



St Luke's News

A Christian school that serves a diverse community and works in partnership with parents to develop the whole child.



21st December 2019

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank all of you for the extraordinarily kind words and gifts you have given the staff as we begin the Christmas break. It has been an extremely busy run up to the end further complicated by all the energy expended on the recent Ofsted inspection which has left a lot of staff needing a recharge over the holidays.

I realise this is exactly the same state of affairs for you and it is our fervent wish that you are able to enjoy some quality, safe and fun times with your families this holiday

As a final round-up of our very busy and trying year, I'd like to share some season sparkle and show you the final joys we shared with our community. Below are some photos of the events that we took part in this week.



Carol Concert arranged by the Met Police last Thursday with Hallsville and Kier Hardie schools.



Carol singing at 55 Ruscoe Rd Sheltered accommodation



Pirates and Mermaids show for parents last Tuesday evening

One of our many Christmas parties for the children – this is from the Nursery and yes, Santa did attend!



End of year assembly



[Clockwise from left] Winners of the best class of the term – Y1! Pupils rewarded for their use of the *Mathletics* homework site and finally, the winners of the *Best Boy* & *Best Girl* for the Autumn term.



Congratulations to all!

And Finally ...

I would like to end the year with our 3rd Annual Christmas meal for the homeless of Newham. The event has grown markedly since 2017 and this year we were able to serve 90 local homeless people with a full Christmas dinner and dessert. Aside from their meal we gave them take-out bags with gifts from Waitrose and thermal underwear and gloves purchased from Primark with money raised by your children's efforts. I would like to say a massive thanks to all our staff for the efforts throughout the year but especially at this busy time of year. The effort from the children is also tremendous and it is so important for them to think of others who are struggling. In talking with some of the people who came on Friday it became clear that sometimes it only takes a few things to go wrong in someone's life for catastrophe to strike and over the year I have seen this with some of our families. Our children are the one bright light at the moment and they really are giving light to a dark world – we should all be very proud of them.



Left: Staff from our caterers *Juniper* who provided cooked and served the food for our Christmas meal for the Homeless

Below: Linda from Waitrose who are one of our key sponsors for the event.



Have a joyful and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

PS. School re-opens at normal time on Tuesday the 7th January.