

### SSPP School News

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# APPROACH CHRISTMAS WITH AN EXPECTANT HUSH, RATHER THAN A LAST-MINUTE RUSH



#### SS Peter and Paul's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In assembly on Monday, we lit the second Advent candle as a reminder of our faith and the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem; we are being called to prepare a way for the Lord.

KS1 presented the Christmas nativity 'A King is born' to parents on Tuesday. It is the first time since the pandemic, we have opened our doors at Christmas, to a live audience. I am sure you will all agree, it was amazing! The children were fantastic, beautiful voices, excellent acting and bundles of confidence. I would like to thank all the teachers and support staff involved. Nursery also shared their nativity this week, in their own wonderful way, with a very special performance. Thank you to the nursery staff for helping the children to retell the story of the birth of Jesus.

We continue our Christmas celebrations with a Christmas nativity by Reception on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The doors open at 1.20pm and the performance will begin at 1.30pm; please be prompt as late arrivals will not be admitted.

Please note the **KS2** carol concert will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> **December at 6.30pm** and not Wednesday as previously mentioned.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December is our Christmas dinner day, no packed lunches on this day please. Children may wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform, or a sparkly Christmas accessory, hat/reindeer ears etc.; uniform must be worn.

I would like to thank the Friends of SSPP for the fantastic effort in organising the Winter Wonderland and to the staff who gave up their time to help on the night. A very special thank you to Santa and his helpers, for making many children happy!

Over the years we have supported the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, with collections at our Christmas events; they now come into school to provide emotional wellbeing support to children. BCCS has kindly donated some very generous food vouchers for vulnerable families in our school. On behalf of the SSPP community, I would like to thank the team at BCCS for their ongoing support for our families.

I wish you all a restful weekend at this very busy time. God bless,

Mrs S Johnson Headteacher **Headteacher** Mrs. Johnson

Mrs Johnson

**Deputy Headteacher** Mrs Hull

**Assistant Headteacher** Mr Roca-Mas

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** Reception Nativity 1.30pm

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** KS2 Carol Concert 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December Swap 2 Save Event

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December
Last Day of Term (1:30pm Finish)

#### **LINKS**

School Website:

https://www.sspeterandpauls.redb ridae.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



Vou have a right to play!

U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child: Article 31

Jesuit Pupil Profile Virtues: Autumn 2: Faith-filled & Hopeful

#### Gospel Reflection (Matthew 11:2-11)



In this Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist had heard about Jesus Christ's miracles and all the other wonderful things that he was doing. John was puzzled because he had been expecting a Messiah sent by God to judge the world. From his prison cell, he sent messengers to ask if Jesus really was the Messiah. Jesus did not come to judge the world. Instead, Jesus was seeking out people to offer them forgiveness and healing, both physical and spiritual. Forgiving and healing was Jesus' task all those years ago and, if we put our trust in him, this is what he will do for us even today.

#### Prayer for the week

God of hope, you sent your Son Jesus to bring good news to people who are poor. Help us to be that good news, so that all people around the world can make a better life for themselves and their families. Amen.

"With Christ, our life becomes full and everything makes sense." Pope Francis

Star Pupil Awards		
N		
RC		
RS	Charlie	
1A	Saint Anthony	
1C	Aarohi	
21	Louie	
2P	All of 2P	
3S	Isabella	
3W	Dhvija	
4B	Navleen	
4M		
5C		
<b>5</b> S		
6B	Talya	
6R	Nathaniel	



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.

Class	% (Target 95.5%)	
Ciuss	Class attendance weekly percentages since the 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	
	<b>Gold = Highest</b> Green = Above 96%	
	Red = Below 96%	
RC	80.00%	
RS	92.50%	
1A	95.17%	
<b>1C</b>	88.33%	
21	97.59%	
2P	92.07%	
35	89.20%	
3W	89.20%	
4B	93.08%	
4M	90.00%	
5C	96.79%	
<b>5</b> S	91.38%	
6B	88.57%	
6R	83.93%	

#### School Games Values Certificates

Look out for more certificates being issued in future newsletters.



#### **Upcoming Dates**

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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Swap 2 Save



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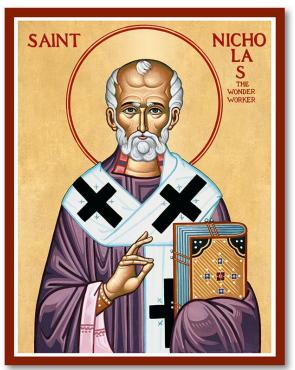
#### Saint of the Week: Saint Nicholas (c. 3rd - 4th Century)

Little is known about the life of Saint Nicholas, besides that he was the Catholic Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor in the early fourth century. "Nicholas of Myra of Lycia" appears on one of the earliest and most reliable lists of the Bishops at Nicea.

At his death, Saint Nicholas was buried in his see city. Less than a century later, a church was built in his honour in Myra and became a site of pilgrimage. And the Emperor Justinian, in the mid-500s, renovated a long-existing church dedicated to Saint Nicholas in Constantinople. In Rome, a Greek community was worshipping in a basilica dedicated to Saint Nicholas around 600. The church can still be visited today. These churches, and hundreds of others named for Saint Nicholas, prove that devotion to our saint was widespread not long after his death.

Legends state that Nicholas saved three sisters from lives of shame by secretly dropping small sacks of gold through their family's window at night, thus giving each a marriage dowry. Other legends relate that Nicholas secretly put coins in shoes that were left out for him. Nicholas' legacy of gift-giving became a Central-European and Anglo-Saxon expression of the gift-giving formerly exclusive to the Three Kings. Christmas night gift-giving in Northern lands thus slowly replaced the more biblically solid traditions of giving gifts on the Feast of the Epiphany, a custom more popular in Southern Europe and in lands which inherited its traditions.

Saint Nicholas, your service as a bishop included not only teaching correctly the mysteries of our faith but also generous and humble. Help all of us to combine good theology with Christian action like you did.

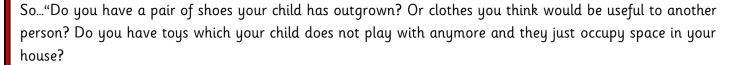


**SWAP** 

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

#### "Here we go again!"

Due to its popularity in the 1<sup>st</sup> edition, "Swap to Save" is coming back next Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> December, at 2.45 pm.



This is the time to bring them to SSPP! We are organising the biggest campaign for people to exchange clothes and toys in good condition with each other. You donate the clothes and toys you don't need any more or those which have been outgrown, and you can take home the things you think will benefit you. All throughout October, we are collecting clothes for children and adults in good condition, as well as toys which are good enough for other children to play with.

When children bring in their donations, they will be given tokens which can then be used on the actual night to allow the 'swapping' to happen.

We have many items already waiting to go to a new home and we look forward to your visit! As usual, you will find us in the main hall!

#### World Cup West Ham Watch

#### Declan Rice - England

England swept aside Senegal in their second round match last weekend. Declan remained that great barrier in front of the defence which held out for another clean sheet Declan has been pretty much ever-present in the team aside from when he is brought off in the later stages of games to give him a well-earned rest.

A Saturday date against favourites France now waits in the Quarter Finals.

#### Alphonse Areola - France

Areola is still yet to get any minutes for France. He will likely be on the bench once more when France play England this weekend.

#### Nayef Aquerd - Morocco

Morocco pulled off what many feel was an upset when they knocked out much fancied Spain in their round of 16 game. Unfortunately Aguerd was seen to go off injured, although reports after the game seem to show that it was not as bad as first feared.

#### Lucas Paqueta - Brazil

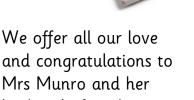
Lucas scored and dominated the match stats as Brazil beat South Korea 4-1 in their second round match. He will now face Croatia on Friday.



These are the current SSPP top ten pupils:

Rank	Name	Year Group
1	Angeline	Year 5
2	Naomi	Year 5
3	Moriah	Year 6
4	Chinualum	Year 5
5	Bhavagnya	Year 4
6	Jessica	Year 5
7	Harleen	Year 5
8	Navjot	Year 6
9	Austin	Year 5
10	Timothy	Year 5

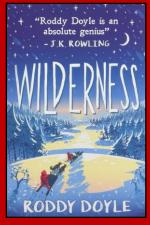
#### Community News



husband after they welcomed baby Joseph John Munro Tuffs safely on Friday. We can't wait to meet him!



#### Recommended Read Year 6



Grainne's Mum disappeared years ago when her parents were divorced, and Mum moved to the U.S. Now, bafflingly, she's reappeared and wants to meet. What could she be up to?

To get out of the way of this mysterious reunion, Grainne's half-brothers, Johnny and Tom, go with their mother, Sandra, on an "adventure holiday" in Finland. But before they're more than a few days into the snowy north, the boys are separated from Sandra, taking impossible risks to save her life.

If you liked this then try: + 'Brilliant' by Roddy Doyle

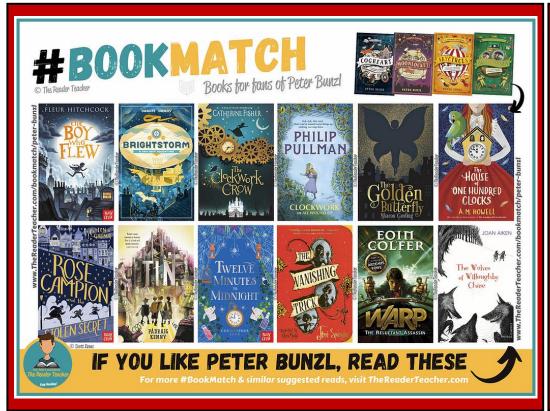


#### Recent Tweets - @SSPP\_Primary



We are fully into the season of Advent here at SSPP. We watch and wait for Jesus. @TGSCTrust





#### **Author Book Match**



#### Peter Bunzl

- + Cogheart
- + Moonlocket
- + Skycircus
- + Shadowsea
- + Featherlight

#### Christmas Recommended Reads

We are once again 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 **7+** category.

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



## www.TheReaderTeacher.com/2022-christmas-books-7-plus The Reader Teacher Book Gift Giving Guide Reads: Reviews & Recommendations! Christmas 2022

#### Recommended books for children aged 7.!

















Give the gift of reading this Christmas!

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





#### Christmas Jumper Day

Our Christmas Jumper Day will once again take place on the same day as we will be sharing our Christmas dinner,

#### Wednesday 14th December 2022.

You should wear a Christmas jumper (or accessory) over your normal uniform.





#### SSPP School Clubs

Keep an eye on your child's Google Classroom over the next few days for information about new after-school clubs being offered in the Spring term. Please follow the instructions in each letter in order to register your child's interest in joining. If you have any questions about after-school clubs contact Mrs Woodhouse at

<u>clubs@sspeterandpauls.redbridge.sch.uk</u>

#### Times Tables Rock Stars - Version Update

We have been contacted by Times Tables Rock Stars to say that some pupils are playing on out-of-date versions of the website or app.



It is important that they use the latest versions of the app or website to ensure they receive the most secure, feature-rich and enjoyable experience of Times Tables Rock Stars. Some of the versions are so far behind that they're missing out on key updates.

#### Solution

If using the website at home, please visit play.ttrockstars.com/reset to load the latest version in your device's browser. Otherwise update the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the app store.

#### SSPP Winter Wonderland











#### Christmas Concerts - Reminders

We take this opportunity to politely remind you of your conduct during any of our children's performances. Whilst we appreciate it is an exciting time to be back in schools watching significant milestones such as Nativities, it is important that the children are given the best audience they can get. This means turning off mobile phones (or putting them on silent mode), not answering phone calls, avoiding bringing in food to eat during

the short performances and monitoring how restless younger siblings might become.

The KS2 Carol Concert takes place in our Parish Church, and so there is an even higher level of reverence expected from those watching the children.

Shhhhhhhh

It's coming home.











A Gentle

reminder

#### **Christmas Concerts & Dates**

Last year, we fell victim to last minute guidance to not hold any Christmas concerts in person. We are thrilled to say we should return to normal this year for all of our Advent and Christmas events.

Monday 12th December: Reception Nativity (1.30pm)

Tuesday 13th December: KS2 Carol Concert

(SSPP Church – arrive at 6.00pm for a 6:30 start)

Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day (jumper to be worn over your normal uniform).



#### KS1 Nativity – 'A King Is Born'



















#### Swap 2 Save

Our second Swap 2 Save event will take place next Friday (16<sup>th</sup> December) starting at 2:45pm.



This will once again be held in our main hall.

This is a fantastic way of helping to be environmentally conscious by recycling clothing which is in good condition, but that children have grown out of.

We noted that there is some adult-sized clothing in the donations, so this really is an event for everyone!

#### Year 4 - Football Tournament

This Tuesday saw a group of children from Year Four take part in a football tournament against local schools. The event, in which 7 schools participated, was hosted by Mayespark Primary.

After a slow and shaky start, the team improved their communication and teamwork with each match. Unfortunately, they didn't make it past the group stage but did enjoy having a final friendly match against South Park Primary School before coming back to school.

The children had a great afternoon, playing football in the warm, winter sun and their behaviour was amazing throughout.



#### Reception - Phonics

We are making great progress with our phonics in Reception. Many children are able to 'Fred Talk' their sounds to write down simple words. Have you looked at the videos on Google Classroom? Take a look at the children in RS, proudly showing how confident they are at using their sounds!



#### Reception - RE

This week in RE, we have been looking at the birth of Jesus. The children know the Nativity story pretty well, in preparation for our Nativity on Monday afternoon (1:30pm). The children had to discuss each party of the story, and order them in the correct sequence. Here you can see RS, working hard and working on their cutting skills.













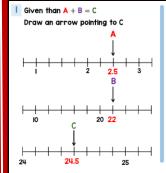
# Miss Bond's Weekly Maths Problems - KS1 Given than A + B = CDraw an arrow pointing to C

2 Amir has a box of 50 counters. 12 of the counters are red. 17 of the counters are blue. The rest of the counters are yellow. Which coloured counter are there more of?

When I share my stickers between me and my 4 iends, we all get 7 stickers

How many stickers did Lisa share

#### The answer to the KS2 problem seen in our last Newsletter:



- 2 George has a box of counters.
  - · For every 2 red counters there are 5 blue ones.
  - George removes 36 blue counters from the box.
  - There are now the same amount of red and blue counters.

How many red counters were in the box at the start? 24 red counte

3 Elijah says he divided 32 by a number and act 64 Is this possible?

Yes, he could divide by 0.5

#### 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

#### https://nationalonlinesafety.com/

HiPal is a trending social media app which turns phones into walkie-talkies, allowing people to have voice conversations with friends or strangers. There are two account options: one for users aged under 12 and one for those aged 12 or above. The former has fewer features and limits interaction with strangers; enabling use of the walkie-talkie feature or photo sharing with friends and family only. The 12+ accounts offer more options, including adding strangers as friends, sharing photos and videos publicly, send private messages and holding voice chats with strangers as well as friends.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as contact with strangers, dangerous challenges and intrusive features.





#### Parenting Courses





We would like to draw your attention to some free online parenting courses, which enable parents/carers to develop parenting skills in their own time. The Solihull courses are short modules on a range of subjects from 'Understanding Pregnancy/Labour, Birth and Your Baby' right through to 'Mental Health and Well Being for Parents and Teenagers Only'. The courses are excellent, available in several different languages and FREE to Redbridge residents.

To access the range of courses go to <a href="https://inourplace.co.uk/">https://inourplace.co.uk/</a> and apply the 'access' code 'BRIDGE'.

#### Cost of Living Crisis

Please see below important links providing information, which may help you with the cost of living crisis.

- Household Support Fund (HSF): <a href="https://hsf@redbridge.gov.uk">hsf@redbridge.gov.uk</a>
- https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/benefits/cost-of-living-payments Cost of Living Payments / Low-income benefits
- <a href="https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits">https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits</a> Includes eligibility, appeals, tax credits and Universal Credit
- List of food banks in Redbridge:
   https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/redbridge/fsd/files/foodsupportlocationsredbridge.pdf

#### Redbridge Emotional Welling Mental Health Services



#### Anna Freud Centre Resources

- Lingo booklet: provides insight into the experiences of young people when talking to adults/professionals about their mental health <a href="https://www.annafreud.org/mental-health-professionals/improving-help/resources/lingo/">https://www.annafreud.org/mental-health-professionals/improving-help/resources/lingo/</a>
- Talking mental health with young people in primary school: <a href="https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/advice-for-parents-and-carers-talking-mental-health-with-young-people-at-primary-school/">https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/advice-for-parents-and-carers-talking-mental-health-with-young-people-at-primary-school/</a>
- Talking mental health with young people in secondary school: <a href="https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/advice-for-parents-and-carers-talking-mental-health-with-young-people-at-secondary-school/">https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/advice-for-parents-and-carers-talking-mental-health-with-young-people-at-secondary-school/</a>
- Supporting children's transition into secondary school: Guidance for parents/carers: evidence-based guidance package for parents that was written with input from clinicians at the AFC and teachers. <a href="https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/supporting-childrens-transition-to-secondary-school-quidance-for-parents-and-carers/">https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/supporting-childrens-transition-to-secondary-school-quidance-for-parents-and-carers/</a>



#### Child Psychotherapy

• Understanding childhood: contains a series of leaflets written by experienced Child and Adolescent Psychotherapists to give parents, grandparents, carers and professionals additional insight into children's feelings and view of the world and to help make sense of their behavior. <a href="https://childpsychotherapy.org.uk/resources-families/understanding-childhood">https://childpsychotherapy.org.uk/resources-families/understanding-childhood</a>



#### Redbridge EWMHS/CAMHS

- ADHD Resources for parents: with information on organizations that parents can refer to for extra support for their child, including support in the education section, parenting programs, and online courses for parents/carers. (attached)
- Official Redbridge EWMHS/CAMHS Resource Booklets <a href="https://www.nelft.nhs.uk/redbridge-camhs">https://www.nelft.nhs.uk/redbridge-camhs</a>



#### Young Minds

- Apart from having great resources for parents/carers regarding young people's mental health, they also have a parenting support helpline that you are able to call.
  - Offer advice to parents/carers concerned about their child's mental health up to the age of 25.
  - Helpline: 0808 802 5544 (9:30am-4pm Monday to Friday) FREE
  - Webchat service (9:30am-4pm Monday to Friday) on bottom right hand corner, click the webchat icon
  - Email service (temporarily closed)
  - o Parents Helpline | Mental Health Help for Your Child | YoungMinds

#### GOV.UK

#### Gov.Uk

- UK Government website also has a section called the Education Hub where they provide lists of resources for children, students, parents, school staff that you can access for free.
- Mental health resources for children, students, parents, carers and school/college staff The Education Hub (blog.gov.uk)

#### Google Classrooms - Help Sheet

#### 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.

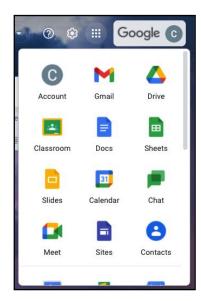
#### How do you log into a Google Classroom?

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.