



St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



Dear parents and carers,

We are hoping that, despite the uncertainty about the pandemic and the prospect of potential further restrictions, we can really celebrate Christmas and focus on the joy and hopefulness of Advent, which is so crucial to our faith. Building on from the wonderful singing by Year 6 at the Marylebone Lights Switch On, we are planning to maintain all of our traditional events, which can be adapted if required.

At present we have split the school into three different Christmas celebrations to which parents will be invited. Provisional timings are given in this newsletter so that you can make arrangements and a more detailed email with final arrangements will be sent home just before the event as we need to constantly amend our risk assessments and plans. If it not safe to proceed with any event in person we will film it so you can still watch the performance and we hope to live stream as well. This means you always have the option enjoy watching these wonderful events from the comfort of your own home and also that you can share with friends and family-wherever you may be in the world.

The first celebration was the wonderful Early Years Foundation Stage Nativity and it certainly filled us with joy. The children were absolutely amazing, especially as this was their first performance in front of a live audience! Well done to our brilliant Nursery and Reception pupils who said their lines really clearly and sang beautifully.

Thank you to everyone who is following the government guidance supporting our measures to keep our school family safe. Sadly some of our family members are currently poorly-we are remembering you in our prayers and hope you feel better soon.

If there is any way we can support any family, please do let the school office know and we will make an appointment for a telephone call or virtual meeting. We really value the partnership between home and school with the additional support from our Church. Father Christopher has been a tremendous support to us all, especially in these recent challenging times.

I hope to see you all at the school gate before the end of term but, in case I do not have the opportunity to say it in person, I hope you all enjoy a peaceful, very merry Christmas and wish you all the best health and happiness for the new year.

Kindest regards, Miss Coleman, Headteacher

THANK YOU TO THE FABULOUS ST.VINCENT'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

This term, everyone involved with the SVPA has been fabulous but a special thank you is due to our co-chairs, Shana Toevs and Julie Nouailhetas, who have once again coordinated everyone to work together to make Christmas really special for the children.

A summary of some of the activities planned is below:

- Christmas tea towels featuring the happy face of every pupil in the school
- Second hand uniform sale so every child can come to school wearing the full uniform
- Beautiful festive decorations outside the school including a brilliant balloon display
- A gorgeous homemade Advent Calendar for each class
- Paper and instructions so children could make incredible stars to decorate the hall and the classrooms
- Class Christmas Family Sacks to be raffled
- A Class Christmas Fair with creative, fun activities
- A special visitor who may come bearing gifts...
- Calendars featuring each class looking festive
- Book Exchange so every child can have a new book to read over the Christmas holidays

Thank you to everyone who has supported this great work. We are feeling very festive!

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CHRISTMAS TREE The Farmers Market has kindly donated a real Christmas tree to the school, which is looking beautiful in the school hall. We would be delighted if every family could contribute a decoration for the tree. We have kept those donated in previous years and would like to invite any new families to please bring a decoration into school so our tree can include a special contribution from every member of our school family. Thank you!

POST BOX Our school Christmas Post Box is now positioned in the school entrance. This is for you to use to post any Christmas cards for members of our school family. All cards will be delivered by the Pupil Chaplaincy Team.



IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

- 2nd Nasal Flu Program for Reception –Year 6 pupils
- 2nd 9:00 Relationships & Sex Education Meeting for Year 5 & 6 parents
- 2nd 14:00 Early Years Foundation Stage Assembly –see email for live stream details
- 6th Irish Dancing performance for parents and carers (at the time your child usually has their lesson)
- 8th Closing date for return of Christmas sack gifts and star decorations
- 9th 14:00 Years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Celebration –see email for live stream details
- 10th SVPA Christmas Fair Day. Children may wear Christmas jumper
- 13th 8:00-9:00 Book Exchange Drop Off
- 14th 8:00-9:00 Book Exchange Drop Off
- 15th 8:00-9:00 Book Exchange-each child will take home a new book for Christmas
- 15th Christmas Lunch!
- 16th Year 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Nativity–see email for live stream details
- 17th Own Clothes / Christmas Jumper Day-please donate at least £1 to St. Mungo's
- 17th Cinderella Pantomime –Thank you to the SVPA for funding this
- 17th 14:00 School breaks up for the Christmas holidays.

20th -4th January Christmas Holidays.
Enjoy a well-deserved rest and lots of fun!

**We wish you a very merry Christmas
& a happy new year!**

5th January Children return to school
6th January Epiphany Mass for pupils only



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