



St John & St James' C of E Primary School

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Merry Christmas

We would like to say a big well done to all of the children; you have worked incredibly hard this term and deserve a well-rested break! You have all shown resilience and determination to do your best at all times. You have excellent attitudes to learning and should be really proud of your achievements this term.

We would also like to thank all the parents and carers for being incredible at supporting your children, getting them ready for learning and for your positivity.

It has been another slightly stressful end to the term due to the rise in covid cases. We have been incredibly lucky to have very few cases in the school community. We hope everyone is covid free over the Christmas break.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year; we look forward to seeing you all return on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.



Term Dates for 2021-22:

Autumn 2:

Monday 1st November to
Thursday 16th December

INSET: Friday 17th Dec

Spring 1:

INSET: Tuesday 4th Jan

Wednesday 5th January to
Friday 11th February

Spring 2:

Monday 21st February to
Thursday 31st March

Summer 1:

Bank Hol: Mon 18th Apr

Tuesday 19th April to
Friday 27th May

Bank Hol: Mon 2nd May

Summer 2:

Monday 6th June to
Wednesday 20th July

INSET: Thurs 21st Jul

After School Clubs

Please be reminded that all after school club payments must be made in full by **Monday 3rd January 2022** to secure your child's place.



Wellbeing Tip

A change in routine over a holiday can affect your child's sleep. Here are some top tips for sleep over the festive period:

- Unless your child is unwell, try to avoid naps during the day.
- Screen time is linked with poor sleep for some children - consider removing screens for at least one hour before bed.
- Avoid big meals right before bed - give time to digest (a small snack is fine and may be helpful).
- Exercise is great for during the day - but not last things at night! In the last hour before bedtime, try to keep games calmer and quieter, so your child is relaxed and ready for sleep.

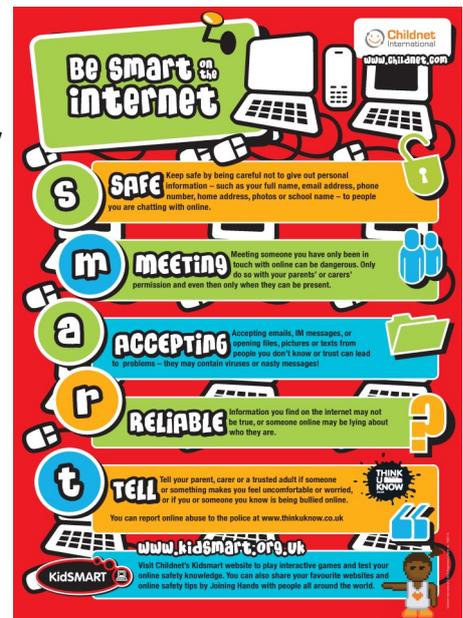
Online Safety: What We Teach The Children At School

I can describe how to behave online in ways that do not upset others and can give examples.

I can explain what bullying is, how people may bully others and how bullying can make someone feel.

I can describe ways people can be bullied through a range of media (e.g. image, video, text, chat).

Online bullying



SJSJ PTA

Thank you very much to all the parents and children who joined in the carol singing at Tesco, Morning Lane, 'Merry Christmas Everyone', which was the whole school song for the Christmas performance this year, was a particular highlight!

We were delighted to raise a total of £174.61 towards the Summer School Trips Appeal.

Christmas Lunch

We hosted our annual Christmas lunch on Wednesday; as usual it was a huge success! The children had a lovely time and enjoyed listening to festive songs whilst dining with their peers.



Español at SJSJ



This week's phrase of the week is: **Feliz navidad** (Happy Christmas!)

Between December 24th and January 6th Spain comes alive with festive celebrations! The celebrations all start with 'La Misa Del Gallo' (The Mass of the Rooster) on Christmas Eve. Some Spanish Christmas dinner traditions include:

- **Pavo Trufado de Navidad** (Turkey stuffed with mushrooms)
- **Pulrada asada** (A roasted young hen)
- **Mazapan** (A sweet dessert made of almonds, sugar and eggs)
- **Turrón** (Made of honey and toasted almonds)
- **Polvorones** (made of flour, butter and sugar)



Christmas Program



THE HAF PROGRAM



WINTER KIDS GAMES, SPORTS AND FREE CHRISTMAS HAMPER

VENUE: MOSSBOURNE ACADEMY • VICTORIA PARK ROAD, LONDON E9 7HD
DATES: 27TH, 28TH, 29TH & 30TH DECEMBER 2021.
TIME: 12.00 NOON TO 4.00 PM EACH DAY.

Benchball, Dodgeball, Shooting Ring, Tag of War, Egg on Spoon Race
Race in a Sack, Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Badminton, Tennis...Etc.



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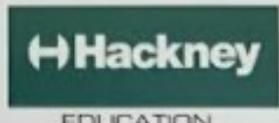


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For children in receipt of benefits related free school meals, attendance and food is free. Those not in receipt of free school meals, there is a fee to pay. Please call us for prices.

Amazing work...

For literacy, **Nursery** have been looking at the book 'Dear Santa' by Rod Campbell. They wrote their own letters to Santa complete with a stamp and posted them in their big red post box.



In **Reception** this week, the class have been strengthening their hands with playdough cooking. They learnt to use rolling pins and cookie cutters to make Christmas shapes. The children also planted and reinforced their understanding of the changing seasons by creating a beautiful piece of art of a tree in all four seasons. Come and see their display outside Reception class in the new year!



In science this week, **Year 1** used all they learnt about everyday materials to carry out an experiment. The class were thinking about what materials would be best to make wellies. Have a look at our brilliant scientific work!



Year 2 had a lot of fun making their winter gardens which were inspired by Japanese garden designs. They thought about their design and how they can design their gardens to make them suitable to grow cress seeds. They have been super creative and used their designs carefully.

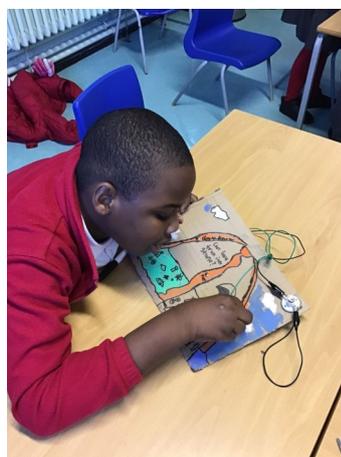
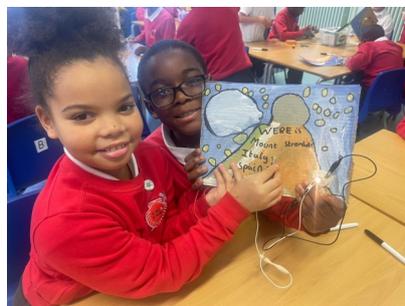


Here are **Year 3's** fantastic games. Each team worked brilliantly together to create a very diverse set of games. We're sure you'll agree each met the brief to be: colourful, magnetic mazes.



In **Year 4** the children used their scientific knowledge of circuits and electricity to create some interactive knowledge maps as part of this half terms STEAM project. They started the project by exploring a range of different electronic games that already exist and then gathered ideas from these to use in their own designs. The children wrote surveys for the children to ensure that their target audience would be impressed with their creations.

Take a look at what the class got up to throughout the week...



Year 5 have done some amazing post work after their geography field trip to the river Lea! They made geographical observations and labelled diagrams. This is Rufus and Xayden's amazing work!

Photographs	Geographical description	Geographical diagram
	There are bridges over the river which join together. Confluence there are meanders.	
	There is a canal water the canal is a crescent shape because it curves.	
	There is a dog need there. This is a natural occurrence. The rivers join showing confluence.	

Self assessment
From our field trip I was able to make good use of geographical predictions I saw a snake.

The source of the River Lea is in Luton.

Photographs	Geographical description	Geographical diagram
	There are bridges over the river which join together showing confluence. There are meanders.	
	There is fresh water. The canal curves and the banks are made out of concrete. It is man-made.	
	There is a dog duck wood. This is a natural occurrence. The rivers join showing confluence.	

Self Assessment
From our field trip, I was able

Year 6 have really enjoyed all of the Christmas celebrations at school! The class has worked so hard this half term, so as a way to celebrate they got stuck in with lots of festive fun! The children have learnt how to make cupcakes and then decorated them, they enjoyed a school Christmas lunch together and they had a school disco! A great way to end an amazing term.





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IPAD for Sale

We have several Ipad Generation 2 up for sale in January for £35.00.

More details to follow in the New Year

Thank you.

Gold Award

Name	Year	Reason
Chloe, Khalid and Muhlis	Year 1	For their amazing effort and progress in their reading and phonics this term.
Johnny	Year 1	For showing determination in his learning this half term.
Kenzo	Year 1	For amazing effort in all his lessons.
Ayaz	Year 2	For making amazing progress in his writing and hitting his targets.
Imogen and Lucia	Year 2	For amazing character descriptions for their writing assessments.
Jack	Year 3	For brilliant partner work in maths.
Maria Siena	Year 3	For showing kindness all the time but particularly one once occasion this week.
Elijah	Year 4	For settling back into school so well and keeping up with all if his home learning.
Esther	Year 5	For her positive attitude towards her learning this week.
Daniel and Noah	Year 5	For accurate use of punctuation in their writing assessments.
Whole class	Year 6	For an exceptional term of huge dedication to their learning. They are admirable role models to other children and are incredibly mature, sensible and most importantly kind!
Mr Watson's maths group	Various	For an amazing half term and for making super progress.