

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
2 December 2022

Dear parents and families,

We are pleased to inform you that our Christmas Fair will be starting at 2pm on Wednesday 14th December and will run until 4pm, with our grotto open 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. Please note the early collection is not compulsory; children will remain in school until the usual time unless you decide to collect 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.

Year 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.

Year 3 and 4 children may be collected from 2.15pm. Children in both classes may be collected from the middle doors.

Year 5 and 6 children may be collected from 2.30pm. Children in both classes may be collected from the middle doors.

We will be running many exciting stalls at the Christmas Fair. It will be cash only on the day, so please start saving your coins!

We have a fabulous raffle with prizes being added all of the time (please see additional flyer) and tickets will be on sale before/after school from under the canopy area on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Father Christmas Visit

We are also excited to announce that we will have some visits from Father Christmas!

To avoid disappointment, we will be ticketing this event. Families can buy tickets in advance, which we recommend to secure a place. Advance tickets will be available to collect and buy from under the canopy in the morning or after school on Monday 5th December, Tuesday 6th December and Thursday 8th December.

If you are unable to purchase a ticket in person, please email the school office by Thursday 8th December. Payment must be sent in by this date, to receive your ticket on Friday 9th December.

The Grotto will be open on Wednesday from 2pm to 4.30pm, and on Thursday 15 from 3.15pm to 4pm. Upon purchase of a ticket, you will be able to choose a day for your visit.

Cost of tickets (this is only for visits to Father Christmas): £3.50 per child, £6 for two siblings, £8 for three or more siblings.

We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Fair! I would like to leave you with a personal note from the Head Elf!

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs González

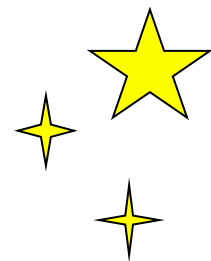
Dear Parents,

It's the Head Elf here, writing to you from our North Pole workshop. I have very exciting news for you!

Children at St Vincent's have been so very good and helpful this year that Santa's Good List is extraordinarily long! Of course, this makes all of us Elves very happy. However, so much goodness also means we have lots more to do this year. We are in need of help, particularly as we have some mischievous elves slowing the work down with their pranks!

Then, I thought of a way to finish our work. Get some help from parents! I know some of you mentioned you would like to come and help us. I am inviting you to join us next Friday after you drop your children to school.

So to all parent helpers, see you on Friday 9th!



Stars of the Week

Reception – Mia for trying hard with all activities and showing resilience.

Year 1 – Eniola for being kind and caring.

Year 2 – Toby for working hard on his writing to create a beautiful Advent candle.

Year 3 – Ezra for working hard to produce excellent pieces of work.

Year 4 – Malachi for excellent topic work.

Year 5 – Lyla for extending our class debate discussions.

Year 6 – Isabella for making a determined effort to improve her writing.

Earrings Found

A pair of earrings has been found in the nativity resources from last Christmas. If you believe they are yours or your child's, please enquire at the office.

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

Christmas Lunch	Tuesday 6 December
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 9 December £1 Donation please
Nativity (Years 1 and 2)	Tuesday 13 December at 2.00pm
Years 3 and 6 Mass	Wednesday 14 December at 9.00am
Year 4 liturgy assembly	Wednesday 14 December at 9.00am
Christmas Fair	Wednesday 14 December 2-4pm
Reception Nativity	Friday 16 December at 2.00pm
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

21-25 November 2022	
Reception	91.0%
Year 1	97.7%
Year 2	94.5%
Year 3	94.6%
Year 4	88.5%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	90.6%
Whole school	93.1%



Christmas Fair

Thank you so much for all of the wonderful donations that have been coming into school recently. Your support is very much appreciated and will really help to ensure that our Christmas Fair is a great event for your children.

We thank you again for your support!
The St Vincent's Staff Team

HERE ARE SOME OF OUR AMAZING

Raffle prizes



ST VINCENT'S PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE

WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2022

PRIZES INCLUDE:

VARIOUS HAMPERS FULL OF TREATS
A CO-OP HAMPER FULL OF GREAT ITEMS
THAI MEAL FOR TWO AT THE FREELANDS
TAVERN, BROMLEY

FOUR PLANETARIUM TICKETS
TWO TICKETS TO THE SOUL TOWN FESTIVAL
IN BECKENHAM, 2023

BOTTLES OF DRINK INCLUDING GIN &
WHISKY
A WHOLE LOT MORE!



Gospel Reflection

Matthew 3:1-12

We are still in the special time of Advent when we get ready for the coming of Jesus. Today we are going to look at our lives and try to change them for the better, so that we are ready for Jesus.

Today we heard a story about John the Baptist. John told everybody that Jesus was coming and that they needed to get ready.

John warns the people coming to be baptised that they need to say sorry for the things that they have done wrong and change their lives for the better. This will help them to be ready for Jesus.

John the Baptist lived at the time of Jesus. He had great faith and set an example for everyone of how to live a good life.

When we say sorry, it means that we will try to do better next time. If we change our lives for the better and try to do the right things, we can help to make the world a happier place for other people too.

Prayer:

God of life, we give thanks for all those people who are kind to us. Help us to be the best people that we can be as we wait for the coming of your Son Jesus.

Amen.