



St. Vincent de Paul
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

HEAD TEACHERS UPDATE

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

- 16th Dec:** 8:40am Mighty Red Breakfast Club
1:30pm Yr5/6 Empire visit
1:30pm School choir to visit sheltered Accommodation
- 17th Dec:** 9:15am Parental E-Safety Workshop
1pm Flu immunization
- 18th Dec:** 9:15am Santa Dash
10:00am School Choir to visit DBS and Regenda Housing Association.
6pm : Reconciliation at St Vincent's Church for all Holy Communicants.
- 19th Dec:** 8:30am Breakfast with Santa (Yr1-4)
- 20th Dec:** 11am Golden Assembly (all welcome)
SCHOOL CLOSSES 12pm.

SCHOOL REOPENS ON
TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2020

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TERM DATES

Autumn Term:

School closes Friday 20th Dec at 12pm

School reopens Tuesday 7th Jan at 8:55am

Please note our Golden Assembly will take place on Friday 20th Dec at 11am – all parents/carers invited.

PUNCTUALITY

FROM: Tuesday 5th Sept

TO: Monday 3rd Dec

99.2%

EXCELLENT!

ATTENDANCE

FROM: Tuesday 5th Sept

TO: Monday 3rd Dec

94.9%

Unfortunately due to an outbreak of 'flu like' illness with sickness this term our attendance figures have been affected.



NEWS

Advent Preparation

Advent is a season of waiting and expectation. Advent actually means 'Coming' in Latin. We have been preparing and remembering the real meaning of Christmas throughout this period. We were delighted to welcome Fr Ferdinand for our Advent Mass in the first week. We have continued to think about how we can make a difference and support others – raising funds for 'Children in Need', purchasing toys for Nugent Care and our very own Santa Dash raising funds for different charities. *Please see the Catholic life section on our website for more information.*

In Advent we take the time to consider the things that really matter. We think of others and seek to bring them enjoyment. We also take the time to remember the reason we have Christmas – the birth of Jesus!



Nativity and Carol Service

We were very proud of the children in the Early Years, KS1 and school choir, who produced an amazing Nativity Service. Well done and thank you to all the children and staff. You did a wonderful job! Also a very big thank you to all the parents/carers and community members who came to support the children. It really was a joyous occasion.



SPORTS NEWS

Year 5/6 Athletics competition

The team represented our school beautifully showing excellent teamwork, determination and behaviour throughout the competition. They finished in a highly respectable fourth place. Well done everyone.

Year 1 Football Competition

Year One Boy's Football Competition at Liverpool FC's Academy In their very first opportunity representing our school, the Year One boys were fantastic at the tournament scoring goals for fun on their way to a magnificent third place finish. Congratulations boys!

Santa Dash – Liverpool 1km Santa Dash huge well done to all of the children and families that took part in this year's Liverpool Santa Dash! We had a wonderful morning challenging ourselves to complete the 1km dash and raising money for such worthy causes. A special mention must go to Amelia Hastie for raising an unbelievable £120 for Zoe's Place Baby Hospice.

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