

St. Francis' Catholic Primary Newsletter



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KS2 Carol Concert

On Friday 14th December, the KS2 children, staff and parents gathered at St Francis of Assisi Church in Stratford for the annual Carol Concert. It was a wonderful evening as the children, through their many gifts and talents, heralded the Christmas

season.

The Carol concert provided an opportunity for all to explore the thousands of years of traditions that mark the holiday season.

This year, everyone present, through readings, singing and dancing was exposed to the uniqueness of Jesus, as he came to us-giving the greatest gift of all.



Important Dates

7th January, 2019

First day back at school

WB 14th January 2019

WB 21st January 2019

Citizenship fortnight

Week Beginning

4.02.19

Internet Safety Week

5th February 2019

Safer Internet Day

14th February 2019

Last day of the half term



EYFS and KS1 Nativity Plays

The younger children in our school reminded us in a very simple but efficient way what Christmas is all about. There was acting, dancing and heavenly singing galore and they showed us how resilient they are by filling in for absent children at the last minute.

We were happy to welcome all the parents who were able to attend, as you showed the children that you value their gifts, their efforts and that you cherish the times you can spend together in school as well as at home.



School Choirs



Christmas has been a very busy time for our school choirs. KS1 Choir performed as part of the Year 2 Nativity. The KS2 Choir were asked to perform and lead carol singing at Stratford East's Winter Wonderland in St. John's churchyard and at the turning on of the Maryland Christmas lights. They also raised over £150 for our school charities after being invited by TfL rail to carol sing at Ilford Station. All of this on top of a brilliant performance at the school Carol Concert!

Attendance for the this half term:

Gold:	3L	98.5 %
Silver:	4A	97.9 %
Bronze:	6B	97.8%

Attendance **must** be 100% because **any** absence affects children's learning and the more they miss the harder it will be for them to catch up.

Anti-Bullying Week



During the week of 12th November , we celebrated Anti-Bullying Week with the theme 'Choose Respect'. Children were able to articulate their ideas of respect ,exploring and understanding different feelings and how to deal with them. The children enjoyed the activities and were able to share positive ideas among themselves.

Rocksteady



Children involved in Rocksteady performed at a very well-received concert last week. Some bands did a fantastic job adapting as some of their members were at other school events! From next term, the school will also be working with 'Front Row Music', offering ukulele and guitar lessons in a similar format to Rocksteady - look out for more information next term.



The Royal British Legion

On November 9th 2018, Members of the Junior Leadership Team including the head boy and head girl, along with the school council representatives, attended a memorial service with Newham Council, Newham Catholic Deanery Schools and The Royal British Legion.

Going for Gold

To all pupils who have been on Gold since

29th October 2018

Well done

