



**Dear parents:** .... You know when you have an idea and you wonder will it work well I had the same when I came up with a Christmas evening of Lights and Wonder. Would it work and would people come. Well that was answered within 15 minutes of it going live last night as 25% of families had already booked a slot and by 6.00pm when I was going home 58% had booked 4 days in advance. Wow. It will be very special and parents first time back since March 20th. It will be short but magical and take as many pictures as you wish. Family groups of 6 with physical distancing and no mixing of groups. Sorry but I have to follow the rules and guidance as strictly and sensibly as I can. Everything will take place outdoors and if people keep moving and follow the circuit around to our life size crib it should be a delight for the children ..... and adults too. !!! Please follow the guidance provided. Today a theatre group Christmas Carol have been in all day and lovely to see theatres back. More next week and a traditional Panto on Thursday. Today was also Christmas Jumper Day .. I like nice wool and merino type sweaters but today wore my once a year Next reindeer one that I have had for about 7 years. You know its cheap because no moth holes ever as they only seem to go for nice cashmere or merino and I have all my wool now protected in moth bags. Bah humbug but all money to a great local cause our Church Foodbank. Fr Derek told me they have never been busier than this Christmas and all money goes on food and not admin or salaries or someone's Mercedes. Great local cause and changes lives. Some parents were handing over large pound notes at the gate all money well donated.

### Pics of the week:

One for all our Italian parents the great Paolo Rossi RIP who died yesterday ...with Maradona in heaven .... remember 1982 v Brazil like it was yesterday .... yes that is one of my other idols the Brazilian Socrates ..... 5 Stars Ms Florence and the Gang .... Fr Derek and physically distanced Mass (no social distancing anymore) with Year 6 ..Christmas Crackers Y3 ..Masked Carols Y6 and gifts for all Y5 and Christmas Carol with Y2 West End in School today ..Jacob Marley ...



### School news next week ...we are open Please God

**Monday 14th ...12 Days of Christmas and Class Carols all on our website basically a Christmas Nativity virtually with all traditional carols that you will love.**

**Tuesday 15th -Christmas Lunch from our 5 Star Kitchen Year 5 Mass in Class @ 2pm**

**Wednesday 16th Class parties 1.30pm onwards.**

**Thursday 17th ..A Panto for every class 'Jack and the Beanstalk' ..."oh yes there is" .... children may be collected from 1.30pm please let us know first. Same for children who walk home alone we must be informed. School closes at the usual times.**

**Friday ..INSET Day planned and on our website since March. Apart from headteachers who were told this week that we have to be on call until the 24th Christmas Eve to help Public Health England with Track and Trace oh well with a bit of luck I'll get Christmas Day off ..... booked a Spicy curry house for the first time ever something different this year — Bengali not Thai spicy food.**

**SO FAR £217.10p raised for OLSJ Foodbank**



**and finally .... William in Year 5 this week raised £330 for Crisis and Christmas cycling around Shoreditch Park well done that boy ...a truly magnificent effort ..... great generosity this week for those less fortunate .... makes you reflect at this time of year ...I just posted a card and some notes to a young mother and her son less than 2 years old who are about to celebrate their first Christmas without dad who died aged 40 earlier this year and mum is 6,000 miles from home and alone ...life can be unfair ... anyway this week Paolo Rossi ... we have a very large Italian community and his death yesterday was so sad Italy v Brazil was it the greatest game ever and then of course Rossi, Altobelli and the legendary Marco Tardelli against Germany in the final ... I watched it in West Hampstead and celebrated in an impromptu Italian street party ..... up to Episode 7 of the Crown and it is great entertainment \_ and now also RIP Barbabra Windsor in 2020.... anyway driving home 6pm yesterday heard the PM telling us to prepare for an 'Australian style deal' a what style deal ??? heard of "oven ready" "easiest in history" "Canada style" and "Gangnam style" is that last one correct?? ?? .... whatever happens we'll survive and carry on but I won't eat Somerset Brie tastes horrible compared to the real thing .. off to put a playlist together but no ghostly Mariah Carey- Pogues maybe be happy!**