

St Vincent de Paul Catholic School – Newsletter

18th November 2016

Dear Parents,

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It also concludes the Year of Mercy. As it ends Pope Francis wants us to remember that, *“In life we all make many mistakes. Don’t be afraid to ask God for forgiveness. God is pure mercy.”* It is also important to remember during the Year of Mercy and leading into Advent that to be forgiven is a Christian hope and that to forgive is a Christian virtue which many of us find hard in our hearts to do.

Mr. Keane, Headteacher

Prayer: *“May God help us to be a school community where we are as merciful to others as God is to us.”*

Stevenage Christmas Tree Festival

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 around the world”. 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.

Pupil Profile: Samuel

Samuel, a pupil in Year 2, got Star of the Week for having a great attitude in class work and behaviour. His favourite subjects are maths and art.

Drawing is an aspect of art that Samuel enjoys. In his maths, Samuel is very good at number bonds to one hundred. Well done Samuel.

Reported by, Maisie, Michael, Sean and Bridie



Netball News

On Wednesday the Year 6 girls played a netball match against Bedwell. They played brilliantly and won 17-2. There are many outstanding performances but our star player was Jessica Jones because she had good positioning and produce some amazing linking play. Well done girls.

Reported by Maisie

Food Bank Donations

The season of Advent and Christmas is getting closer and it is a busy time of preparation and excitement, Christmas trees, presents, parties and food. This year we thought we would like to help families that are nearby. With your help we would like to support the Stevenage Community Food Bank. They have recently launched the Christmas Hamper Appeal to make Christmas a little less stressful for those families facing food poverty over the festive period.

Next week on Friday 25th November, Year One will be leading the Advent assembly. During the assembly the children will be reminding us of the importance of helping others. They will welcome any donations that you can offer. Just one item from each family would make such a difference. Here are some examples: festive biscuits (shortbread etc), tinned fruit, custard, jellies, pickled onions, pickle, Angel Delight, savoury snacks, cream crackers, crisps, gravy granules, tinned sponge puddings, orange squash, minced pies, tinned potatoes or tinned mixed veg. All items have to have a sell by/used by date no earlier than January 2017. We hope that you will support them as we begin this special period.

“Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home”.

Pope Francis, ‘Laudato Si’

Class Name: Michelangelo (Year 4)

Michelangelo was an Italian sculptor, painter, architect, and poet. One of his greatest pieces of art was the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican (1508-1512). It was recognised at once as a great work of art and from then on Michelangelo was regarded as Italy’s greatest living artist.



“Every block of stone has a statue inside it and it is the task of the sculptor to discover it.” (1475 – 1564)

Attendance this week

R: GI Mozart 94%	PL/TL O’Connor 96%
Yr 1: SC Mistral 93.3%	VH Stein 97.3%
Yr 2: AP Pasteur 97.3%	LMc More 100%
Yr 3: JC Hildegard 98.3%	CH Seacole 98.0%
Yr 4: DA Bonifacio 96.3%	AS/SH Michelangelo 98.0%
Yr 5: CB Agnesi 96.7%	GB Teresa 99.7%
Yr 6: EG Shakespeare 93.0%	RJ Tolkien 96.3%

Whole school 96.8% - Aristotle is very impressed with Year 2, More, they have achieved 100%! Congratulations.

Year 5 Viking Workshop

Today Year 5 had a wonderful Viking workshop. They had the opportunity to see and feel real Viking artefacts as well as dressing up for the occasion. An afternoon trip to Fairlands Valley Park to give the children a ‘Viking longboat’ experience was hugely enjoyable. The workshop was funded by the Year 5 cake sale, organised by the PSA – many thanks.

The Wednesday Word

We are still sending out copies of the Wednesday Word to support parents and children’s understanding of the following Sunday’s Gospel. This week’s feast concludes the feast of Christ the King. Please make sure your child is

