



St Saviour's C of E Primary School weekly newsletter

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**Monday 20th
November 2017**

Head of School message:

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

ISing –Pop

I would like to start with a number of thank yous. Firstly to Ms Baron for organising ISing – Pop to come and work with the children at St Saviour's, secondly to Sandy for the fantastic work last week he did with the children in Year 1- Year 6 and most importantly to the children for the amazing concert we had the privilege to watch in the church bringing all of the songs and Christian Values together as a community. It was such a blessing to watch their enjoyment and I for one walked out of the church singing in my head – setting the framework for a great weekend.

Christmas Boxes

Thank you to all the parents and children that generously donated the special boxes for the Christmas Box Appeal. We had 66 Christmas boxes that are currently at the Operation Christmas Child headquarters on their way to children all over the world. If you paid online, you should be able to track the destination of your box. If you do find out, please let the school know where your box finally ends up as it would be interesting to know more about their journeys from our school.

Congratulations

Can I also draw your attention to a letter received last week celebrating our children's fantastic results in phonics. Based upon the dedication and hard work of all school staff we strive to give all pupils the best learning opportunities possible and we are up in the top percent for attainment and progress in KS2 and ahead of national and local averages in KS1 and Early Years. Over the past few weeks we have had a Teaching and Learning Review – during which it was confirmed that our teachers are 100% Good or better. We're expecting a visit from Ofsted this year and I feel that we will be able to show that the whole school is Outstanding – a judgement with which our external advisors agree.

Car Park

Thank you to the children and parents for their patience over a few days last week where there was congestion in the school car parking area. This is an area of health and safety which all school members take very seriously and a number of actions have been put into place. We thank you for your cooperation.

Social Media

Just a polite reminder that if you attend school assemblies, trips, shows that we ask that any use of mobile phones for photographs and videos are used for your own personal use and that these should not be uploaded to any social media states; including FaceBook live. This is a lovely way to look back on the events that our children have taken part in and to share with family members not able to attend. However if this is misused then we will have to refrain from allowing parents/carers to record at future events.

Our assembly theme links with our school Christian value of: **Tenacity**

*Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it.
But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead.*

Phillipians 3:13

Dates for your diary:

Parent workshops:

21.11.17

Year 2 SATS

Year 2 Elm classroom

Year 6 SATS

School Hall

**Reception Christmas Carol
Concert in the main hall -
Monday 18th December at
2:45pm.**

**All parents and carers
welcome!**

100% Attendance week ending

17th November 2017:

Year 2 Elm

Year 6 Elm

100% no lates:

Year 1 Oak

Year 3 Oak

Year 5 oak

Executive Head Teacher

Deputy Head Teacher

Deputy Head Teacher



Christmas fair plea:

- ♦ Teddy bears/soft toys
- ♦ Empty Jars (Thank you so much for everyone who has already donate)
- ♦ Raffle prices

Please can all donations be handed into the main school office.

Christmas Forest School Sessions

Friday 22nd December at Low Hall nature reserve behind St James Park, Walthamstow.

Under 5's: 10am—11.30am

<https://ticketlab.co.uk/event/id/925>

4-11 year olds: 11.30am—1pm

<https://ticketlab.co.uk/event/id/926>

[Www.curiouswilds.co.uk](http://www.curiouswilds.co.uk) or find curious wilds on Facebook/Instagram/Twitter





The KS2 School Council held an Anti-Bullying assembly on Wednesday 15th November to raise awareness of the different types of bullying and inform the children of what they would need to do if they or someone else was being bullied. Well done to all involved, such a fantastic message you are sending out to all of the children.

On Monday 6th November, the Year 5/6 Girls' football team attended the Waltham Forest Girls' Borough Football tournament at Goals in Chingford. Even though the girls had only trained together twice, there was a positive atmosphere heading into the tournament.



Throughout the tournament, the team showed tenacity, togetherness and passion in each of the four group games that we played. After the four games, the team finished with a record of one win, two draws and one loss. Unfortunately, this meant we just missed out on a place in the quarter finals - not bad for team that had only trained twice!

Well done: Roshelle, Ashianna, Avneet, Alexi, Brihanna, Tiara, Tanaie, Iyannah, Maria and Kayisha.

Dates for your Diary

Some dates for your diary:

- ◆ Friday 1st December - Non-uniform day for the Christmas Fair which will involve the wearing of pyjamas or a onesie bring along a bar or box of chocolates for the tombola stall
- ◆ Tuesday 5th December – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Panto (school Hall) – Hansel and Gretel
- ◆ Thursday 7th December – Christmas Fair (3.30pm-5pm). A notice has been placed outside the office listing all the stalls that will need someone to run. Our Parent Council have been busy planning this event but will not be able to do this without volunteers. If you can spare an hour or two after school on that day (or a whole afternoon if possible), please speak to someone in the office who will pass on your details.
- ◆ Friday 8th December – Y3-Y6 Panto trip to Hackney Empire to watch Cinderella
- ◆ Thursday 14th December – Y1/Y2 Nativity Play as part of Christingle Service in St Saviour's church at 4pm.
- ◆ Friday 15th December is our Christmas jumper day, in aid of Save the Children.... Remember this is about swapping your usual school jumper for a Christmas one - it is not a non-uniform day. Therefore we expect children to be wearing their usual St Saviour's uniform but with a very colourful jumper. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, feel free to decorate a plain one with stickers, baubles, tinsel etc. Of course all this frivolity comes at a cost. We are asking for each child to bring in a £1 donation that will go to the Save the Children charity. So start hunting for (or making) that perfect Christmas jumper and see if you can look as stylish as possible.
- ◆ 8th December 2017 - Last day that activity clubs will run
- ◆ **Wednesday 20th December** – school closes for Christmas Break at 2pm





Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

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12 November 2017

Dear Ms Hall,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2017 phonics screening check.

Early fluency in decoding is a necessary first step in acquiring the key skill of reading. There is a substantial body of evidence demonstrating that systematic phonics is the most effective method for teaching children to read. We want to ensure that every child develops a firm grasp of phonics, which is why I was delighted to see your results. With 96 per cent of pupils at St Saviour's Church of England Primary School reaching or exceeding the pass mark in the check, your school is in the top 6 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

Your success in teaching phonics means your pupils are developing a firm foundation in reading, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

Thank you for your work in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,