catholic Primary School



# The Good Shepherd Catholic Trust

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We show our love for God, in the way we treat each other. Together we follow Jesus, by learning, and sharing our gifts.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally made it to the end of term, just! It has been difficult for me personally, not to be in school in this final week, as I recover from Covid. Thank you for all your kind messages and the thoughtful community e-card. Please keep Father Andrew in your thoughts and prayers, as he is also recovering from Covid. We wish him a speedy recovery.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for working so hard this term; through everyone's hard work and dedication, we have managed to keep the school open, with relatively good attendance. It is impossible to mention everyone by name, each member of staff has worked tirelessly to provide a safe place of learning for the children, the saying 'stronger together' has never been more appropriate. I am incredibly proud to be part of such a caring team at SSPP.

I must also thank all the parents; I know the pressure you are experiencing, to hold down jobs, working from home, not seeing extended family and trusting the school to keep your child safe. Well done to you all, working in partnership has definitely been our success this year.

My biggest thanks go to the children, they make everything worthwhile and I certainly do miss seeing them all. The nativities are now available to watch on the school website with links on some of the children's class blogs; I am sure you will agree that these remarkable young people are a credit to us all. They once again, managed to capture the true meaning of Christmas, even with social distancing, no public singing and outdoor acting to contend with! Well-done to all the staff for organising the nativities, costumes, teaching the children how to sign and to Mr Roca-Mas for carrying out the editing process. A fantastic team effort!

May I politely remind you, that London is now in Tier 3 and we must all ensure we each continue to take personal responsibility to limit the spread of Coronavirus. Further information can be found on the Government's website <a href="https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus">https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</a>. Redbridge has provided information regarding testing centres open over the Christmas period,

https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/coronavirus-information-hub/

Please do not send your child back to school on 5<sup>th</sup> January if they are unwell, the symptoms may not be classic Covid symptoms, just take advice from your GP or NHS 111.

May I also remind you, if you do go on holiday over the Christmas break, you must observe the Government quarantine rules; this period of isolation will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

I pray to God, that our community keeps safe during this Christmas period; I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

God bless you all.

S. Johnson Headteacher



**Headteacher** Mrs Johnson

**Deputy Headteacher** Mrs Hull

Assistant Headteacher Mr Roca-Mas

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

18<sup>th</sup> December Last Day of Term: Staggered Finish 1.00-130pm

**4<sup>th</sup> January** Staff INSET Day

**5<sup>th</sup> January** Children Return To School

# <u>LINKS</u>

School Website: https://www.sspeterandpauls.redb ridge.sch.uk/

School Blogs: https://sspeterandpaulsblog.net.

### UNICEF Article 31

Every child has the right to relax, play and join in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.



# **Gospel Reflection** Luke 1: 26-38 The Annunciation



As we prepare for the birth of Jesus, the final Sunday of Advent always focuses on Mary. The angel Gabriel was sent by God to Mary. 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you. 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. God sent the angel Gabriel as His messenger to Mary. God wants us all to be his messengers in the world, to share the message that he loves us all unconditionally.

# Prayer for the week

God of love, help us to be your messengers on earth, showing your love for all people in everything that we do. With God's love may we may the find strength to carry on especially in these difficult times. Amen.

| Star Pupil Awards |                   |  |
|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| N                 | Nimrat & Sagarika |  |
| RM                | Blessing          |  |
| RS                | Jaskirat          |  |
| 1K                | Joel              |  |
| 1M                | Avi               |  |
| 2B                | Self-Isolating    |  |
| 2P                | Kaiden            |  |
| 3H                | Karolina          |  |
| 31                | Ryan              |  |
| 4S                | Maliya            |  |
| 4W                | Amelia            |  |
| 5B                | Karina            |  |
| 5S                | Kimran            |  |
| 6B                | Self-Isolating    |  |
| 6R                | Self-Isolating    |  |

| Class | % (Target 95.5%)<br>Class attendance percentages since the<br>4 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 |  |
|-------|--|--|
|       |  |  |
|       | Gold = Highest   |  |
|       | Green = Above 96%<br>Red = Below 96%   |  |
| RM    | 88.6%  |  |
| RS    | 97.0%  |  |
| 1K    | <b>85.1%</b>   |  |
| 1M    | 87.4%  |  |
| 2B    |  |  |
| 2P    | 84.2%  |  |
| 3H    | 95.2%  |  |
| 31    | 90.4%  |  |
| 4S    | 91.9%  |  |
| 4W    | 90.6%  |  |
| 5B    | 88.9%  |  |
| 5S    | 87.6%  |  |
| 6B    |  |  |
| 6R    |  |  |



Please let the school office know if your contact details have changed or if additional people are collecting your child.

# **INSET Day**

Please note that the first day of term in January is an



INSET Day for staff only. Children in all year groups, return on:

# Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

# School Games Values Certificates

Congratulations to all pupils who received a School Games Values certificate in the Autumn term. We look forward to issuing more in the Spring Term.



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# Test and Trace

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You received a hard copy of a letter this week which holds details about 'Test and Trace' over the Christmas period.

It is really important that you read and digest this information as it tells you how to contact the school if the need arises and which dates are important for any positive test or symptoms starting to show.

Take note of the mobile number and email address provided within the letter. An electronic copy of this letter can be found on the school website: Covid-19 tab – Parent Letters.

The letter deals with the end-of-term and the days immediately afterwards; we would also want to be made aware if there are any positive tests just before the return to school on Tuesday  $5^{th}$  January 2021.

# End of Day Arrangements for the Spring Term

For the first period when we return, we will be continuing with our end of day arrangements from the end of the Autumn Term.

Please continue to ensure you have a mask on at all times.

- EYFS & KS1: 3.00pm collection
- Y3 & Y4: 3.15pm collection

Y5 & Y6:

3.30pm collection



# Nativities and Carol Concerts - The Grand Reveal

We always feel that our Nativities and our KS2 Carol Concert are some of the highlights of the year, so it was with a heavy heart that we made the decision to not hold any for a live audience this year.

However, we did not feel we could let you end the first term empty handed, so please enjoy our Christmas offerings which can be accessed via the school website:

# https://www.sspeterandpauls.redbridge.sch. uk/news/christmas-2020

These videos from our two Nursery classes, Reception, KS1 and KS2 pupils, range from songs about the Christmas story, a Nativity set to music, one which is narrated by the children and a signed version of a classic Christmas song.

In order to find them, when looking on the school website, visit the 'News' and 'Christmas 2020' section.



# West Ham Corner

After a win against Leeds last Friday, Romar is back once again this week, with his take on the latest match which took place on Wednesday.

Today, I'm talking about West Ham versus Crystal Palace. The rejuvenated Palace striker Christian Benteke scored his third goal in the last three games.

He connected with Joel Ward's cross, as the visitors looked set to burst West Ham's bubble after their previous four wins.

Roy Hodgson's side are a tough team to peg back once in front, but somehow Sebastian Haller's side levelled. (Editor's note: take the time to watch the goal, it is a thing of pure beauty!)

Look out for more West Ham-related news in the New Year!

Latest Result: West Ham 1 – 1 Crystal Palace

League Position: 8th

# Top Ten

These are the current SSPP top ten pupils:

| Rank | Name     | Year Group |
|------|----------|------------|
| 1    | Sofiya   | Year 3     |
| 2    | Arnav    | Year 5     |
| 3    | Sereni   | Year 5     |
| 4    | Angeline | Year 3     |
| 5    | Naomi    | Year 3     |
| 6    | Yashna   | Year 5     |
| 7    | Gurleen  | Year 6     |
| 8    | Daphne   | Year 6     |
| 9    | Gabriel  | Year 4     |
| 10   | Navjot   | Year 4     |



NEST HAM

It is with great pleasure that we can announce the two winners of the hampers of goodies, generously donated by the staff of SSPP. After randomly generating a number for each child in the school, our winners were **Sha'Quan** in 2P and **Angela** in 5S.



# Recommended Read Year 4



Barney is a solitary little boy, given to wandering off by himself. One day he is lying on the edge of a disused chalk-pit when it gives way and he lands in a sort of cave.

Here he meets 'somebody with a lot of shaggy hair and two bright black eyes' wearing a rabbit skin and speaking in grunts. He names him Stig.

Of course nobody believes Barney when he tells his family all about Stig, but for Barney cave-man Stig is totally real.

They become great friends, learning each other's ways and embarking on a series of unforgettable adventures.

If you liked this then try:

- + 'Peter Pan' by J.M Barrie
- + 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes
- + 'Just William' by Richmal Crompton



# Recent Tweets - @SSPP\_Primary

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Towards the end of last week, 2P used their artistic skills and practised using scissors to create their own Christmas wreaths.





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Although we've not been able to showcase our usual festive offerings 'live', pupils have worked extra hard to produce a set of videos to share the meaning of Christmas. Visit the 'News' - 'Christmas 2020' tab on our school website to see them. @TGSCTrust sspeterandpauls.redbridge.sch.uk















# Admissions – An Important Reminder

## **Reception Admissions**

2021-2022 Applicants for Reception September 2021 (dates of birth: 01/09/2016 to 31/08/2017) should make an online application to London Borough of Redbridge website: <u>www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools</u>

Closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Parents should complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and return to the school office by the closing date.

Please check <u>https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/primary-school-admissions/</u> for further information.

## Nursery Admissions

For September 2021 (dates of birth: 01/09/2017-31/08/2018). Applications are available from the School Office. The closing date for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

Please collect an Application Form from the school office and return by the closing date.





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