



### Upcoming Dates

Monday 20th Dec to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan inclusive

Christmas Holidays

4<sup>th</sup> Jan Inset Day

5<sup>th</sup> Jan All children return to school

### The Spring Term

#### PTA thanks and totals

A HUGE thank you to Emma Parma, Dawn Stevens, Sandra Crocker and Karenza Cocking – our consistent FOSIS members, and to everyone who has helped them this school year. They are a very small team but have achieved so much for our school.

2019 – 2020    **£3092.05 raised**

2020 – 2021    **£443.25 raised**

2021 – 2022    **£3512.95 so far which is amazing!**

#### Their support has meant:

- Book bags and water bottles provided for all new starters joining school
- Christmas presents for all children
- Year 2 leavers presents
- Completely restocked our entire library and paid for additional equipment/resources in the library
- New play equipment in school including a contribution to the new surfacing

#### Results for PTA draw

£307.50 was raised. Thank you to all who supported.

Winners have all been contacted. **Please collect your prize before lunchtime on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>**

### Chrome books



Very excitingly, we have just submitted an order for 30 new chrome books to support the computing curriculum and wider curriculum opportunities in school. This has been a key focus due to IT facilities previously, but very happy to share we are expecting delivery in the new year! Photos to follow..

### After School Clubs

Our new offer of after school clubs will be finalised in the new year and a letter will be sent home.

These clubs are staffed voluntarily and are dependent on that member of staff being in school. Where staff have planned commitments, we will offer to change the day however when staff are ill this may be difficult to cover.

The clubs will run for a specified number of weeks as with our Autumn term ones.

### Play Equipment

Further to our new surfacing we are now able to look at equipment to be placed at one end of the mulch area. The children will be consulted on this in the new year.

The top end of the area is to be utilised for supporting all weather playtimes and outdoor PE sessions.



### Christmas Tree Festival and Christingle service

**Today at 5pm St John's Church**

15 community groups have teamed up to fill St John's with beautifully decorated Christmas Trees. We will have our own special tree decorated by the children of our school. There will also be a special Christingle service at 5pm once all the trees are decorated.

### 24 Dec 5pm St Ia Church Family Carols

Traditional Festive Carols and fun for all ages.

### Final Note

This time last year our Reception bubble were isolating for 14 days due to COVID. At that time none of us ever expected to still be constrained by the continuing effects of COVID a year on.

It has been lovely to be able to plan and action virtual nativities for our Early Years this year. The children have been amazing and have really enjoyed taking part. Thank you to all our staff who have supported the children, and thought out of the box, to ensure this could happen albeit virtually. A great team effort!

Our Key Stage one children (years 1 and 2) have prepared something to share with you too, in between their fun learning on the Great Fire of London and The Weather.

In recent weeks they have enjoyed visits from a hang glider and the fire station. As well as enjoying all the Christmas magic this week.

Our Christmas lunch was impressive but we were all very sleepy afterwards. The Kitchen team did an amazing job and produced a very impressive spread!

Photos of our visits and Christmas events can be found on Facebook and Dojo.

We have also contributed to our local community through Salvation Army and St Johns Church.

Have a lovely Christmas break, stay safe & healthy, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the 2022.

Mrs Leisa Farrar



