

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
10th December 2021

Dear parents,

Well done everyone who helped make the Christmas Fair an absolute success.

What a fantastic opportunity to kick start our celebrations, which luckily, this year, we can share with all parents and families. Just a little reminder of how resilient our community is. Although we have been through difficult times, when it is time to show happiness and come together in celebration, we know how to do that.

I have very much enjoyed seeing mums, dads, grandparents and extended family and friends having fun with their children. It was particularly funny seeing all the different props used in the photo booth, where we were able to make lovely memories to laugh about for years to come.

All in all, an amazing afternoon, thoroughly enjoyable to all. I would particularly like to thank our brand new PTA, which worked tirelessly to organise a great Fair; you have truly excelled!

On Friday morning, together with the whole school, we had our first Nativity, performed by Year 2. Just to whet the appetite of all parents who will come to watch it next week, it was amazing! Very impressive reading from the narrators, as well as lovely singing and dancing. I can predict a happy little tear or two from parents.

If this Nativity is anything to go by, we are in for a treat next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

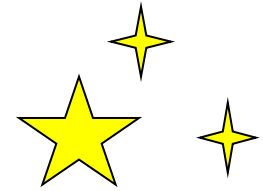
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Clubs next week and next term

There will be no Multi-Sports, Science or Lego Clubs next week. The only clubs that will run are Performing Arts after school on Tuesday and Needlecraft at lunchtime on Thursday. We intend to continue with all the current clubs next term, as long as we have sufficient interest. Letters about the clubs will be sent out to parents in the first week of term.

Admission to Reception September 2022

If you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, please remember that the deadline for applications for Primary School admission in September 2022, is **15th January 2022**. You should apply online on the website of the borough in which you live. In addition you should complete a Supplementary Information Form which can be found on the school website or may be obtained from the school office.



Stars of the Week

Reception – Antonio for working really hard at school and trying all activities.
Year 1 – Ying for working very hard at activities and having a fantastic attitude to learning.
Year 1 – Joshua for showing the value of aspiration – working as hard as possible to get the best results.
Year 2 – Violet for being a fantastic Angel Gabriel and being a really kind friend.
Year 3 – Frans for showing a positive attitude to learning, persevering on tasks and helping others.
Year 4 – Izzy for always trying her best in class and working hard in numeracy.
Year 5 – Nicole for showing kindness to her friends and always trying her best in every lesson.
Year 6 – Ava for making a determined effort to improve her work.
Year 6 – Jimmy for making a determined effort to improve his work.

Dates for your Diary

Year 5 Carol Concert	Monday 13 th December 1.30pm
Year 6 Carol Concert	Monday 13 th December 2.15pm
Year 1 Nativity	Tuesday 14 th December 2pm
Reception Nativity	Wednesday 15 th December 2pm
Year 2 Nativity	Thursday 16 th December 2pm
Year 3 Carol Concert	Friday 17 th December 1.30pm
Year 4 Carol Concert	Friday 17 th December 2.15pm
Last day of Autumn Term	Friday 17 th December
First day of Spring Term	Tuesday 4 th January

Nativities and Carol Concerts

Under current guidelines, we are happy to welcome parents and guardians to attend their child's Nativity or Carol Concert. The school gate will open 10 minutes before the start of each performance and you should enter the building by the back door of the hall, please. We have allocated only 2 seats per pupil and therefore would ask that **no more than 2 adults per pupil** should attend, please. If you have no other option but to bring a pre-school child with you, you will be asked to sit near the back door of the hall, so that you can leave quickly if your child becomes noisy. We encourage the wearing of face coverings. Please be aware that if guidelines change, we may have to change our plans.

Last Week's Attendance

29 th Nov – 3 rd Dec 2021	
Reception	94.7%
Year 1	95.9%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	92.9%
Year 4	94.0%
Year 5	93.9%
Year 6	96.0%
Whole school	94.6%



Gospel Reflection

Luke 3:10-18

The people ask John the Baptist what they should be doing to prepare for the coming of Christ. John says that anyone who has two shirts should share with the person who has none. And he says that anyone who has something to eat must do the same.

Are you always good at sharing? Can you tell me about a time when you didn't have something you needed or wanted and someone else shared with you? How did you feel when they shared with you?

When you share your toys or sweets with someone, how does it make you feel?

Does it make you feel happy? Today is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means joy. So let's think today a bit about what makes us happy and joyful. What could you do this week to share and spread some joy in our world? Especially, how could you share joy with someone who is lonely, poor or who needs some help either locally or around the world?

Prayer: *Christ Jesus, as Christmas approaches, we look forward joyfully to your coming. Help us to share what we can, so all people may have what they need. Amen.*