



Dear Parents,

We have celebrated the first week of Advent in school this week; children have made Advent Promises and there are some beautiful nativity scenes around school. I hope all your Christmas preparations are well under way – I wish mine were!

Spotlight On... First Week of Advent



This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent at Church. The word Advent comes from the Latin word 'adventus' which means 'coming'. This Sunday the second candle on the Advent wreath will be lit and preparations for the 'coming' should really begin in earnest.

**Awake! Awake!
For the Lord is coming.
Awake! Awake!
There's no time to sleep.
Awake! Awake!
For the Lord is coming,
The king is coming in glory.**

Advent Mass

Please join us at 9.30am on Tuesday 6th December for our whole school Advent Mass.

Breakfast with Santa

The excitement is definitely building for tomorrow's Breakfast with Santa; I do hope that everyone has a wonderful time. I will be joining you all at the second sitting as I will be celebrating my daughter's First Forgiveness in our own Parish that morning.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped in the organisation of this magical event by either giving of their time, donating prizes or providing food and materials free of charge. We are very lucky to have such fantastic people in our St. Vincent's family.

Christmas Performances

All tickets have been issued to KS2 children and KS1 tickets will be sent out next week.

KS1 (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) afternoon performance is	-	Tuesday 13 th December at 2.00pm
KS1 (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) evening performance is	-	Wednesday 14 th December at 6.30pm
KS2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6) afternoon performance is	-	Friday 9 th December at 2.00pm
KS2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6) evening performance is	-	Wednesday 7 th December at 6.30pm

NSPCC Workshops

The NSPCC attended our school again today to run workshops with Years 5 and 6, the feedback from the children has been very positive.

Awards

Congratulations to our weekly badge winners.

Courtesy Award – Good manners and polite behaviour.

Merit Award – Super work and effort in a particular area of the Curriculum.

Good Conduct Award – Excellent attitude in all aspects of school life.

Year Group	Good Conduct Award	Courtesy Award	Merit Award
Reception	Archie G-J.	Rosie Q.	Joe C.
Year 1	Daisy W.	Joe V.	Charlie R.
Year 2	Evangaline G.	Tabitha H.	Alice H.
Year 3	Alex H-S.	Mia B.	Olivia Y.
Year 4	Evie M.	Isabella H.	Polly F.
Year 5	Joseph A.	Jonah N.	Andrew D.
Year 6	Florence G-B	Joseph W.	Beatrice H.

Year 3 - First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion

Next year our Year 3 children will be receiving the sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion. The Liturgy of Forgiveness will take place on Tuesday 11th April 2017 in Church at 7pm. Their First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 10th June 2017. A timetable of meetings for Year 3 parents and a letter will be sent out next week.

Knutsford Christmas Lights

St Vincent's choir will be singing at this year's Knutsford Lights switch on and our allocated performance slot **has now changed and is at an earlier time of at 3.35pm** on Saturday 3rd December. If you would like to see the pupils of St Vincent's perform Christmas carols, then please make your way to Canute Place for approximately 3.25pm. Thank you.

School Uniform – Black Tights

A few parents has asked whether blacks tights are permitted as part of our school uniform as in the previous school uniform policy on the website it only lists white, green and grey. I have now reviewed this policy and will be adding black tights to the list of options.

Jewellery

Could we please request that children do not wear earrings to school for safety reasons. If this is unavoidable, please ensure that they are small studs. However, please note earrings must not be worn for P.E. and teachers are not allowed to remove them. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Breakfast with Santa - Saturday 3 December

With just 1 more sleep till our 'Breakfast with Santa' event on Saturday, Santa Claus, Mrs Claus and all the Elves are looking forward to welcoming our 130 expected guests. While our little guests enjoy a healthy breakfast there will be sausage finger rolls, bacon baps, tea, coffee and mulled wine available for our adults to purchase. Raffle tickets will be on sale throughout the morning so don't miss out on your chance to win a 2 hour disco party; courtesy of Pete Deane, a beautifully hand knitted Santa and Mrs Claus soft toy or a £50 meal voucher from The Yard in Knutsford. There will be lots of exciting activities taking place in the school hall to entertain our guests throughout the morning, including face painting, nail varnishing, writing letters to Santa, creating bird feeders, roasting chestnuts, guess the name of the reindeer, creating Christmas wreaths, lucky dip, guess the present in the stocking, 'Pulse of Perfumery' tombola. There will be a selection of Christmas trees and wreaths on display. If you order a Christmas tree from Anthony at the event, the PTA will receive 10%. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for this special event. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow.



Reported by Coach Dave

Mini Games – Year 1 and Year 2

Last night we took some of our children from Years 1 and 2 to the Knutsford Schools Sports Partnership Mini-Games event. Lots of fun was had by everyone!



D.R. Sports Afterschool Clubs – New Year

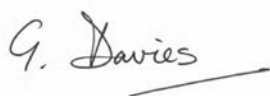
I will be sending letters out tonight with regard to the new afterschool clubs starting in January. Thursdays club will now be a hockey and tennis afterschool club open to pupils from Reception to Year 4.

Que Sera, Sera

Wednesday night saw a patched up SV supply one of the brightest performances in their short but eventful history. Reeling from a series of last minute 'injuries', they belied frantic behind the scenes activity to not only field a team - and substitutes - but play with both purpose and panache. Veterans Tony Lambert, Andy Holt, Matt Strong and Tony Konig successfully blended their experience with the willing running of Phil Raffo, John Minard and Jonathan Broadhurst. This combined team effort enabled newcomer Andy Ford to demonstrate his footballing prowess. In the face of such dynamism the opposition ('Green Machine') took to parking the proverbial bus as their primary tactic. SV duly lost, 1-0. By Alex Culshaw

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 5th December 2016		
Multisports – All Years	15:15	16:15
Swimming – Years 5 & 6 remember Swimming Kits! LAST SESSION		
No Mad Science KS1 & KS2 (finished last week)		
Tuesday 6th December 2016		
Advent Mass – All welcome	09:30	10:15
Choir	15:15	16:00
Crafty Kids (Y1 & Y2)	15:15	16:00
Wednesday 7th December 2016		
Parent Reading Reception, Y1 & Y2	09:00	09:20
Streetdance	15:15	16:15
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
Nature Explorer's Club	15:15	16:00
KS2 Evening Christmas Performance	18:30	19:45
Thursday 8th December 2016		
Sports club (open reception to Year 4)	15:15	16:15
Drama – Mrs Moores added an additional Drama slot in this week	15:15	16:15
Friday 9th December 2016		
KS2 Afternoon Christmas Performance	14:00	15:15
Y4 Remember Musical Instruments		
Running Club –Y4, Y5 & Y6	15:15	16:00
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15



Mrs G. Davies
Acting Head Teacher

Email: admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk

P.T.A e-mail address: mypta@svdp.org.uk

Website: <http://stvincents-cheshire.frogos.net/app/os#!stvincentsknutsford/home-page>