



## Thank you...

26th November 2021

...for your patience and understanding

It would be strange, to say the least, to not mention the current covid situation in the school.

In recent correspondence I have used the phrase 'uptick' - we certainly hope the extent of the tick has reached its limit.

All members of staff send their thanks to everyone, at home, for their understanding whilst we manage a very dynamic and difficult situation.

Parents should rest assured that we are implementing every suggested protocol and more – by this I mean that the 'circuit breaks' we have been employing (sending some classes to get a PCR test en masse), go beyond the strategies suggested by the London Covid Response Cell. We know that such decisions do not chime with everyone – but we want to bring things under control as safely and quickly as we can.

Meanwhile – talking about going beyond the standards expected – I am sure you will join me in thanking all the boys' teachers for delivering outstanding hybrid learning for those at home and school alike.

Sadly, there have been some difficult decisions to make with regards to end of term arrangements.

The Junior School Nativity is usually a date circled in red on all our calendars; but with so many boys off this week we have been unable to rehearse, and we had to cancel. We hope to record the classes singing a song in readiness for your viewing pleasure at Christmas. A similar fate has befallen the Carol Service – rehearsals for the choir/orchestra have been impossible - if cannot rehearse you cannot perform.....

Whilst this will come as huge disappointment – we also appreciate avoiding such a mass gathering prior to holiday plans may come as welcome news for many.

We hope to run the Christmas Fair in distinct bubbles next Thursday (please see a note from FOTH on the following page) – we are confident this can be done safely and generate some much-needed festive cheer. Our thoughts will be with those unable to attend owing to isolation rules.

Finally, our thanks go the boys. Their adaptability and good humour is awe inspiring – despite the continuing pandemic's best efforts I am forever impressed by the resilience shown by the young – the future is bright after all!



*Year 4 have named their online learners 'Tower Home'. Here they are joining the other boys back at Tower House to watch the house point assembly!*



We are really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Fair next week. This year there will be lots for the boys (and parents!) to enjoy.

Santa will be making a special visit to our Grotto, the boys can have fun on our Snowboard Simulator and battle each other on our two Interactive Tables. Plus there will be the usual favourites...Jam Jar Hoopla, Festive Games, Lucky Dip, Toys and Tombola! AND don't forget mulled wine, delicious cakes and our RAFFLE!!

Card, Cash and Tokens

We will be accepting card and cash payments this year for our beautiful handmade wreaths, gifts and THS goodies.

All the activities can be paid for either by cash or if you prefer to pay by card you can buy tokens for the boys to use. That way they don't miss out on anything! Tokens can be purchased in the hall.

Raffle tickets can be purchased on the day or online [here](#)

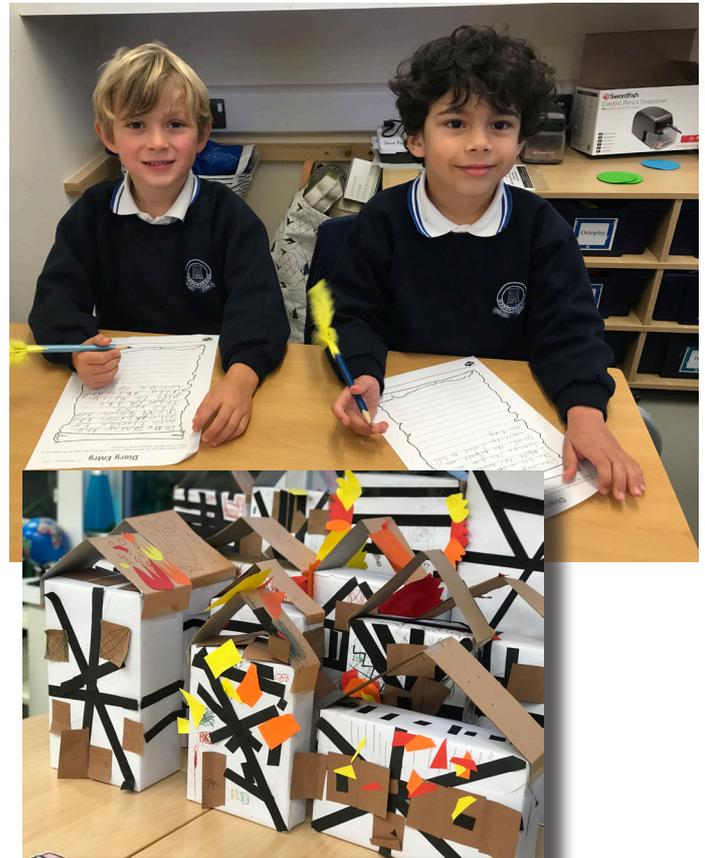
Winners to be announced on Friday 3rd December.



We're sure it's going to be lots of festive fun!

## YEAR 1

In Year 1 we are learning about the Great Fire of London. We turned our pencils into quills and pretended to write a diary, just like Samuel Pepys. We also made wonderful Tudor houses, which helped us to understand what life was like in 1666.





## YEAR 3 HOME LEARNING

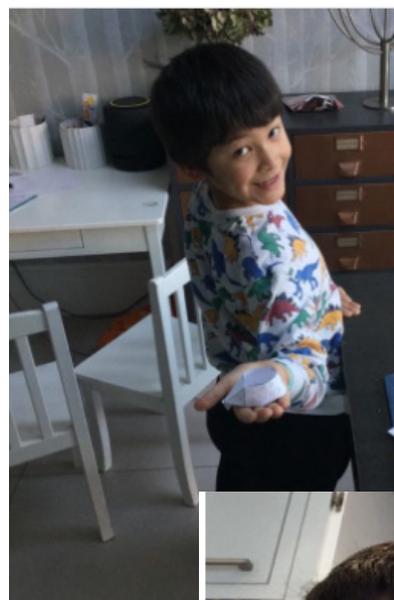
Many of the Year 3 boys were 'working from home' this week. They had live lessons in most of their academic subjects each day while the rest of their classmates learned at school. Here are some photographs of their efforts. We are looking forward to being a full cohort again soon!



The boys have been learning about capacity in their maths lessons. Here are Gilby (left) and Inigo (above) getting creative with the topic!



Some beautiful work created during an online art lesson!



Here are some home-made diyas produced for an RS lesson



# Christmas Fair 2021

*FOTH needs your help.....*

## *Jam jars*

We still need your jars for the Jam Jar Hoopla! Any kind of jar as long as they are clean and odourless. Empty or filled. Ideally decorated but not essential! We are also looking for items to fill the jars with. Remember, no nuts!

## *Bottle tombola*

Please donate any unopened bottles for the tombola!  
Anything from olive oil, shampoo, cordial to wine and champagne is very welcome!

## *Toys stall*

We would love new or nearly-new toys for 3-13 year olds!  
Please bring in any you no longer need or want. As you can imagine the toy stall is very popular!

## *Cakes and bakes*

Calling all bakers!!! We would be grateful if anyone could kindly bake some Christmas Themed treats, savoury or sweet (no nuts or traces of nut please!). These can be dropped off on the Thursday 2nd December by the office.



*Collection boxes by school office & junior school entrance  
Thank you so much!!*



**PINES AND NEEDLES**

# UK Grown Christmas Trees

## Hand Picked & Delivered To Your Door

**Tower House School has kindly been donated a Christmas tree by Pines and Needles!**

**Pines and Needles would love to offer parents a discount on Christmas trees in their pop-up stores, using the code **TOWER10**. The local pop up is: Putney Leisure Centre, Upper Richmond Road, SW15 6JA.**

**Keep an eye on @pinesandneedles for kids treetutorials and wreath making workshops. Visit [www.pinesandneedles.com](http://www.pinesandneedles.com) for more details and other locations across London.**





## UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be NO Drama clubs this week and NO ensembles before school

Mon 29th - Year 7 Parents Evening (online) 5:30pm

Thur 2nd No clubs for any year groups

- Christmas Fair (packed lunches needed for all boys please)

Timings as follows:

Year 1 and Reception (parents enter through JS and exit through SS) 1:00pm

Years 2 and 3 (parents enter through JS and exit through SS) 2:00pm

Years 4 and 5 (parents enter through SS and exit through JS) 3:00pm

Years 6, 7 and 8 (parents enter through SS and exit through JS) 4:05pm

**Please note - boys may be taken home after their slot (if in school time)  
or can return to class for collection at normal pick up time**

An extra note from Mr Peyton:

Please note that House Football matches will now be on Monday 13th  
January (Years 6, 7 and 8) and Tuesday 14th January (Years 4 and 5)

Congratulations to this week's house point winners who are ... **Chiswick!**

## Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Class photographs are now available to view and order online via the Tempest Ordering website, please see the direct gallery link below.

<https://htmp.st/621930-5>