



St. Vincent de Paul
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

HEAD TEACHERS UPDATE

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TERM DATES

Autumn Term:

School closes Friday 21st Dec at 12pm

School reopens Tuesday 8th Jan at 8:55am

Please note our Golden Assembly will take place on Friday 21st Dec at 11am – all parents invited.

Advent & Christmas!

Please read this lovely piece for reflection from **Pope Francis**

"This life will go by so fast.

Don't fight with people, don't criticise your body so much, don't complain so much.

Don't lose sleep over your bills. Look for the person that makes you happy. If you make a mistake, let it go and keep seeking your happiness.

Enjoy, travel, enjoy your journeys, see new places, give yourself the pleasures you deserve. Allow dogs to get closer. Don't put away the fine glassware. Utilise the new dinnerware; don't save your favourite perfume, use it to go out with yourself; wear out your favourite sports shoes; repeat your favourite clothes.

So what? That's not bad. Why not now? Why not pray now instead of waiting until before you go to sleep? Why not call now? Why not forgive now? We wait so long for Christmas; for Friday; for Reunions; for another year; for when we have money; for love to come; when everything is perfect... look...

Everything perfect doesn't exist. Human beings can't accomplish this because it simply was not intended to be completed here. Here is an opportunity to learn.

So take this challenge that is life and do it now... love more, forgive more, embrace more, love more intensely and leave the rest in God's hands."

Pope Francis

DIARY DATES

6th December:

3:15pm: Parental Workshop KiVa anti bullying programme

6pm: With You Always: 2nd Session in school
(Yr4 Holy Communicants only)

6th Dec: Reception Christmas visit to 'Imagine That'.

10th Dec: Nursery Christmas Trip

11th Dec: Year 5 invited to a performance of Mary Poppins

12th Dec: Yr 3 visit to Storybarn; Yr4 trip to Museum;
1:30pm: Mini Vinnies & Class representatives to attend
Schools Advent Service at Metropolitan Cathedral.

14th Dec: **2pm** Christmas Fayre (all invited)

7:30pm Christmas Bingo

15th Dec: Holy Communicants welcoming mass 6pm St Vincent's Church

17th Dec: Pensioners Christmas Dinner; Yr 1 visit to Storybarn

18th Dec: **2pm** EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance in school

19th Dec: **2pm** EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance at St Vincent's Church

21st Dec: 11am Golden Assembly (all welcome)

SCHOOL CLOSES 12pm.

PUNCTUALITY

FROM: Tuesday 5th Sept

TO: Monday 3rd Dec

99.4%

EXCELLENT!

ATTENDANCE

FROM: Tuesday 5th Sept

TO: Monday 3rd Dec

96.8%

WELL DONE!



NEWS

Advent Preparation

This week we begin the season of Advent, when the days grow short and darkness closes in. We are preparing to celebrate at Christmas the birth of Jesus, who is the light of the world. We were delighted to welcome Fr Ferdinand on Monday who led our Advent Service and blessed our beautiful Christmas Wreath that the very talented Mrs Campbell created for school.

In Advent we remember the importance of hope. Please find attached an advent calendar with thoughtful ideas to share in preparation for Christmas.



Head Boy and Head Girl

We were very proud of the children in Yr6, who with enormous maturity, designed and delivered excellent campaigns. The candidates gave a speech to the whole school stating their aims and visions.

Congratulations to both Anaja and Alex who were voted in by staff and children within KS2. We wish them every success for the year ahead. A big congratulations to their very able Deputies Conn, Jackie, Finley, Maggie, Teigan and Ikshudi.



RE INSPECTION

In November our school was visited by two Inspectors from the Liverpool Archdiocese, this is part of the Inspection process for all Catholic schools. Inspectors looked at the Religious Education (RE) teaching and learning that takes place, our Collective Worship and the opportunities the children have to be part of a faith community (Catholic Life). School has received our verbal feedback and we are delighted, in the coming weeks we will be able to share our outcome formally. We were extremely proud of the children, who as ever, WOWED the inspectors with their articulation, passion and attitude. I would especially like to thank Mrs Foy for all her work as RE Leader and the support she has given to colleagues and also Mrs Williams for her work as part of the RE Leadership Team.

I wish you all a very peaceful and loving Christmas and thank you for your continued support. Mrs Salters, Headteacher.



Macbeth

On the 22nd November, 31 children took to the stage at The Capstone Theatre and performed Macbeth. As part of the annual Shakespeare Schools Festival three schools were invited to perform in front of a public audience at this special event. They arrived early at the theatre to go through the same process as seasoned performers who have trodden the boards before them. They got into costume, character and had a technical rehearsal where the actors rehearse the lighting and sound for the show. This was followed by a full dress rehearsal. The evening performance was sold out. We were the second school to perform following the performance of The Tempest. A Midsummer Night's Dream by another school closed the performance. The professionalism, confidence, staging, presence and energy of the children were sensational. The children did themselves proud, shone for the school and captured the imagination of the whole auditorium. A big thank you must go to the staff involved. Miss Bolger and Miss Wenton who have led the rehearsals and directed the performance working with the children tirelessly to help them reach such high standards. This is the first year, as a school, we have been involved with a Shakespearian production and without Miss Bolger's support, encouragement and organisation this would have never taken place. It was a remarkable evening. Well done to all involved.