

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
16 December 2022

Dear parents and families,

We have come to the end of a term full of exciting moments. A term when, once again, we have seen the school go through highs and lows; I am glad to say many more highs than lows.

This week particularly, has been one, full of 'unexpected' surprises. I am thinking here about arriving on Monday morning to find our school under a full blanket of snow, or the fabulous hustle and bustle of Wednesday's Christmas Fair with the special visitors.

Also, this week we had the visit of many 'germs' in the form of various coughs and colds and other general illnesses that seem to be hitting our children and staff.

Once again, I have seen our school community give so much to ensure the best for our children. I do appreciate that sometimes this can prove to be difficult, particularly because of the increasing cost of living and the fear of outbreaks of illness.

Throughout it all, the whole community continues to provide the love and care that our children need to flourish.

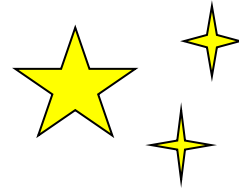
The way the whole St Vincent's family came together last Wednesday, to participate in our Christmas Fair was a real example of that love and dedication.

I have an immense sense of pride and gratitude for all the school staff and all the families at St Vincent's. So, I want to take this moment, as we move into the season of giving, to say thank you for everything you've given this year. I am looking forward to continuing to work together in the year to come.

I hope you are able to relax and recharge over the holiday period. I wish you a peaceful and joyful time with friends and family.

May Christmas bring joy to your hearts and happiness to your home.

Mrs Gonzalez



## Stars of the Week

- Reception – Aaron for fabulous segmenting and blending.  
Year 1 – Nicholas for working hard in the Nativity and always helping others.  
Year 2 – Eliza for being helpful and creative during Christmas crafting.  
Year 3 – Orezi for being a kind friend.  
Year 4 – Evelyn for excellent partner work with diary writing.  
Year 5 – Michael for being a shining star.  
Year 6 – Maria for making a great effort to improve her writing.

## Admission to Reception 2023

The deadline for applications for admission to Reception Class in September 2023 for children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 is 15 January 2023. Please complete an application on the website of the borough in which you live. In addition, please complete a Supplementary Information Form (available from the school office or the school website) and return this to the school office, with a copy of your child's full birth certificate and, if applicable, a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

## Dates for your Diary

Carol Concert (Years 3 – 6)	Monday 19 December at 2.00pm
Last day of Autumn Term	Wednesday 21 December
First day of Spring Term	Wednesday 4 January

## Last Week's Attendance

5 – 12 December 2022	
Reception	83.3%
Year 1	92.3%
Year 2	93.4%
Year 3	96.2%
Year 4	95.5%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	89.4%
Whole school	92.1%



## Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to all members of staff, who went above and beyond, to ensure our children had a fabulous Christmas Fair. Your generosity with the giving of your time to make preparations has not gone unnoticed. You made the afternoon magical and truly special.

Thank you.

## Raffle Prizes

All the winners have collected their raffle prizes. The school kept a record of the names of the children and parents who bought tickets, so we were able to locate the winners. Congratulations.

Thank you very much to those parents who donated gifts for our Fair and to those who made beautiful presents.

### **Gospel Reflection**

#### **Matthew 1:18-24**

*Today we hear how an angel appeared to Joseph to tell him what a special baby Jesus would be. We are going to be thinking about parents and babies from around the world.*

*In this story an angel comes to tell Joseph that everything will be all right and that Jesus is not just an ordinary baby, but is very special. He is the son of God.*

*No matter where in the world they are born, babies need the same basic things. Sometimes it is hard for families to provide all of these things because of what is happening around them.*

*God loves us all, even the tiniest baby. As we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we think about all the other babies around the world and how special they are too.*

*In the coming week, perhaps you can keep babies, children and their parents around the world in your prayers.*

*The angel told Joseph that Jesus would be a very special baby.*

#### **Prayer**

*God of light, you sent your angel to tell Joseph that Jesus was a special baby. Help us to remember that all babies are special because they are all part of your family and you love us all.  
Amen.*