

# December Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

After another busy start to the term, the final weeks have been impacted by snow and illness including covid. Thankfully we managed to stay open even with all the snow disruption. Staff made a galliant effort to get to work in difficult conditions, thank you to parents for also making the effort to bring your children to school and on time. This really helps when we are stretched so thinly.

This term Years 2 - 6 have conducted class assemblies, and it has been wonderful to have parents attend and be involved in school events again.

Nursery and Reception pupils settled in to their new classes very well this term. Their Nativity was held on **6<sup>th</sup> December** where the children sang and celebrated all that is wonderful about Christmas. Year One and Year Two completed their Nativity Drama on the **8<sup>th</sup> December**. There were so many star performances on show, they sang, they acted and they played musical instruments – all to a very high standard. Well done to EYFS & KS1! Thank you again parents for your efforts in getting their costumes ready in time. We appreciate all your extra efforts especially at this time of year.

The Junior Carol service was held on **13<sup>th</sup> December** at Our Lady and St Catherine of Siena, and the children sang beautifully. Thank you to those who attended and to all the staff for their support, and for arranging such a special celebration where the school, parish and parents come together. A special thank you also to Fr Howard for all his support.

On **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** both pupils and staff had their Christmas lunch, thank you to all the kitchen staff for their efforts in making it a successful day.

Today each class had a Christmas party which we hope was a fun and festive day enjoyed by all the children, which also included a visit from Father Christmas!

All children have completed their end of term assessments. Reports will be sent to parents in the Spring term to indicate if your children are on target or otherwise.

The children continue to focus on Advent as a time to prepare for the coming of the baby Jesus at Christmas. It is also a time for thinking of others and we are very grateful for the money raised so far for Crisis at Christmas. The total raised at present is **£383.74**.



**School closes for Christmas at 2pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please make sure your child is collected on time.**

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 INSET Day

4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Children back in school

6<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Feast of the Epiphany

We will be sad to see Miss McKenna, Year 3 teacher, leave us at the end of term. We wish her the best of luck at her new school. We welcome Mr Dunford-Crozier who will be supporting Year 3. We are fully staffed for the coming term.

## Important Dates

18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Young Shakespeare will be in to perform A Midsummer Night's Dream to Years 4 – 6

19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – School choir will be taking part in the Young Voices concert

20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – St. Agnes Day. More information to follow

## Attendance and Punctuality

We at St. Agnes' School believe that excellent **attendance** and **punctuality** are essential to ensure that **students benefit** from the maximum number of learning opportunities on offer. Please continue to support the School by making sure that your child is punctual and attends every day in full school uniform. A reminder that it is the responsibility of parents to notify the school if children are absent by 8.30am each day. You can log absences via ParentMail, email ([info@st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk)) or by phone/voicemail.

We wish you and all your families a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year, please remember all of those who are less fortunate.

Lastly, stay safe, eat lots and have fun!

