

St Vincent de Paul Catholic School – Newsletter

16th December 2016

Dear Parents,

Over the past week, parents, grandparent, friends have been treated to a number of magnificent Christmas performances by children throughout the school. Reception class and Key Stage 1 led by Year 2 gave three wonderful performances of the Nativity play Super Star. We have again been amazed by the confidence of the children and their wonderful skills in terms of acting, singing and narrating, they were outstanding and a credit to you! I must also say a big thank you to all the staff involved in organising these events; along with the teaching of reading, writing and mathematics, they can now add choreography, dress/hat making and angel wing repair to their list of accomplishments! On behalf of all of the staff we pray for and wish everyone peace and happiness in all homes and families during this holiday season – may you all be safe and find warmth in the love the season can bring. Merry Christmas and God bless.

The Story of Christmas in Song

We encourage all pupils from Reception up to Year 6 to be involved so we can host a truly memorable evening. We would like children to arrive back in school at 6pm and the concert will start at 6.30pm. The pupils must stay in their school uniform. **After the celebration we would like you to join us for some mulled wine and minced pies.** This event is a very popular part of our Christmas celebrations and we look forward to seeing you here. (Please be aware that the parking is very restricted so please use the Fairlands Valley Scout Hut and Maze car parks and arrive in plenty of time for a good seat!).

The Nativity

Year 2 performed the annual Nativity this week. The story was all about a Super Star and began with some very funny auditions! Reception and Year 1 sang beautiful as the choir. Nursery also performed a wonderful nativity on Friday morning. Many thanks to all those who had to learn their lines, sing the songs and make the costumes.

Congratulations on a lovely, holy Nativity.

Reported by, Maisie and Bridie

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday we had a Christmas jumper day and everybody looked amazing. We also had our Christmas dinner and enjoyed the turkey roast. Infants held their Christmas parties in the afternoon and KS2 had their Talent Show. Well done to all those who took part.

Violin and trumpet Concert

All those learning the violin and brass instruments at our school gave a concert this week. The children showed great talent, especially those who only started learning in September. Everybody watching joined in with the Christmas songs, such as Jingle Bells and Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. Thank you for all the parents who came to support the children. A big thanks to Mrs Genders and Mr Fone who helped the children to learn their parts. *Reported by, Maisie, Michael, Sean and Bridie*

Christmas Decorations

Thank you to all those who made a beautiful decoration for the Holy Trinity Church's "Stevenage Christmas Tree Festival". Our school came second in the competition for the best dressed tree. Our theme was "Love around the World".



Children's Charity Carol Concert

"No Room at the Inn"

Join Mrs Reid, children from St Vincent de Paul School and friends for some carol singing, mince pies, mulled wine and refreshments on Wednesday 21st December at 6.00pm in the Transfiguration Church in the Old Town.

Donations welcome and all monies received go to the St Vincent de Paul Society for "Vinnie Packs" for the local homeless. All very welcome.

(Children taking part please arrive at 5.30pm to rehearse)

Attendance this week

R: GI Mozart 95.3%	PL/TL O'Connor 97.3%
Yr 1: SC Mistral 98.9%	VH Stein 94%
Yr 2: AP Pasteur 96.2%	LMc More 90.7%
Yr 3: JC Hildegard 95.7%	CH Seacole 98.3%
Yr 4: DA Bonifacio 88.3%	AS/SH Michelangelo 89.3%
Yr 5: CB Agnesi 98.3%	GB Teresa 94%
Yr 6: EG Shakespeare 97.3%	RJ Tolkien 96.3%

Whole school 95% - Well done Miss Culkin's class, they achieved the best attendance this week so Aristotle is on his way.

