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Mission Statement "We are special people on a journey, growing and learning together in search of excellence, as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus."

Dear Parents,

19th December 2019

Christmas is fast approaching! We celebrated the 3rd Sunday of Advent by lighting the pink candle on the Advent Wreath to symbolise joy as we get closer to the birth of Christ.

The Nativity Play was beautifully presented by Years 1, 2 and 3. Staff and parents were very impressed and thought the children sang and performed beautifully! Years 4, 5 and 6 pupils presented their Carol Service in English Martyrs Church on Tuesday evening which was also a wonderful experience for all. We thank Fr Alex for welcoming us all to English Martyrs Church.

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work throughout the term and especially for their efforts to make this Christmas season a prayerful and joyful time for the children and their families. I wish all staff, parents and pupils a very happy and peaceful Christmas with friends and families, and hope that your journeys will be safe and on schedule!

Christmas Fundraising - Well done and thank you to all the parents who arranged various fund raising activities this term and thank you for your contributions, whether your child provided a portrait for the tea towel, bought tickets for the raffle or designed their Christmas cards, your contribution is much appreciated. The coffee afternoon raised £189.32, the raffle raised £502, Christmas artworks raised £252.50 and the tea towels raised £342, thank you all for your support. The funds raised will be used to improve the Key Stage 1 playground equipment. Tea towels are still available to buy at the school office priced £5 each or 2 for £8.

Carol Singing Fundraising Events - Year 6 pupils sang Christmas Carols at 125 Old Broad Street and raised £152.48 which will be donated to the Sisters of Mercy, Gravesend homeless charity. They also sang at Whitechapel Station to support The Passage, the homeless shelter attached to Westminster Cathedral

The Year 6 choir sang at the new Hotel at Aldgate Station, this was a great opportunity to forge further links with our local business community.

Year 5 sang at Spitalfields to help Providence Row with the collection for their homeless shelter which raised £280.14.

Pollyanna Pantomime - Thank you to all parents who performed the 'Snow White' pantomime on Wednesday, it was well received by pupils and teachers. Children said the highlights of the show were: 'laughter, the sweets, audience participation, the smoke and my dad was in it'.

After School Sports Clubs - Multisports lessons will begin again on Tuesdays and Wednesdays next term starting Tuesday 7th January, please register your interest at the office.

End of Term - School closes at 2.00pm on **Friday 20th December** and reopens on Tuesday 7th January 2020. Monday 6th January is a teacher training day.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Miss B Nugent