

Westminster Cathedral Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter

Monday 16th December 2019

'Love one another as I have loved you'

John 13:34

Advent

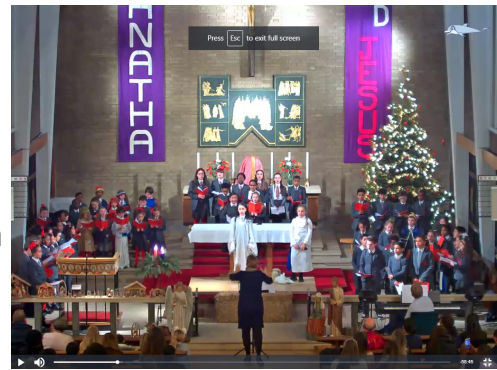


The third candle is pink and symbolises joy. It is pink because rose is a liturgical colour for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is **Gaudete Sunday** and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

Dear parents and friends,

Carol Service.

Last night we had a very successful, reflective and holy Carol service. I would firstly like to thank all the children who attended and the families who joined the congrega-



tion at Holy Apostles Catholic Church. I would also like to thank the narrators, the actors and the pupils who stepped in at the last minute. You all did myself and Father Pat proud. If you would like to see the Carol Service again or share it with family members you can see the recording on the Holy Apostles website: <https://www.holyapostlespimlico.org/live-webcam/>

"Yesterday we had the Carol Service and we re-enacted the Nativity. My favourite part was when the Kings' were giving him presents because it was peaceful and holy." Jessica (Yr 4)

"My favourite part was when my class sang the class carol—there were not many of us but we sounded lovely. I liked it when we sang the carol because it is a really calm song," Senay (Yr 4)

"Yesterday I was at Church in the evening performing in the Carol Service. I was the innkeeper—how great was that! I was grateful I had a part and went on stage." Sami.



WCC Christmas Festival.

Last Tuesday I had to pleasure of taking 17 of our pupils to Regents Hall on Oxford Street to perform in the Westminster City Council Christmas Festival. The children sang amazingly well. We were one of 7 schools who were there.

Please read below as message sent from the Tri-borough music hub.

“Thank you for Tuesday’s wonderful performance. Every student sang beautifully, and we are incredibly proud of the hard work they put in to make the festival such a success. Thank you also for preparing them so well, it was clear how much you had done with them in school to bring it at such a high level on the day, and we are very grateful for that.

As you have such wonderful singers in your schools, I would like to make you aware that we are holding an open rehearsal for our Young Singers group on Thursday 16th January 5pm – 6.15pm at the Lyric in Hammersmith. The Young Singers is an auditioned choir for pupils in Years 4-6. They have some really exciting performance opportunities, including most recently performing at the National Gallery for the Lord Mayor of Westminster, as part of her VIP reception ahead of the Trafalgar Square Christmas Tree Light Switch On event. I have attached a flyer with information about our open week to this email, please do encourage your students to come along.”

Unfortunately I can not share any photos of the event on the school newsletter or website however you can find some on: <https://www.triboroughmusicub.org/>

“At the WCC Christmas festival; there were other schools with us performing. When we did the actual performance it was amazing there were so many people watching. There was a big band and they sounded great. My favourite part was ‘Hark the bells’ because it sounded really good with everyone singing together.” Mia (Yr 4)



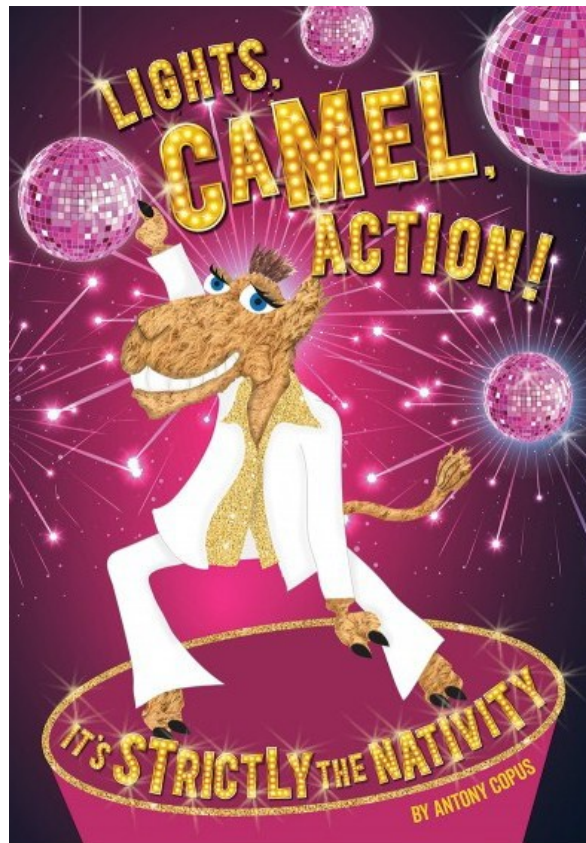
Year 5’s trip to The Telegraph headquarters.

Last Monday Year 5 visited The Telegraph headquarters in Victoria. They were invited along as part of the project Year 5 have done in conjunction with staff from the Telegraph. The project has involved the children learning about different jobs and roles in the newspaper industry. They also completed a team building task, designed their own webpage and last week visited the headquarters. We were very thankful and grateful to the staff at The Telegraph for volunteering their time and making the pupils feel so welcome.

“We got to see all the people who work at the Telegraph headquarters and saw the oldest newspaper—we had to guess how old it is. My favourite part was seeing those who work there.” Alfie

“Today we went to the Telegraph headquarters. I really enjoyed it and I had loads of fun! We got to see all of the different sections and met new people. My favourite part was when we went to the filming room. We got to see ourselves on a TV.” Connie

“We got to see some of the jobs that people do, it was really fun. My favourite part was when we got to go in the room where people talk about the news because we got to be on camera and the other group got to see what we were doing as they were watching us on the screen. It was an amazing and wonderful experience.” Ella



Tuesday 17th December 2019

**Year 1 and 2 present 'Lights Camel
and Action'**

At 9.30am and 2pm

The morning's performance will be followed by the Christmas Raffle. There are so many hampers and prizes to be won. Please remember to buy your raffle tickets!!!

Dear Parents/Carers,

The PTA AGM is coming up on **Thursday 9th January 2020**, 2pm.

At this meeting, a new PTA Committee will be elected and we are inviting nominations for the following posts:

Chair: The Chairperson's main responsibilities include running all PTA meetings, overseeing any event sub-committees and maintaining the momentum for fundraising throughout the school year.

Vice-Chair: The Vice-Chair co-ordinates teams of volunteers and acts as deputy to the Chair, particularly to progress broader PTA initiatives (for example this year we have been working on the charity registration).

Secretary: The Secretary's roles are minute taking at meetings, producing and distributing all PTA paperwork, maintaining noticeboards, advertising events where appropriate and general administration tasks.

Treasurer: The Treasurer is responsible for coordinating and recording all PTA monies including float provision, banking monies, issuing cheques and producing regular simple accounts.

These Elected Officers work together as a team to ensure smooth management of the PTA.

They rely heavily on the continuing support of all parents and staff for our increasing success. In addition to these Officers, there must be at least eight elected Members who are eligible to vote on PTA issues.

If you're interested in putting your name forward for any of these posts or need some more information to help you make your decision, please fill in the form below and return it to the school office.

Any nominations for Elected Officer positions must be completed prior to the AGM and handed in by **Wednesday 18th December**. The AGM will be held at the school **on Thursday 9th January 2020** followed by the first PTA meeting of the year.

Please come along to see what we do and how you can get involved.

Thank you,

Miss Simmons

Year 2 Class Teacher



Reception: Ellie and Michael
Year 1: Yael and Catherine
Year 2: Thomas and Elijah
Year 3: Nathan W and Leo
Year 4: Archie and Jessica
Year 5: Oren and Christopher
Year 6: Julia and Aaron

Key Dates for Autumn 2019

December 2019

Tuesday 17th December at 9.30am and 2.00pm: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Play

Wednesday 18th December at 9.30am: Reception Nativity

Thursday 19th December at 9.05am: Celebration assembly

Thursday 19th December at 1.30pm: End of the term.

Key Dates for Spring 2020

January 2020

Tuesday 7th January 2020: Term begins. Breakfast club will be open.

Attendance

Congratulations to...

Year 5 for the highest percentage of attendance for week beginning 2nd December 2019

Take a look at your own class' attendance.

Year R: 89.4%

Year 1: 93%

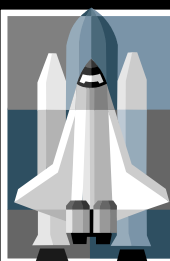
Year 2: 91.2%

Year 3: **96.4%**

Year 4: 92%

Year 5: **96.7%**

Year 6: 95%



On Friday, in assembly I had the pleasure of announcing the winners for the Space Story Competition.

The Space story was set for homework over half term and all the entries were given to Pimlico Picassos. The team there had the pleasure of reading the entries and choosing the winning stories. These stories will be published into a book.

Congratulations:

Ted—Yr 5

Elmer—Yr 6

Aaron M—Yr 6

Isabella DF—Yr 6

Hannah May—Yr 3

Amir—Yr 4

Julia—Yr 6

Thomas A—Yr 3

Lilly—Yr 3

James—Yr 6

The finalist and overall winners:

3rd Place: Marcus—Yr 4

2nd Place: William—Yr 6

1st Place: Ruby-Yr 6