

# Upland Primary School

'Working Together, Learning Together, Achieving Together'



Church Road  
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Dear parents and carers,

## Metropolitan Police 'Christmas Tree Project'

This year, the Metropolitan Police is again running their annual 'Christmas Tree Project' Competition.

The Christmas Tree Project began with one tree outside New Scotland Yard in Westminster. This tree was decorated with individual tags, which gave information on how to buy a present for a child in care. These presents were then handed in to police officers, who distributed them directly to children.

In the last four years, this project has expanded and now takes place across London, with each of the 32 boroughs putting up a tree with tags on. The response from the public has been simply overwhelming. The Metropolitan Police received 6,840 presents in 2014. Spare presents were delivered by police officers to children's wards in hospitals across London on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. Many officers described this as some of the most rewarding work they had done during their service.

The project last year exceeded expectations, with over 11,000 presents being received across London, the UK and posted in from many counties and countries around the world. Again, spare presents were distributed to children in hospital. Larger presents, such as purpose-made dolls' houses by local construction firms, were donated to children's homes.

To advertise this project, every year, a poster is commissioned, which is drawn by a child in primary school. This year, every borough will pick a winner and use the picture as the local borough's poster. This will be used throughout the area to advertise the project. The borough winners will be invited (with their family) to see the Commissioner, and the overall winner will switch on the lights to the main Tree in central London. All the children and their families who won will also be invited to the Metropolitan Police Service's Christmas Carol Service in Westminster Abbey.

Each school must choose 7 children's posters, (one from each year group, Reception- Year 6) as potential winners to be put forward as the overall borough winner. I am asking for entries to be received at the school office by **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October** so that those posters going through to the next round can be with the police by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. **Please ensure that your child's full name and year group is written clearly on the poster.**

Yours faithfully,

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