



School News

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Our three school rules: Ready, Respectful and Safe

Christmas Fair feedback

Stalls	Profit 2018	Profit 2019
Class stall Einstein EYFS	No stall last year	£32
Class stall Galileo Year 1	No stall last year	£23.50
Class stall Snow Year 2	No stall last year	£27
Class stall Newton Year 3	No stall last year	£10
Class stall Al Khalili Year 4	No stall last year	15.40
Class stall Jemison Year 5	No stall last year	£12
Class stall Curie Year 6	No stall last year	£28
Face painting	£55.96	£53.60
Santa's grotto	£138.10	£146.75
Bric-a-brac	£140.42	£21.90
Raffle	£186 + £190 £376	£279.46
Hot food + Starbucks coffee, tea & hot chocolate	£125.54	£178.30 + £63.60 £241.90
Cakes + Sweets & cold drinks	£172.88	£141.30 + £66.70 £208.00
Chocolate Tombola	£174.50	£120.00
Christmas Gifts	£177.20	£74.10
Christmas Sparkle Day (7 th December)	£115.27	£111.86
Donation	£80 (spent on prizes and food)	£15
Games	No stall last year	£31.91
Bouncy Castle	No stall last year	£137.00
Total	£ 1555.87	£1589.38

Our fair was yet again a **triumph!** Thank you to everyone – staff, parents and pupils – for your generosity and time.

A huge thank you to **Rachida** for your excellent leadership of the Friends' Association and to everyone who planned the event and worked so hard to make last Friday such a success, especially **Stewart, Adlyn, Shaza, Kate, Alison and Grace.**

Nine Lessons Service

Parents and Carers are cordially invited to our **Nine Lessons Service at St John's Smith Square on Friday 6th December at 9.15am.**

St John's Smith Square is a significant and unique musical venue, playing host to today's leading international artists, who perform an inspiring and exciting programme.

The building is a short distance from school – approximately a ten-minute walk along Horseferry Road.

The **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** and **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**, tell the Christian story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus told in nine short Bible readings and poems, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and songs.

Children from St Barnabas, St Matthew's, and St Vincent de Paul and Soho Parish schools will be attending and participating in the service.

We look forward to seeing many parents and carers!

Thought for the week

"I can do all this through Him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

Christmas Services at St Stephen with St John Church, Rochester Row

Graham would be delighted to welcome families to any of the Christmas events coming up in the church:

Sunday 15th December
6pm – Carol Service



Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24th December)

5pm – Children’s Crib Service
11pm – Midnight Mass

Christmas Day (Wednesday 25th December)

10am – Festival Family Eucharist

Boxing Day (Thursday 26th December)

10am – St Stephen’s Day Eucharist

Christ’s Nativity

As we celebrate the nativity with wonderful shows from the children, here is a poem by Henry Vaughan, *Christ’s Nativity*

Awake, glad heart! get up and sing!
It is the birth-day of thy King.
Awake! awake!
The Sun doth shake
Light from his locks, and all the way
Breathing perfumes, doth spice the day.

Awake, awake! hark how th’ wood rings;
Winds whisper, and the busy springs
A concert make;
Awake! awake!
Man is their high-priest, and should rise
To offer up the sacrifice.

I would I were some bird, or star,
Flutt’ring in woods, or lifted far
Above this inn
And road of sin!

Then either star or bird should be
Shining or singing still to thee.

I would I had in my best part
Fit rooms for thee! or that my heart
Were so clean as
Thy manger was!
But I am all filth, and obscene;
Yet, if thou wilt, thou canst make clean.

Sweet Jesu! will then. Let no more
This leper haunt and soil thy door!
Cure him, ease him,
O release him!
And let once more, by mystic birth,
The Lord of life be born in earth.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
AUTUMN 2019

Highlighted dates are when parents are invited into the school

Dates	Events
December 2019	
Monday 9th	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Wednesday 11th	10am & 2pm: EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play (for parents of Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)
Monday 16th	Christmas school lunch day
Thursday 19th	12.45pm: Christingle service at St Stephen with St John Church – ALL parents and carers welcome
	LAST DAY OF THE AUTUMN TERM SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm

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