

# St Vincent de Paul Catholic School – Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents,

At today's fantastic Year 1 assembly and during our lessons and gatherings in the weeks ahead we will be celebrating the season of Advent. During Advent we are asked each week to devote our thoughts and actions to a particular aspect of the season, indicated by the Advent candles in Advent wreaths. Next week we will be thinking about Hope. Hope is one of the great recurring themes in our lives, and is also at the heart of Vincentian beliefs. Hope is a positive view of the future; it is an invitation to us to strive and to move beyond where we are to a better, brighter future. The deeper we understand Advent as an opportunity to draw closer to God then the richer our appreciation of the true meaning of Christmas will be. Mr Keane, Headteacher

## Poppy Appeal Thank You

Our Poppy Appeal contributions this year came to just over £200 – many thanks for your support, without your help, they would be unable to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work.

## Girls' football

Last Friday we played a cup game against Broom Barns. It took us some time to get used to the very small pitch but when we did we played some terrific football to win 12-1. There were some very special moments during the game. Honey scored an amazing free kick; Sophie pulled off an incredible save and Maisie scored goal of the season so far. Our scorers were Bridie (1), Anna (3), Honey (1), Maisie (6), including a wonderful long-range header, and an own goal. Well done to all the girls especially Maisie who was the star player.

*Reported by Bridie*

## Year 1 Advent Assembly:

Year 1 worked very hard this week to prepare and deliver the special assembly which starts our journey to Christmas. It was a truly wonderful assembly explaining many of the symbols of Christmas. Thank you Year 1.

## Food Bank Donations

Thank you to everybody for your generous donations of food for our local Stevenage Food bank. The organisers of the food bank know from year to year that they can rely on generous contributions being made by the school community of St Vincent de Paul School.

## Pupil Profile: Liam and Gill (Year 5)

Liam and Gill both enjoy playing football and Gill has already represented the school football team. Liam hopes to be in the team next year and Gill thinks he will make a good striker. Liam likes reading non-fiction books and also loves science. Gill's favourite subject is science and IPC. She loves IPC because they have to research all the topics and she thinks it is a great way to learn. They both like playing with their friends and hope to still be friends when they are older.

## Class Name: Bonifacio (Year 4)

Andrés Bonifacio was born on 30<sup>th</sup> November 1863, in Tondo, Philippines. He was a famous Pilipino priest. He was the eldest of six children. Andrés Bonifacio was a Filipino revolutionary leader and the president of the Tagalog Republic. Andrés died in May 1897 aged just 33.



*Reported by Sean*

## Christmas Fair

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Next Friday the PSA will be organising our annual Christmas Fair. The PSA are looking for helpers to come along early and help set up the stalls, as well as help during the Fair. The day of the Fair is non-uniform and the PSA would like to thank all those who brought in sweets and bottles last week. We are looking forward to another successful event. Many thanks for all your support.

## Attendance this week

R: GI Mozart 90.3%	PL/TL O'Connor 92%
Yr 1: SC Mistral 87%	VH Stein 92.7%
Yr 2: AP Pasteur 90%	LMc More 96.7%
Yr 3: JC Hildegard 97.3%	CH Seacole 96.7%
Yr 4: DA Bonifacio 94.7%	AS/SH Michelangelo 94%
Yr 5: CB Agnesi 98.7%	GB Teresa 95.3%
Yr 6: EG Shakespeare 95.3%	RJ Tolkien 95.3%

*Whole school 94.1% - Virtually every class has had a lower attendance than last week, with some the lowest they have been. Aristotle will be in Mrs Blythe's class this week as they had the*

