



# SSPP School News

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**THERE ARE FAR BETTER  
THINGS AHEAD THAN  
ANY WE LEAVE  
BEHIND**

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# SS Peter and Paul's Catholic Primary School

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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,

Happy New Year to you all; I hope you managed to enjoy Christmas with your families. On behalf of myself and the staff I would like to say thank you for the very thoughtful cards and presents and also the kind get well messages sent to me personally. The school has been hard hit since the last week of term, with many members of staff testing positive, some are now on the road to recovery, but some members of staff are still suffering the effects of this serious virus. I ask you to keep all our community in your thoughts and prayers. I am incredibly proud of how the staff have responded to this very short notice remote learning; they are a fantastic, caring team. Since the Christmas break, there has been two very important announcements from the Prime Minister, the first on 31<sup>st</sup> December to close schools in high risk areas of Tier 4, for two weeks, then a further announcement on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January putting the country back into National Lockdown and closing schools until February half term.

The Prime Minister has stressed that schools will only open for children who are vulnerable and those whose parents are 'Critical Workers' those whose work is critical to the Coronavirus response. This lockdown is very different to the one in the spring term, as the Prime Minister is recommending that children should stay at home where possible and schools should deliver a remote education to all children.

Even though many of our teachers are still not fully recovered, we are delivering live English and maths lessons everyday along with story sessions for the younger children. This has been appreciated by parents, as the children look forward to seeing their teacher every day and having the opportunity to interact with them. It is only possible to deliver these live lessons while the pupil numbers in school are low, as many teachers are delivering the lessons from home. I am aware of some issues with technology at the beginning of the week, which have now been addressed; please ensure we have your correct contact details listed, in order to send information regarding Zoom meetings etc.

Thank you parents for being so understanding; I know how difficult it is for you at home, to suddenly become the 'teacher'. However, there is a very clear structure for the children to follow every day; they should understand that remote learning is SCHOOL at home, therefore they need to be up and dressed appropriately for all lessons and also continue with their independent topic work daily. The teachers take a register and if the children are not attending the lessons, a member of the SLT will contact you. Where possible, all the work should be completed in the children's homework books.

Please refer to the Zoom information sheet for parents, which is in the Covid-19 folder on the school website, in remote learning; this will advise you on how to keep your child safe online and the protocols for attending live lessons.

SSPP were allocated a small number of devices from the Department of Education; we have been distributing these, to families in need and we are currently trying to source some more laptops and Chromebooks, which may help other families.

I wish you all a safe weekend.

God Bless.

Mrs Johnson  
Headteacher

### Headteacher

Mrs Johnson

### Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Hull

### Assistant Headteacher

Mr Roca-Mas

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### 4<sup>th</sup> January

Staff INSET Day

#### 5<sup>th</sup> January

Children Return To School

### LINKS

School Website:

<https://www.sspeterandpauls.redbridge.sch.uk/>

School Blogs:

<https://sspeterandpaulsblog.net/>

### UNICEF Article 23

*A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life in conditions that promote dignity, independence and an active role in the community.*



Children with disabilities should be helped to take part in things  
(U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 23)

## Gospel Reflection Mark 1:7-11

In Sunday's Gospel, we hear how John baptised Jesus in the River Jordan. The Holy Spirit came down and rested on him. And God spoke saying to Jesus, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you." John the Baptist announced to the people, "The man who will come after me is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to bend down and untie his sandals. I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

Through baptism our sins are forgiven and we are welcomed as a member of the Church community; we are committed to God and to trying to live our lives the way that God wants us to even in challenging times.

## Prayer for the week

God of light, you sent your Spirit down upon your Son Jesus at his baptism. Send us your Spirit too, so that we may be filled with the courage to do all that you ask of us. Amen.

### Star Pupil Awards – See The Class Blogs

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RM	
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1K	
1M	
2B	
2P	
3H	
3I	
4S	
4W	
5B	
5S	
6B	
6R	

### Attendance w/e 8<sup>th</sup> January

Class	% (Target 95.5%) Class attendance percentages since the 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 Gold = Highest Green = Above 96% Red = Below 96%
RM	-----
RS	-----
1K	-----
1M	-----
2B	-----
2P	-----
3H	-----
3I	-----
4S	-----
4W	-----
5B	-----
5S	-----
6B	-----
6R	-----



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

### SCOPAY Email Addresses

Please ensure that a contact email address us up to date for you on SCOPAY. We do not have the authorisation to alter any email address held on there – this has to be done by the account holder.

### 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 when we all return to school.







## SCHOOL NEWS

### Remote Learning

A 'Remote Learning' tab has been added to the 'Covid-19' section of our School Website. Please visit this section of the website for further details on support during the remote learning phase of the Spring Term.

Any letters sent to parents can be found in the 'Parent Letters' tab of the same 'Covid-19' menu.

All online work and any class-specific messages will be uploaded to the relevant page of our Class Blogs.

<https://sspeterandpaulsblog.net/>

It is really important that children make every effort (where possible) to attend the live teaching sessions on Zoom which take place each day. Details for these have been emailed to the parent email address held on our school system.



### End of Day Arrangements

For the first period when we finally return to having a full cohort in school, 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



### The Salvation Army At Christmas

As part of their 'Stories of Christmas Hope', the Salvation Army has heaped praise on members of our school community. The article can also be viewed at: <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/stories-hope-christmas>

● From Ilford, East London

When four children from the same family in Ilford heard that some other children in their area might go without a present this Christmas, they asked their mum what they could do to help.

The children's mum told them about The Salvation Army's Christmas Present Appeal and how they could buy gifts to donate which would be passed on to local children most in need.

Twelve-year-old Jia, Karina aged 10, Karanveer aged 5 and Jasleen who has just turned four, all wanted to use some of their pocket money to support the appeal so the next day they went shopping specially to choose toys, stationery and a few sweets to take to Ilford Salvation Army.

Mum Hardeep said:

"The number one thing I try to teach my children is to help others. My children are very lucky because Father Christmas will bring them what they want, but they know that not every child is as fortunate as them.

"We were very pleased to support The Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal. Donating gifts is one way our family can help other children to have a better Christmas."



Ladhar family with their donations for Ilford Salvation Army.

## West Ham Corner

A busy festive-period saw a mixed-bag of results for the Hammers.

A poor-showing against London rivals Chelsea ended in a 3-0 defeat. Having scored early, Chelsea had to wait until the 78<sup>th</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup> minutes to wrap up the game and earn the bragging rights.

Next up the Hammers hosted Brighton and the game played out a 2-2 draw. Academy graduate Ben Johnson bagged his first goal for the club before Soucek grabbed an 82<sup>nd</sup> minute equaliser to help share the points.

West Ham were held to a 0-0 stalemate at Southampton with Benrahma having the best chance for us. His point-blank effort was somehow beaten away by McCarthy.

The Christmas period ended on a high with an away win for the Hammers against inform Everton. That man Soucek again was the difference between the sides – get that man a potato salad!

**Latest Result:** Everton 0 – 1 West Ham

**League Position:** 10<sup>th</sup>



## Recommended Read Year 5



*There are stories about people who want to live forever. This is not one of those stories.*

*This is a story about someone who wants to stop...*

*Alfie Monk is like any other nearly teenage boy – except he's 1,000 years old and can remember the last Viking invasion of England.*

*Obviously no one believes him. So when everything Alfie knows and loves is destroyed in a fire, and the modern world comes crashing in, Alfie embarks on a mission to find friendship, acceptance, and a different way to live... which means finding a way to make sure he will eventually die.*

*If you liked this then try:*

*+ 'Time Travelling With A Hamster' by Ross Welford*

*+ 'The Secret Lake' by Karen Inglis*

## Times Tables Rock Stars 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	Naomi	Year 3
5	Angeline	Year 3
6	Yashna	Year 5
7	Gurleen	Year 6
8	Daphne	Year 6
9	Gabriel	Year 4
10	Albert	Year 3

## Community News



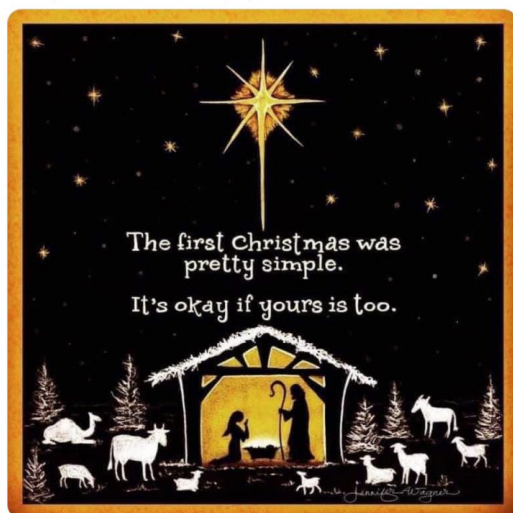
At this worrying time, it is lovely to bring some joyous news from our community. We would like to offer our congratulations to the Oculantim family; Elvis, Elton and Etiandro now have a baby sister. Raquel was born recently weighing 4 kilos.



## Recent Tweets – @SSPP\_Primary



Merry Christmas to our pupils and their families. #SSPP



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# LEARNING AT HOME



## Zoom – Top Tips

### Student Tips for Participating in Online Learning



#### Helpful tips for students success online

- Make sure you're muted when not talking
- Be yourself and respect others
- Ask questions using chat
- Use reactions to engage with your class
- Think before you write
- Utilize the raise your hand feature if wanting to ask a question live
- Set up an intentional space where the class is going to happen



Student Tips for Participating in Online Learning | March 2020

Our own rules and advice include:

- + You should arrive promptly, latecomers will not be admitted.
- + You should be dressed ready to learn – no pyjamas!
- + You should change your user name to your first name only on whichever device you are using.
- + You should ensure you are muted when you arrive.
- + Your video must be on at all times – you should not be moving between having it on and off (if your video is not on you will be removed from the Zoom meeting room).
- + Where permitted – the 'chat' function is for asking sensible questions which might not need an immediate answer.
- + You should be somewhere quiet where you are able to work, with access to any resources you may require.
- + You have been issued a private meeting ID and password – this is for you alone and should not be shared.

## 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: [www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools)

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 <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/primary-school-admissions/> 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.