

Dear Parents and Carers,
A series of marvellous Christmas events have brought the Autumn Term to an exciting close. Our **Christmas Concert at the Union Chapel** was another cracker, with a number of parents saying it was the best ever. Our **Christmas productions in EYFS and KS1 were a sell out**, with standing room only. The traditional **Pensioners Tea Party** was a great success, with every table full—our **Year 5** children were fine hosts—very good listeners to the interesting stories of our guests and great entertainers with conversation and singing performances.

PTA and Foundation



Our Autumn Term events have been as exciting as ever, with a **fantastic Firework Night** and a **wonderful Christmas Fair**. 3 floors of activities and stalls, amazing decorations, a raffle of 40+ prizes, a superb café area — and the popular grotto with Father Christmas and his elves. A special mention goes to Misty's mum, **Becky**, who has installed what I like to call the '**Hollywood Grotto**' over many years and deserves an **Academy Award** for set design. Parents in Year 5 played a key role in producing the delicious menu for the **Pensioners Tea Party**. Thank you to all parents who made these events happen—everyone is automatically a member of the PTA and we welcome all support and time given, however big or small.

Check out the Website

Many of you will have noticed that we have been increasing our **website news posts** and you only need to look at the items from each year group to see the variety of enjoyable, educational experiences Canonbury children have taken part in this term — and it's only a fraction of what has been going on.

<https://canonburyprimaryschool.co.uk/news/latest-news/>

Do check in regularly to see what's going on.

Healthy Playground

I am sure parents will support our policy on **snacks after school** and agree that it is right to say **no to crisps and sugary snacks** and **yes to fruit**—please see the attached notice—let's concentrate on baking for the cake sales which we are bringing back next term, in partnership with PTA class reps. Hooray!
Have a brilliant break and we look forward to a spectacular Spring Term.



Year 5 Pensioners Tea Party

Great News for Music

I am delighted to announce that with the support of the **Canonbury Foundation**, our charitable organisation run by parents, we have secured a grant from **Restore the Music** to support us in developing further our exceptional music provision. The grant will help us to develop our ensemble provision such as the jazz and recorder ensembles, as well as to extend provision in Key Stage 1. We are also looking at future provision of quality music opportunities in after-school clubs

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Below: Year 1 perform the Nutcracker



Reducing Pollution

Canonbury Governing Body and other parents have persuaded TfL to fund **mesh screening** and a **green wall of ivy** along the fence that looks onto Canonbury Road, following the Highbury Island development. We are also looking at installing an **air filtration system**. We intend for all of this to happen in the Spring.

Spectacular Swimming

This term has seen great achievement in sports, as you can see in the news archive on our website.

The latest news is the superb team performance in the **Islington Primary Swimming Gala** at Ironmonger Row baths, where Canonbury teams accumulated the **highest point score**, winning the trophy for the **6th time in a row**—a highlight this year was **breaking the Islington record** for the relay event.

Canonbury pupil selected for National Youth Choir

One **talented Canonbury singer** has been selected for a place in the prestigious **National Youth Choir of Great Britain** following a tough audition at the Royal Academy of Music. Luckily, after developing a love for singing at school and in various Islington and national choirs, she is already accustomed to singing in fabulous venues, including the Union Chapel!



Top: PTA's sensational Christmas Fair

Right: Year 4 explore the Maya in 3D using ipads, one of a number of wonderful curriculum workshops for parents this term



Diary Dates

Spring Term—Tues 7th Jan—Fri 3rd Apr 2020

Half Term—Mon 17th—Fri 21st Feb 2020

Summer Term—Mon 20th Apr—Fri 17th July 2020

May Day & VE Day Anniversary — Friday 8th May

Half Term— Mon 25th—Fri 29th May 2020

Yr 4 Orpheus—London Museum of Docklands—Wed 15th Jan

Yr 4 Prometheus—London Museum of Docklands—Thurs 16th Jan

Yr 5 Poseidon—Treginnis Farm Residential—Fri 24th—Thurs 30th Jan

Yr 5 Rhea—Treginnis Farm Trip—Fri 31st Jan—Thurs 6th Feb

Yr 3—Kew Gardens—Wed 29th January

Parent/Carer Computing Showcase— 9am—Thurs 13th Feb

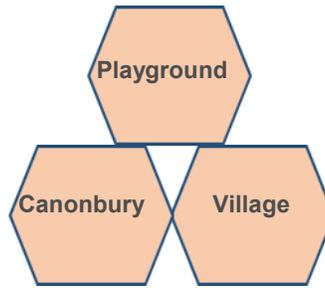
Safeguarding: Operation Encompass

Islington Schools have been invited to be part of Operation Encompass - a police and education early information sharing partnership.

We at Canonbury consider any partnerships to safeguard children vital and so we are informing you that we are joining other Islington Schools in this partnership. Information will be shared by the police with the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead, Jo Davey prior to the start of the next day after officers have to attend a domestic abuse incident in the borough.

The school will then be able to follow our procedures to support and safeguard the children as appropriate. Thank you for working with us to secure better outcomes for children at Canonbury

<https://www.operationencompass.org/what-we-deliver>



Canonbury Playground Healthy Eating at all times

 **Yes**



Fresh Fruit

 **No**

- Crisps
- Sweets Biscuits
- Processed fruit snacks
- Drinks

