



SSPP School News

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- ANTI-BULLYING WEEK -

**STRONG PEOPLE STAND UP
FOR THEMSELVES, BUT THE
STRONGEST PEOPLE
STAND UP FOR OTHERS**



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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 began the week with 'Odd Socks' day, to introduce Anti-Bullying week. The children enjoyed sharing their uniqueness with others and were able to explain how one kind word can make a difference! Thank you to Mrs Leary who leads on Personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education at SSPP; along with some Year 6 children they delivered a brilliant assembly on Thursday, explaining what bullying looks like and provided some strategies to deal with it.

The Senior Leadership Team interviewed various children across the school this week to hear their thoughts on the teaching of Religious Education. We were all humbled to hear their wonderful responses on what it means to be spiritual and how they relate scripture readings to their everyday lives; even the youngest children in the school demonstrated an excellent understanding.

We only have a few weeks to go before our Winter Wonderland on 8th December; please keep the donations coming in...we need them!

We have a very proactive School Council, who are always thinking of others and good causes. In order to support their pledge to help the Salvation Army with the Fundraising Star, I have agreed to a Movie afternoon on Wednesday 1st December, 3.15-4.15pm. Children will only be able to attend with parental permission; a permission slip will be sent home next week.

May I remind you of the Household Support Fund which is available to support those most in need this Winter and to help those who are struggling to afford food, energy, water bills, and other related essentials. Please contact the school office for further information and to check your eligibility.

There are many events coming up in the next few weeks, please check the school website and Google Classroom regularly for updates. For your information, we have an Inset day on Tuesday 4th January, therefore the children will return to school after Christmas on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

We have had many requests recently from parents, to take children out of school in term time; it is vital that children do not miss any learning time; it is often difficult for them to catch-up when they return. We have also noticed that some children have returned and tested positive for Covid.

May I politely remind you to keep your child at home if they are unwell, if they have Covid symptoms; it is advisable to do a PCR test. We have seen a slight rise in cases just recently, which we aim to keep under control with the support of all parents and carers. Thank you for your support.

God Bless.

Mrs Johnson
Headteacher

Headteacher

Mrs Johnson

Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Hull

Assistant Headteacher

Mr Roca-Mas

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 22nd November

Road Safety Week begins

Monday 22nd November

Grotto Tickets On Sale

Wednesday 24th November

Y6 Junior Citizenship

Wednesday 8th December

SSPP Winter Wonderland

LINKS

School Website:

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

School Blogs:

<https://sspeterandpaulsblog.net/>

UNICEF Article 14

Every child has the right to think and believe what they want and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.



Gospel Reflection (John 18:33-37)

The feast of Christ the King

In Sunday's gospel, Pilate asks Jesus if he is king of the Jews. Jesus said, "My kingdom does not belong to this world; if my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish authorities. No, my kingdom does not belong here!" Jesus' kingdom is not on earth. Jesus does not wear a crown or have lots of riches, or live in a palace. We cannot see his kingdom, yet, Jesus is a very special king, because he is the Son of God. Jesus shows us that you do not have to be rich or powerful to be important. He shows us that what is more important is how you treat others. He shows us how to welcome strangers and to be kind to people that others don't like. He shows us how to stand up for what is right and to love one another. Pilate is confused. He could not understand what Jesus was saying, so he asks Jesus again if he is a king. Jesus replies that he was born to come into the world and share the truth with all people. Jesus is the Son of God. He came to share the truth of God's love for all people with us. Jesus says that all those who are on the side of truth will listen to him.

Prayer for the week

God of all, you sent your Son to show us how to live. Help us to listen to the truth and to follow Jesus' example in our lives. Amen

"Jesus leads us on our journey towards eternal life." Pope Francis

Star Pupil Awards

N	Amna & Aaban
RM	Skylar
RS	Joseph
1A	Sydney
1M	Joe
2I	Melody
2P	Kendal
3C	Isabella
3S	Anant
4B	Arniv
4W	Naksh
5C	Janelle
5S	Nikhil
6B	Karina
6R	Bilkisu

Attendance w/e 19th November 95.19%

Class	% (Target 95.5%) Class attendance percentages since the 4 th September 2020 Gold = Highest Green = Above 96% Red = Below 96%
RM	93.2%
RS	99.2%
1A	96.4%
1M	94.8%
2I	98.6%
2P	91.6%
3C	95.5%
3S	92.5%
4B	99.3%
4W	96.6%
5C	95.0%
5S	96.3%
6B	88.4%
6R	94.5%



It is important that we always have the most up-to-date contact details you can provide. Please let the school office know if your contact details have changed or if additional people are collecting your child.

School Games Values Certificates

We look forward to issuing more certificates in the weeks ahead.



Upcoming Dates

Monday 22nd November Tickets on sale for Santa's Grotto

Wednesday 8th December SSPP Winter Wonderland



Odd Socks Day

There was a sea of different coloured socks and tights in school on Monday, as our children showed their support for Odd Socks Day.

In assembly, they heard how we are all unique and that difference should be a cause for celebration rather than ridicule. This launched anti-bullying week at SSPP.



SCHOOL NEWS

SSPP Winter Wonderland

This event will take place in the playground on **Wednesday 8th December** 3.30-5.30pm.

We looking for donations, to be sent into school from Monday 15th November:

Nursery & Reception: Christmas cards (new), decorations, bows, tinsel, ribbons, etc

Y1: Sweets & chocolates in packets, boxes, tins or jars.

Y2: stationery, pencils, novelty rubbers, notebooks, pens, felt-tips

Y3: toys/games, puzzles (new or good condition)

Y4 & Y5: toiletries, gift sets, candles

Y6: Bottles (Wine, prosecco, soft drinks etc)

The Friends of SSPP will be selling tickets for Santa's Grotto as from Monday 22nd November.



Rights Respecting / Global Action – Miss Ionita's Weekly Information

In our meeting this week, the school councillors decided on the events they would like to organise in order to raise funds for the Salvation Army.

They spoke to Mrs Johnson and then they concluded that there will be a movie afternoon on the **1st December** when children will pay **£1 to attend**. Feel free to donate more! There will be popcorn!

The event will have two separate movies for KS1 and KS2, in the two halls of our school. This way, we hope everyone will watch something more appropriate for their age.

The councillors are taking proposals for the possible movies to be played so please get involved! They have to be a 'U' rating. 😊

More funds will be raised in the evening of the Carol Concert! We will keep you updated!

How our fundraising can help:

The money we raise by being a Fundraising Star will give people the kind of 'hands up' that William Booth talked about in the earliest days of The Salvation Army.

Here's how you can help:

- ☆ £9 could provide support and advice for a person experiencing homelessness in one of our centres
- ☆ £50 could help keep our food banks replenished from wholesalers and local sources
- ☆ £114 could meet the cost of a Salvation Army officer to run one of our community centres for three days
- ☆ £800 could enable all the residents of a safe house to go out for Christmas dinner and a show, making a memory which will last a lifetime.



West Ham Corner



It's been another international break (yawn) where England managed to just about overcome Albania and San Marino by an aggregate score of 15 – 0. I seriously think our own SSPP school football team could have put up a better fight than those two.

Far more importantly, attentions now turn back to West Ham with an away game at Wolves on Saturday followed by the next stop on the European adventure with a game against Rapid Vienna on Thursday.

Controversially, West Ham have been issued with a fine and a ban on fans travelling to that European game, after being cited for issues at a previous game.

There was a further blow to the team with the news that Angelo Ogbonna will be out for the remainder of the season it seems, after suffering a serious injury to his knee. We wish him well as he starts his road to recovery – hopefully he will come back to a trophy or two.



Top Ten

These are the current SSPP top ten pupils:

Rank	Name	Year Group
1	Sofiya	Year 4
2	Sereni	Year 6
3	Angeline	Year 4
4	Naomi	Year 4
5	Timothy	Year 4
6	Elijah	Year 6
7	Yashna	Year 6
8	Fatima	Year 4
9	Albert	Year 4
10	Bhavagnya	Year 3

Community News



Many thanks to one of our parents – Father Gareth Jones – who is doing so much in his Anglican parish of St Mary the Virgin, to help those who have arrived here with so little from conflicts abroad.

Some of our harvest donations have made their way to him to be distributed to those in need.



Recommended Read Year 6



In Coraline's family's new flat are twenty-one windows and fourteen doors. Thirteen of the doors open and close.

The fourteenth is locked, and on the other side is only a brick wall, until the day Coraline unlocks the door to find a passage to another flat in another house just like her own. Only it's different.

At first, things seem marvellous in the other flat. The food is better.

But there's another mother, and another father, and they want Coraline to stay with them and be their little girl. They want to change her and never let her go.

Other children are trapped there as well, lost souls behind the mirrors. Coraline is their only hope of rescue. She will have to fight with all her wits and all the tools she can find if she is to save the lost children, her ordinary life, and herself.

If you liked this then try:

+ 'A Series Of Unfortunate Events' by Lemony Snicket

+ 'The Monsters of Rookhaven' by Pádraig Kenny

Recent Tweets – @SSPP_Primary



SSPPCatholicPrimary
@SSPP_Primary

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We are helping to flood Twitter with anti-bullying messages this week. Our children all took part in Odd Socks Day yesterday to show that it is ok to be different. Remember that 'One Kind Word' can be all it takes to make someone's day. #SSPP #AntiBullyingWeek #OneKindWord



Our School Ambassadors, along with our House Captains and selected pupils, took a trip to the Salvation Army building in Ilford today, to walk up some of the school's harvest donations. They also had the chance to see the location of @projectmalachi_ #SSPP #SalvationArmy



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Author Book Match



R J Palacio

- + Wonder
- + The Julian Chapter
- + Auggie & Me
- + White Bird
- + Pluto

Christmas Recommended Reads

Over the next four weeks, we are going to promote and showcase Christmas-themed books for various age ranges (3+, 5+, 7+ and 9+).

For this week, it is the turn of the **3+** category.

Zoom into the image for a better look at the titles suggested



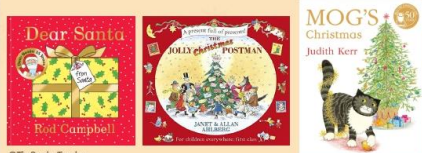
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Reads, Reviews & Recommendations!

Christmas 2021



Recommended books for children aged 3+!

★ Christmas Classics ★



Winter Warmers



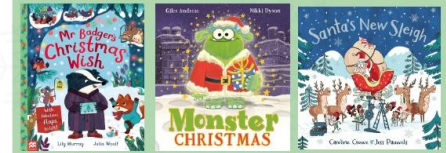
Super Funny Stocking Fillers!



New Out This Christmas



Festive Fiction



Factual Books for All the Family



Poetry Presents



Picture Book Party



Give the gift of reading this Christmas!

For more Christmas gift giving guides & recommended reads, visit TheReaderTeacher.com

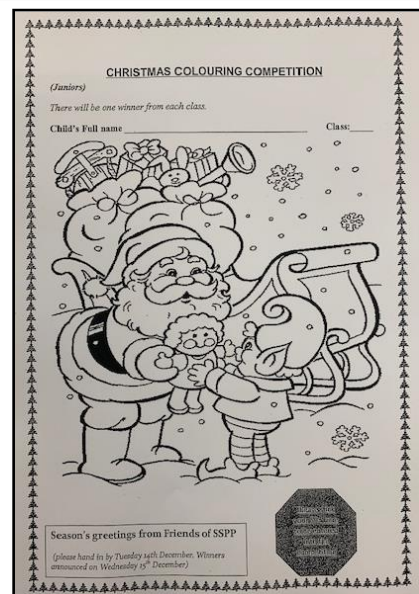
Friends of SSPP – Colouring Competition

The Friends of SSPP (our school Parent Association), have set a colouring competition across all classes.

Children have been given a paper copy of a Christmas scene to colour as best as they can.

Completed pictures have to be handed in by Tuesday 14th December, and then winners will be picked from each class.

You should attach your 50p carefully to any entry, and make sure it has your child's name clearly marked on it.



Salvation Army Donations

Our School Ambassadors, along with our House Captains and selected pupils, took a trip to the Salvation Army building in Ilford today, to walk up some of the school's harvest donations.

While they were there, they heard about how all of the donations are used and got the chance to see a parent and toddler group happening.

They also had the chance to see the location of Project Malachi, which has been a topic of real interest since its conception.



Reception – RE Baptism

As part of our RE work we have been looking at Baptism. Here you can see the children in RS performing a Baptism to Baby Jesus. They remembered to make the sign of the cross on Jesus's head and knew that God's Church was a very special place.



Place 2 Be

Place2Be, children's mental health charity, have launched Parenting Smart for all UK parents and carers of 4-11 year olds. The Parenting Smart site is completely free to use and access, full of tips and advice on a range of topics. Please see the full list below. We have provided a link to the resource on our website, please go to our Well-being section and then select 'Resources for Parents'.



Using praise and reward	The importance of boundaries and consequences	Reading with your child
My child just says no to everything	Healthy habits for parenting	Safe social media for primary aged children
My child is feeling sad or low	Cultural identity: who am I?	Playing with my child
Talking to my child about race and discrimination	My child has meltdowns	My child has friendship issues
Co-parenting after a separation or divorce	Helping your child develop a positive body image	Raising a resilient child
When someone dies	Supporting health gaming habits	Understanding sibling rivalry
Our mealtimes are turning into a battle ground	My child is being bullied. What can I do?	Secondary school transition
Positive gender identify development	Routines and rituals	Helping your child when they start or change primary school
My child is anxious	Nurturing talents	My child says 'I hate you!'
My child thinks they need to be perfect	Peer pressure help your child manage	Help your child manage separation and goodbyes
Building secure relationships	My child pushes my buttons	My child is lying what does it mean, what should I do?
My child has trouble going to sleep	I'm going through a break up and want to support my child	My child might have bullied someone
My child and I keep getting into arguments	Building up your listening skills	My child still wets themself

Future Christmas Dates

In preparation for our Christmas season, we would like to issue some of our event dates:

Wednesday 8th December: SSPP Winter Wonderland (3.30-5.30pm.)

Friday 10th December: Nursery Nativity (9:30am)

Monday 13th December: Reception Nativity (2:00pm)

Tuesday 14th December: KS1 Nativity (2:00pm)

Tuesday 14th December: KS2 Carol Concert (SSPP Church – children arrive at 6.00pm for a 6:30 start)

Wednesday 15th December: Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day



Online Safety

As part of our continued drive to offer advice and support for all aspects of digital/online safety, we are going to showcase weekly information from the National Online Safety resources which can be found at:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

Last year, around one in five children aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To a child who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens someone's day and resets their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

In the guide, you'll find tips such as reaching out, thinking before commenting and recommending fun things.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

- 1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE**
Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.
- 2 REACH OUT**
It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.
- 3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS**
If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.
- 4 OFFER TO HELP**
Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!
- 5 POST POSITIVELY**
Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.
- 6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION**
If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.
- 7 BE UNDERSTANDING**
Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.
- 8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS**
When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.
- 9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING**
Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.
- 10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE**
If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

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Google Classrooms – Help Sheet



Google Classroom

What is Google Classroom?

Google Classroom is a class-organisation platform that incorporates Google's core G Suite (Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, Drive) and other Google products so students can access everything they need for a class, including homework assignments, group projects and files. Google Classroom is designed for organisation and collaboration. We will be using Google Classroom to assign homework as well as within school to improve children's digital literacy.

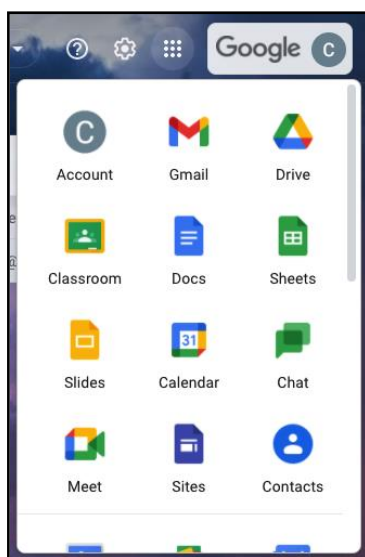
How do you log into a Google Classroom?

Your child has been given a username (email address) and a password, these should be stuck inside their communication or homework books. You have also received an email and/or text with the information. To access it you can search 'Google login', once you have logged in using the username and password you have access to email, classroom and Google drive (a storage system that uses the Google version of Word, Excel and PowerPoint).

When you log in look for the 'waffle' (the nine dots).



You will then see these options and you select 'Classroom'



Each class is private to the people the teacher has personally invited, including the students enrolled in that class and other teachers. Once your child has accessed a class, they can use all the features the teacher has enabled for that class, including class schedules, assignments and announcements.

Can you use Google Classroom at home?

Children can access Google Classroom from anywhere, including from their phones or tablets, when they download the Google Classroom app.

How does my child find out about new stuff posted in Google Classroom?

Your child will receive an email when the teacher posts an announcement. These emails come through your child's email account, not solely in the Classroom. Classrooms do not alert you when an assignment is due; to keep track of deadlines, kids need to check the class calendar.