

Autumn Term  
Newsletter 2

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

## Christmas arrangements

The Christmas post box will be open from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December until the end of term. Please remind your child to include both the name and the class of the person the card is intended for the envelope, so that it can be delivered easily.

The class Christmas parties will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Children are allowed to wear their party clothes on this day. Please ensure that their clothes are suitable for school, with no items of jewellery worn.

This term's children's reward morning will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please note that school finishes at **2pm** on this day.

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### Nativity and Carol Concerts

Congratulations to all the children in Rainbow for putting on a fantastic Christmas performance of Peter Pan this week. Your hard work certainly paid off!

This year's Key Stage 1 and Reception nativity will take place at 9.30am, on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The Key Stage 2 performance will be held at 2.45pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. All parents are invited to the events, where they will be able to join in with the singing of many well-known carols.

Refreshments will be served to parents in the main entrance by the office before the performances. Please note that due to a shortage of space, there will be limited seating at the Key Stage 2 event. Any parents without seats will be able to stand at the back of the bottom hall during the performance.

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### Santa's Grotto at John Ruskin

Santa's Grotto will be open in the Language Unit hall next week, from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> between 3.30-4.30pm. Places are very limited and tickets will be on sale in advance for each evening and can be bought for £2 after school in the middle playground.



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### Gardening news

Next week on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Matilda, Grace, Jada and Aimee from year 6 will be representing the school at Borough Market, as part of the Young Marketers' programme that the school takes part in every year. The children will be setting up a festive display, using our school produce and decorations they have made.

A secret VIP guest will be meeting the children and they will have the opportunity to talk about the display and their experiences of fundraising at JRS. Parents are welcome to come along and support between 2.45-3.45pm.

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### Anti-bullying week

To show support for anti-bullying week, the children & staff came to school wearing odd socks on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, to help illustrate the theme, *All Different, All Equal*.



Each class also took part in a range of activities and workshops, some run by workers from the charity WE ([www.we.org](http://www.we.org)), which looked at different areas of social justice.

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### Earrings

Only small stud earrings are allowed to be worn by children. Please make sure that your child does not wear any other type to school as they can be dangerous if they get caught on an object. Your child will be asked to take any other type of earrings out if they come to school wearing them.



## Swimming and PE

Swimming and PE are compulsory elements of the curriculum. All children, who are well enough to be in school, should participate in these lessons unless they have a valid medical reason. Please make sure that your child comes to school with their kit on their swimming and PE days.

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## Athletics team news

Congratulations to the athletics team for finishing third in a Southwark indoor competition for local schools this week. In a really close finish, only four points separated the top three schools, who were all well ahead of the school in fourth place. Well done to all the children who took part for a great effort!



## Forthcoming Dates

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativity (9.30am)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 2 Carol Concert (2.45pm)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Children's Christmas parties (1.30pm)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term (school finishes at 2pm)

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Staff INSET days

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Children return to school (9.10 am)