

St Vincent de Paul Catholic School – Newsletter

13th January 2017

Dear Parents, I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and a positive start to the New Year.

REMINDERS FOR THE NEW YEAR

- Please ensure that our pupils arrive on time for the start of the day.
- If your child is ill please contact the school office so their reason for absence can be recorded. This also ensures we know they are safe.
- Please make sure your child wears their school uniform everyday and that it is clearly marked with their name. Unfortunately we seem to accumulate a large amount of 'unmarked' lost property. Items can be easily reunited with their owner when they are clearly marked.
- Children should have black school shoes (not trainers) and KS2 pupils need outdoor PE footwear.
- As the weather is colder, children may need to come to school in boots and wellingtons. However, it is not comfortable for them to sit in boots all day so they will need to bring shoes or plimsolls to change into while they are at school.
- Children should have their PE kits in school every day – this should also be clearly marked with their name.
- No jewellery or watches may be worn in school; this includes no earrings
- Large/wide decorative headbands or bows are not school uniform.
- Any child with long hair should have it securely tied back. This is a health and safety issue, as hair gets in the way while children are working and loose hair is more attractive to head lice. Scrunchies must be in school colours.
- No extreme hair fashions are allowed, this includes shaved steps or signs or shaped into spikes
- Children are encouraged to have a water bottle in school – this should have plain water only in.
- Please remember to drive and park responsibly around the school site to ensure everybody is kept safe on their journey to and from school.

I hope this information is useful so you can support your child/ren during the term. Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me - my door is always open.

Mr Keane

Year 6 Christmas stories

Just before the Christmas holidays Year 6 wrote Christmas stories for the Year 2 pupils. The day before we broke up, we read the books to the Year 2 pupils. Isabel's story is about an abandoned present that must be delivered and was called "Saving Christmas." Jingles, Tinsel and Joy go on a journey and get stuck in France! They go across the English Channel to deliver a teddy bear to a little girl called Annabel who lives in Stevenage. All the children in Year Two enjoyed the stories and said that they loved them.



Reported by Brianna and Connie

Thank you Mr Wright

At our Christmas concert, "Story of Christmas in Song" Mr Wright, from John Henry Newman school, came to our school to play the piano whilst we sang. On one of the songs he didn't have the music so had to play by memory – amazing. Thank you very Mr Wright.

New Year resolutions

On Monday, at assembly, Mr Keane talked about Pope Francis' New Year resolutions. He explained to all the children that it is important to keep the Pope's message in mind. There were ten resolutions. They were: Don't gossip, finish your meals, make time for others, choose the more humble purchase, make commitments, meet the poor in the flesh, stop judging others, befriend those who disagree with us, make time to 'ask the Lord '....and finally **Be Happy**. These are truly wonderful words of wisdom from Pope Francis. The PowerPoint presentation for this assembly will be available on the website next week.

Pupil profile: Max

Max from Year 1 enjoys coming to school and loves P.E. He also likes Baseball and football. He has three pets, a dog called Henry and two ducks called Canaah and Ezra.

St Joseph's Rebuild

St Joseph's Church has been rebuilt and looks amazing. It has been over a year and a lot of time and effort has been put into building this beautiful Church.

On the 6th January we celebrated the Epiphany and had our first whole School Mass of 2017. It was amazing to be



able to have the whole school coming together in this very special setting. *Reported by Brianna, Connie, Odi and Sean.*

Farewell and Hello

Mrs Entwistle will begin her maternity leave next Monday (16th January) and we would like to thank her for all she has done and give her our best wishes. We have appointed two very experienced teachers; Mrs Caswell will be the teacher for Morning Nursery and Mrs Humphries will lead the afternoon sessions. Both teachers have already met the children, Mrs Entwistle and the rest of the team. We welcome both these teachers to our school community.

Attendance this week

R: GI Mozart 90.7%	PL/TL O'Connor 90.7%
Yr 1: SC Mistral 95.6%	VH Stein 93%
Yr 2: AP Pasteur 97.2%	LMc More 98%
Yr 3: JC Hildegard 9.5%	CH Seacole 97.3%
Yr 4: DA Bonifacio 94.7%	AS/SH Michelangelo 96.7%
Yr 5: CB Agnesi 95.3%	GB Teresa 96.7%
Yr 6: EG Shakespeare 93.3%	RJ Tolkien 99.7%

Whole school 95.3%. Hopefully the overall absence will improve next week, congratulations to Mr Jennings' class for achieving the best this week. Aristotle will be pleased.