

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



## Information Sheet 9 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019

### *Fun, Faith and Friendship*

The Gospel this weekend is 'John the Baptist'.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judea and this was his message: "Repent, change your ways; for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said, "A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight". This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, they confessed their sins. John said to the people, "I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."



### Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **PREPARATION**. This is reflected in the gospel at the weekend. Pope Francis says, 'The Lord is coming. May we await him with open hearts!'

### Liturgy Assemblies

The next liturgy assembly will be celebrated on 4th December by **Year 5**. The assembly starts at 9.05am. All parents and family are warmly invited to share these assemblies with us.

### Admission Reception deadline

The closing date for applications for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 to be admitted to the Reception class in September 2020 is the **15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. Please ensure you have completed and submitted your application to your local authority and also completed and submitted the Supplementary Information Form to the school office.

### Winter Uniform

All children should now be in winter uniform. Some children are still wearing incorrect uniform. Please ensure that your children wear the correct uniform. Ties are available from the school office.

### Nativity Plays

The Reception Nativity play took place on the **3<sup>rd</sup> December**. Years 1 & 2 Nativity play is on the **5<sup>th</sup> December** and will start at **2pm**. The gate will be opened at **1.30pm** and the PTA will be serving teas & coffees in the playground. The doors to the back of the hall will be open at **1.50pm** for people to take their seats.

### Christmas Fair

The school Christmas Fair is on the 5th December immediately after the Years 1 and 2 Nativity. All are welcome. Santa's Grotto will be now be open only on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** and can be accessed from the back of the building.

### Church Christmas Bazaar

Many thanks to all the children who sang at the Church Christmas Bazaar. Mr Moore said it was wonderful.

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## Dates for your Diary

Santa's Grotto open	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Nativity Play - Years 1 & 2	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm
Christmas Fair	5 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Lunch	11 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Party – KS1	17 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Party – KS2	18 <sup>th</sup> December
Last day of term	19 <sup>th</sup> December
School reopens for Spring Term	6 <sup>th</sup> January
Treasure Island Performance	7 <sup>th</sup> January
School New Year Mass	9 <sup>th</sup> January <b>TBC</b>
First Aid Workshops Reception – Year 6	14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> January

## Carol Concert

Please note the Carol Concert has been cancelled.

## Unauthorised Absences

The number of unauthorised absences since 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 is now **96**. We are looking to reduce the number of unauthorised absences. These absences impact on children's learning. Your help with this would be much appreciated. At the end of each month, attendance reports will be sent home to parents whose children have less than 90% attendance. **Please ensure your child attends school unless ill. Many thanks.**

**'e-safety' tips for parents** – check out **Common Sense Media**. To learn more about the games or apps your children are or may be using, Common Sense media covers thousands, which includes advice and reviews from other parents;  
<https://www.common sense media.org/>

## Attendance

From 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019	Attendance	Unauthorised sessions
Reception	95.8%	10
Year 1	95.9%	13
Year 2	98.7%	4
Year 3	96.9%	1
Year 4	97.7%	26
Year 5	95.4%	34
Year 6	95.0%	8
Whole school	96.5%	96

Our target for attendance this academic year is **96.5%**

Currently our attendance rate is **96.5%**

Attendance for the last academic year was **96.2%**

★ Well done Year 2 ★  
– best attendance for the last week  
with **99.3%**