

SJSC WEEKLY

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Snow on and snow forth...

Dear families

We are really getting into the festive swing here at SJSC – dancing to Christmas tunes in celebration assembly, fantastic Christmas jumpers worn by everyone, and a delicious Christmas lunch.

Next week promises to be a great one, with more events to get us into the Christmas spirit. We would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA who have been busy raising funds for the school and supporting with making sure this time is a special one for our children.

Family Support

The festive period can be a difficult time for families. In order to aid those who need it Southwark Council have pledged financial support in the form of food vouchers, to be organised through the school. If you would like more information please contact us via office@sjsc.southwark.sch.uk.

School Recognition

We recently received a letter from Southwark's Director of Education, Nina Dohel, who wanted to thank the school for our work during the pandemic. We are proud of our staff and think they deserve this recognition and a huge thank you for their wonderful dedication to the school and our children.

End of term arrangements

You will have received an email from us this week concerning the most recent government advice about the end of the school term. We believe that to hold an inset day on the last day of term and restart a day earlier in January is too disruptive for school and families at such short notice. We will therefore not be changing the end of term arrangements.

Wishing a wonderful weekend to all

Joseph Bell and Alli Crank

SJSC Diary

December

14.12 Panto week

18.12 End of half term

January

4.1.21 Inset day – staff only

5.1.21 Start of new term for children

Playground Christmas Vibes

Miss Flynn is asking for any volunteers to play their instruments or sing in the playground, busking style, at home time on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

Please sign up by Monday via this google form if you are interested:

<https://forms.gle/RvmNCmqZQQujp61m8>

It is essential to keep to our COVID safety measures in place (especially so close to Christmas!) so please do still queue in the normal socially distanced way and stick to your pick-up leaving times.



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Stars of the week

Stars are celebrated because they have demonstrated the school values, or gone above and beyond. Well done to all our stars this week ...

Year One



Year Two



Year Three



Year Four



Year Five



Year Six



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Winter Photography

Some children in year 3 captured beautiful images of Peckham Rye during their Forest School walk.



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Year 2 Festive Maths...

Year 2 have been feeling festive in maths this week during their work on measurement. They have been estimating and measuring to find out how tall their class Christmas trees were. They have been using precise measurements, and their understanding of number bonds, to create Christmas decorations.



Year 3 Circus Workshop...

As part of their project to create a circus orchestra, year 3 took part in a circus workshop!



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Gormley Class Forest School

Gormley class joined Sally at Forest School on Thursday morning. They showed resilience, problem solving and brilliant collaborative skills when making shelters, wildlife hunting, whittling and much more.



Year 1 Shape and Pattern

Year 1 have been comparing shapes and exploring the differences between 2D and 3D shapes. To do this they sorted shapes by discussing their mathematical properties such as edge, face, corner and side.



The children have also been learning about repeated patterns and have made streamers for the class Christmas tree as well as wrapping paper.



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Christmas Dinner ...



Everyone looked great in their Christmas jumpers and we all enjoyed a wonderful lunch with crackers, music and paper crowns. Thank you to all the kitchen staff for such a delicious lunch. We have raised £676 for Save the Children to date. If you would still like to contribute you can donate [here](#).



Christmas Installation

Each class has created a different part of our snow globe NHS Christmas tree display.



Year 1 dressed up as Christmas baubles to create bunting using their photos. They also used oil pastels to create a fire in the style of Stowasser.

Years 2 and 3 created decorations to celebrate and say thank you to the NHS.

Year 4 made highly decorated triangles to create a tessellated Christmas tree.

Years 5 and 6 made six-pointed snowflakes- as with real snowflakes, no two are alike.

It was a real school community effort and looks very festive in the bottom foyer of the school.

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PTFA Update...

Final call for the Tinsel Ticket Raffle!

Your last chance to purchase tickets - the winners will be drawn next week on Wednesday 16th and notified directly by Raffall.com!

BREAKING NEWS... newly opened bar / restaurant, The Brougham, (on the old site of Aneto) has just donated a last minute prize - Two course dinner for two and a glass of prosecco!

So don't miss out - buy your tickets here <https://raffall.com/StJohnsStClementsPTFA>

The full catalogue of prizes is also attached one more time. Keep spreading the word! Anyone is welcome to buy tickets and have a chance of winning some fantastic prizes! Thank you to all those who have purchased - Good luck!!

Next week is Panto Week!

The PTFA are excited to sponsor virtual 'Panto Week' at SJSC, as an alternative to class trips this term. It's promised to be slapstick mayhem and giggles all the way, and all in the safety of individual classrooms. With ex-Blue Peter presenter Peter Duncan (PantoOnline) at the helm, it should be good!

Cupcake Competition - THE WINNERS!

Blackbird Bakery had a hard task judging all your fantastic entries (see attached)! Thank you to those who took part - we raised a brilliant £150 to add to our Christmas fundraising! Congratulations go to Elizabeth in and Astrid in for their brilliant designs! They both win a voucher for the Blackbird Bakery! Well done!



Class Christmas Parties



Our children will be enjoying class Christmas parties on the final day of term - 18th December, and with a PTFA organised SURPRISE (Shh!) virtual visit from a *very special* Christmas guest!! (who could it be?). This year we're not able to send in party food from home, so we're delighted that **Lanbury London** (SJSC parent's business) has generously sponsored the event this year, allowing the PTFA to provide a party snack pack and small gift for every child. We are enormously grateful to **Lanbury London** for this kind donation (www.lanbury.london).

Easyfundraising

Christmas shopping online? Don't forget you can raise funds for our school! Sign up for Easyfundraising here - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sjscptfa/>

Amazon Smile

St John's and St Clement's PTFA are now a registered charity on Amazon Smile! Register here Amazon Smile, then go to *Settings/Amazon Smile* on your Amazon app (android or iPhone apps only) to activate. 0.5% of eligible purchases will go to SJSC PTFA. Every little bit counts!

Thank you for all your support!