

St Vincent de Paul Catholic School – Newsletter

2nd December 2016

Dear Parents,

All around the school the children are engaging in activities which connect us with great and timeless promises of God: His messages of love, of joy, of hope and peace. These promises have been passed to us through Prophets, the Bible and from generation to generation. We are now called by God to hand on these promises faithfully and generously. We will use our very busy Christmas schedule to make this a truly wonderful Advent time with the message that God is preparing us for the coming of His Son Jesus. We sincerely invite you to participate in any way you possibly can in a journey in faith. Mr Keane, Headteacher

Christmas Decorations

Holy Trinity Church is hosting a 'Christmas Tree Festival'. Our school has been invited to enter a tree. The theme of our tree this year is "Love". We wish all age groups to be involved and are therefore asking the children, at home, to create a Christmas tree decoration; the size of a standard tree ornament. These need to be brought into school by Monday 5th December. Please ensure it is clearly marked with your child's name and class.

Year 3 Trip

Year 3 visited the Parish Church of St Andrew and St George during the week and went on a Christmas Journey. "For the trip we needed a passport each which we handmade. We made these by drawing our faces and putting our names on them as well as the name of our school." explained Jocelyn. The children were told a story about Jesus and made sheep, a crown and a bible. "We looked all around the church in groups. Did you know that the ground floor is the church and Stevenage Museum is underground?" asked Natalia. Jocelyn explained that they also learnt a new song, "that was my favourite bit."

Year 2 Trip

Hitchin British Schools

The Year 2 pupils dressed up as victorians this week and visited the Hitchin British Schools, which is an original victorian school building. When the children arrived they met a very strict victorian teacher. The children used ink pens to write. Rakesh and Chibbie had to pretend to be naughty and then pretended to be given the cane, this was a form of punishment given to children back in victorian days. The children played with victorian toys which were all made out of wood as they did not have plastic or electronic games back then. The children enjoyed dressing up as Victorian pupils.

Football

There will be no more boys' or girls' football training or matches until January as it will be getting dark and very cold.

Thank you soooo much!!

We would love to say a BIG 'thank you' to the PSA, staff and all our parents, who have helped raise money towards some new books. These books will replace our old ones and support our current reading schemes. We are so grateful. Samuel, Natalia, Jocelyn and Anthony, all from year 3, helped to put our school stamp in every book. They enjoyed looking through all the books and even had some ERIC time to read some books they had not read yet. Many thanks again to all those who helped raise money over the past year and for choosing the new books as one of their gifts to us.



Christmas Timetable - December 2016

Thurs 1st	7.30pm	PSA Meeting
Friday 2nd	3.15pm-5.30pm	Christmas Fair-non uniform day
Friday 9th	3.15pm	Film Night
Wednesday 7th -10th		Christmas Tree Festival (Holy Trinity Church)
Thursday 8th		Year 1 visit 'Living Nativity London'
Tues 13th	2.00pm	Nativity Play
Weds 14th	10.45am	Nativity Play
Thurs 15th	2.00pm	Nativity performed (sorry, no toddlers)
Fri 16th		Christmas dinner day
		Christmas Jumper day (<i>Save the Children</i>)
	3.15pm	Year 3 Cake Sale
		Nursery Christmas Party and Carols
		Key Stage 1 Christmas Party
		Key Stage 2 Talent Show (pupils only)
Mon 19th	7pm	Story of Christmas in Song
Tues 20th	2pm	Term finishes (Please note the early finish)

Attendance this week

R: GI Mozart 96%	PL/TL O'Connor 92.3%
Yr 1: SC Mistral 100%	VH Stein 98.3%
Yr 2: AP Pasteur 100%	LMc More 95.3%
Yr 3: JC Hildegard 94%	CH Seacole 99.3%
Yr 4: DA Bonifacio 95.7%	AS/SH Michelangelo 95.3%
Yr 5: CB Agnesi 100%	GB Teresa 98%
Yr 6: EG Shakespeare 97.7%	RJ Tolkien 94%

Whole school 96.8% - Wow three classes have achieved 100% this week so Aristotle will be busy running around to them all. Congratulations.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will be held after school today. Thank you for all of the year 6 pupils, staff and parents who helped in the Christmas fair. We will report back next week on all the events and how much money was raised.

Reported by Bridie and Maisie

