

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
1 December 2023

Our Christmas Fair is next Thursday 2-4:30pm!!!!

Dear parents and families,

We are pleased to inform you that our Christmas Fair will be starting at 2pm on Thursday 7th December and will run until 4:30pm.

We are offering families the opportunity to collect children early on that day, so that they can attend the Christmas Fair during the afternoon. We have organised a staggered collection time for the day. Please note that siblings may be collected at the same time. The early collection is not compulsory; children will remain in school until the usual time, unless you decide to collect them early.

Please see below for the optional early collection times for each class.

- **Reception Class** children may be collected from 1:50pm from their usual end of day collection point.
- **Years 1 and 2** children may be collected from 2pm.

Year 1 may be collected from their usual end of day collection point.

Year 2 may be collected from this same point – the exit with the ramp, rather than the usual end of day collection point.

- **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** children may be collected from 2:15pm from the middle doors.

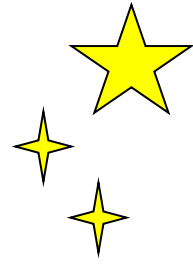
If your child has permission to go home on their own, they will not be dismissed until 3:15pm.

We will host numerous exciting stalls at the Christmas Fair. Please note that it will be a **cash-only** event, so kindly start saving your coins!

We have a fabulous raffle with prizes being added continually. Tickets for the raffle and Santa's Grotto will be available for purchase before/after school under the canopy area every day next week. Alternatively, you may buy tickets from the school office.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

Reception – Alvin for showing great speaking and listening skills.
Year 1 – Chengdao for wonderful answers and for always working hard.
Year 2 – Maro for working hard and presenting beautiful work.
Year 3 – Benita for settling in so well at St Vincent's.
Year 4 – Ezra for typing up the words to our liturgy.
Year 5 – Cody for being a fantastic tour guide at our Ancient Egyptian Museum.
Year 6 – Yana for making great progress in her writing.

School Value Awards

Reception – Sophia for showing aspiration by completing tasks in the classroom.
Year 1 – Sophia for showing love and compassion to her friends.
Year 2 – George for showing curiosity through his interest in topic work.
Year 3 – Eliza for showing love and compassion towards others.
Year 4 – Guilherme for being kind and considerate to his friends.
Year 5 – Jacob and Logan for showing aspiration in their knowledge of Ancient Egypt.
Year 6 – Diana for showing great resilience.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 1 st December	Choir singing, Mottingham Family evening
Saturday 2 nd December	Choir singing, Our Lady Help of Christians Christmas Fair
Monday 4 December	Years 2 & 3 trip to Bromley Picturehouse
Wednesday 6 December	Year 4 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 6 December	Year 6 visit to Mass (leaving school at 09:00)
Thursday 7 December	Christmas Fair 14:00 – 16:30
Tuesday 12 December	Years 1 & 2 Nativity 14:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 13 December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 December	Reception Nativity 14:00 Parents welcome
Tuesday 19 December	Years 3 – 6 Carol Concert 14:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 20 December	Reception Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome (Change of date)
Wednesday 20 December	Class Christmas parties
Wednesday 20 December	Last day of Autumn term

When visiting the school for liturgy assemblies, nativities, etc. please enter by the door on the side of the building, near the school hall.

This Week's Attendance

27 November - 1 December 2023	
Reception	95.3%
Year 1	93.0%
Year 2	97.6%
Year 3	94.3%
Year 4	96.1%
Year 5	93.7%
Year 6	92.0%
Whole school	94.5%



Christmas Fair

Please can we have the following donations for the Christmas Fair, which we will be collecting in the playground on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th December.

Toys – good/new condition for toy tombola.

Bottles of wine etc. for bottle tombola.

New beauty products.

Jolly Jam Jars – **there will be a competition with prizes for the best decorated/filled jar; one prize for Reception/KS1 and one prize for KS2.**

Sweets (wrapped) for Guess the Sweets in the Jar.

Cakes and bakes on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th December only.

Raffle Prizes.

Tickets prices for the Grotto are as follows:

One child £3.50

Two children (siblings only) £6.00

Three children (siblings only) £8.50

Four children (siblings only) £10.50

The grotto will take place on **Thursday 7th December**.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with running the stalls and set up. If you would like to help on the day please let us know. Your help will be very much appreciated, whether it is a few minutes or a couple of hours. Thank you.

School Disco

A big round of applause and a resounding thank you to all the incredible organizers and helpers who made our recent school disco an unforgettable evening!

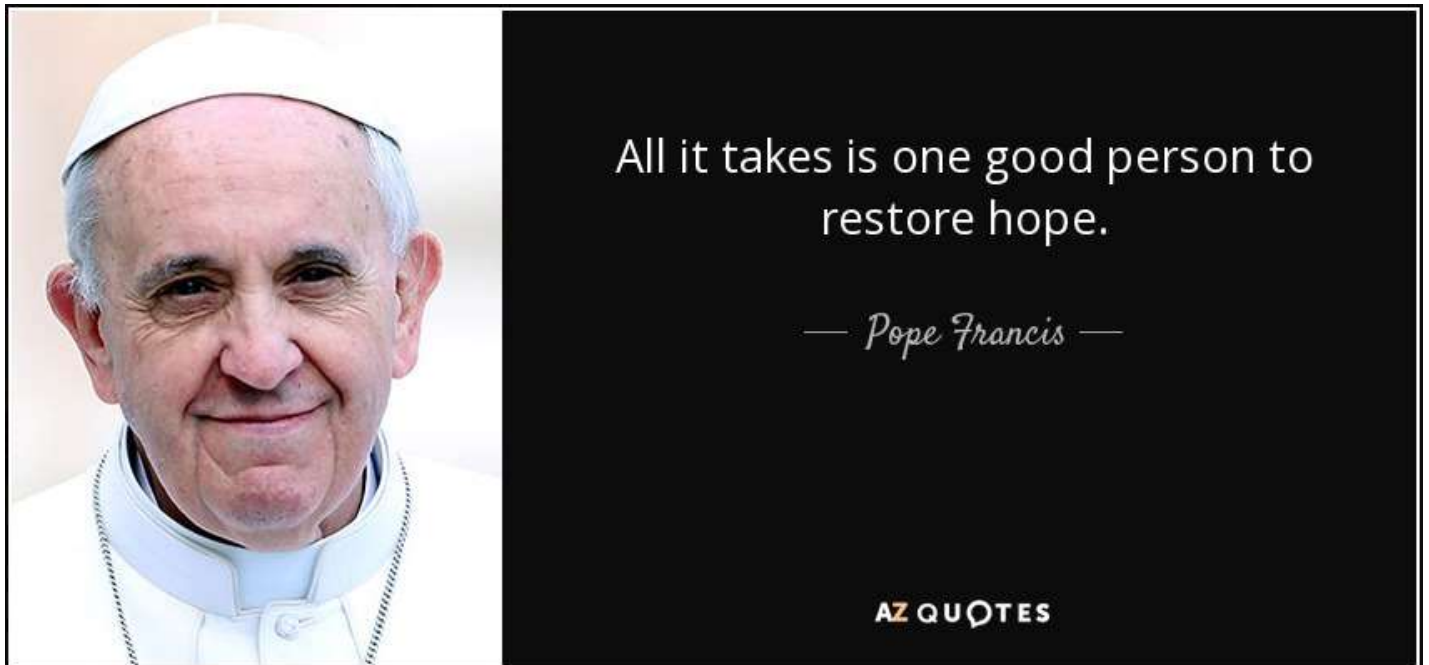
Your dedication, energy, and commitment transformed the event into a fantastic, fun-filled celebration that left smiles on every child's face. Seeing their joy and enthusiasm was truly heart-warming!

Christmas Bazaar at Our Lady Help of Christians

Please support the Parish Fundraising Christmas Bazaar from 10.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday 2nd December at Maryfield Hall. A choir made up of St Vincent's children will be singing carols at midday.

Scripture of the Week

This week we based our scripture lessons around one of Pope Francis' quotes:





MOTTINGHAM
BIG LOCAL REFOCUS

**MOTTINGHAM BIG LOCAL
WILL BE SWITCHING ON THE
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OUTSIDE
THE COOP ON FRIDAY
DECEMBER 1ST AT 4.30PM**

**Free children's
entertainment and
refreshments at the
Community Centre from
5pm to 6.30pm**

Meet Santa and join in the carol singing. Gaming bus and face painting for the kids. We look forward to seeing you!



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