



## A busy half term...

Starling and Beech classes have both performed at the Royal Festival Hall. Starling took part in Southwark Junior Schools Jazz festival to celebrate the life and times of Rosa Parks. Beech were involved in the Splash Winter festival. They performed and behaved impeccably and we are extremely proud of them.

There have been many trips to enhance the topics that classes have been learning:

Reception – Surrey Docks farm linking to the book 'What the Ladybird Heard

Year 1 – Museum of Childhood linking to the history and materials of toys

Year 2 – Deptford Fire station to find out about fire safety linking to learning about the Great Fire of London.

Year 4 – Science Museum investigating electricity for Science

Year 5 – British Museum investigating how to tell stories from Greek pottery.

Year 6 – The Brokerage to learn about enterprise and the cinema to watch and learn about the art of animation.



## Twitter

This term members of staff have been tweeting about school life, including The F.A.B (Friends against Bullying) Team Advent Calendar of Kindness, performances including the KS1 Nativity and children who have worked hard to attend Hot Chocolate Fridays!

Here is our twitter link, please follow us:

<https://twitter.com/SouthwarkParkPS>

**Many thanks to the Parents Association for generously buying each child in the school a present.**

## Christmas Raffle

The draw took place in assembly on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Well done to the winners – Ava (Bumble Bee), Lacey (Snowdrop), Frankie, Danny, Leland, Taylor (all in Starling) and Anna (Willow).

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets.



## Dates for the diary

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - INSET Days for staff, school closed for children

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Rec to Y6 Children return to school

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Nursery Open morning 9am until 12pm

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Nursery children return to school

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Children finish at normal time for half term.



## Christmas Celebrations

Over the last few weeks we have been warming up for Christmas. Celebrations kicked off with the nativity story from the wonderful KS1 children, 'Christmas Baubles'. We were all very impressed with the children's acting and singing skills. We've also had a special Christmas lunch where the children enjoyed a turkey dinner and sharing jokes from their crackers and class parties.

The Nursery and Reception children were very excited when Santa made a surprise visit during the class parties.

Over this half-term the children have been learning Christmas songs which were performed in the carol concert at City Hope Church. Thanks for all the parents who attended and made it such a special event. The event also was the premiere of 'Christmas Around the World', a film made by the FAB team.



## Own Clothes Days

Many thanks to everyone who wore their spotty or own clothes to school for Children in Need, Southwark Park School raised £354.10.

We also raised £195.70 for Christmas Jumper Day.



## Attendance & Punctuality

The attendance for the academic year 2017/18, as of 20/12/16, stands at 95.4%.

If your child is ill, please phone the school office on 0207 394 4000 to report a student absence.

If your child has a medical appointment, a copy of the appointment letter/text message must be shown to the school Office.

## Flu Vaccinations

Earlier this term children in Reception up to Y4 were offered a nasal flu vaccination, only around 40 % of the borough have taken this vaccine in school, sadly this leaves a lot of unprotected children which may have an impact on their health and attendance at school as well as the lost gaps in education at this point of learning. If your child didn't have the vaccination and you would like them to, please inform Simone in the office.

*The staff of Southwark Park School wish everyone happy holidays and best wishes for 2018.*