A voluntary aided Church of England primary school in the heart of the City of London

A chilly start to advent

Thank you for turning out today to the Christmas Market and our first lantern parade. Both events were a great success. The children have been working really hard over the last few weeks to create their lanterns and they have been really looking forward to the parade around our local area even in the freezing temperatures. It is certain a chilly start to advent!

I thought it might be a good idea to remind you about emergency procedures in the event that we have to close temporarily close the school. Today, our boiler broke down again. You may be aware that the boiler is now over 40 years old and is in desperate need of replacement. The governors have been working with the City of London and Sir John Cass’s Foundation to seek some financial support as the estimated costs for a new boiler and heating system are around £200,000.

If we have to close the school in an emergency we will notify you by text and email, indicating what has happened. We will keep you posted via our school website. As you can imagine, we very much hope we will never need to close the school—even for a short period— but it’s important that you know the procedure and always ensure your contact details up to date.

In other news, we’re getting ready for the many Christmas events over the next few weeks:

- On Monday 4th December, 2017 you are warmly invited to attend the Portsooken Ward Club Carol Concert at 6.00pm. You might be especially interested if your child is in our senior Year 5 and 6 choir.
- On Wednesday 6th December, 2017 we have our Strings Concert at 11am. This is for parents and carers with children in Year 4, 5 and 6. Year 3 will be performing later in the school year. During the afternoon Ironmongers and Class 2 will be showcasing their musical skills learnt during their drumming sessions this year. The performance will begin at 2.15pm in the school gym. Carpenters and Inventors will be performing later in the year.
- Key Stage 1’s Christmas Production is taking place on Tuesday 12th December at 10.45am and on Wednesday 13th December, 2017 at 11am. You must book tickets for the performance via the school office.
- On Thursday 14th December, 2017 our Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols is taking place at St Botolph’s Church at 2.00pm.
- On Friday 15th December, 2017 at 10.00am it’s the CCFC and Inventors Christmas Performance
- On Tuesday 19th December, 2017 children will be having their Christmas parties in class during the afternoon. Your child’s class teacher will let you know what you can send in as a donation.

I hope to see you at as many events as possible over the next few weeks.

I’m sure the children’s various performances and special events will warm all of our hearts as we travel through Advent to the end of term.

With thanks,
Mr T Wilson | Headteacher
Well done to all of our Stars of the Week

We’ve had so many examples of excellent effort and positive attitudes to learning in the last few weeks.

Keep up the hard work!