



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have celebrated the first week of Advent in school this week; children have made Advent Promises and there are beautiful Christmas displays in all classrooms. At such a busy time at school as well as at home it is even more important we take time to focus on the true meaning of Christmas with our children.

Spotlight On... Advent



Awake! Awake!
For the Lord is coming.
Awake! Awake!
There's no time to sleep.
Awake! Awake!



Last weekend we celebrated the First Sunday of Advent at Church. The word Advent comes from the Latin word 'adventus' which means 'coming'. This Sunday we will light the second candle on the Advent wreath. Our children have made their own Advent promises as a way of 'getting ready' – perhaps you could ask your child to share their promise with you.

Attendance –

Reception	94.5%	Year 4	99.3%
Year 1	97.3%	Year 5	95.5%
Year 2	96.7%	Year 6	95.3%
Year 3	96.7%		

Awards

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	Douglas C	Matthew McH	Georgie W
Year 1	Jessica D	Siobhan M	Evan H
Year 2	Jonathan B	Alexa L	Cahir J
Year 3	Thomas H	Nancy A	Liliana B
Year 4	Peace C	Ann G	Beth B
Year 5	Aoife J	Megan S	Toby H
Year 6	Sophie C	Emily N	Christian M

Christmas Performances

Well done to our KS2 pupils who entertained us so well during their performances of 'The Egyptian Nativity' this week. We really do have lots of talent here at St. Vincent's – I am sure we have some budding actors and actresses to keep an eye on in future years! It makes me so proud, our children truly are amazing and always give their very best. Thank you so much to all the staff and children for their hard work and to you all for your support, encouragement and generous donations. The money raised will go to CAFOD and East Cheshire Hospice.

Next week we look forward to our FS/KS1 pupils' performances of 'Mend the Manger'.

Attendance

I know there are a few coughs and colds around currently but please try to ensure that your children's attendance is as good as it can be in these last few weeks as important assessment always take place at the end of term. It does make it difficult when children are absent when such assessments take place.

Theatre trip – Treasure Island

We are all looking forward to our theatre visit on Friday 15th December to see Treasure Island. Please do remember to return your slips with payment and indicate whether you need some financial assistance regarding transport.

Parking

The safety of all our children is paramount. Please park responsibly when you are dropping off or collecting your child from school. The junction at the top of Higher Downs is a very busy place and clear visibility for both pedestrians and drivers is vital. Please do not park on the double yellow lines, on the corners or on the yellow lines outside school.

Dogs

If you do bring a dog to school please do not tie it to the school railings close to the gate. Some of our children are afraid of dogs and this can cause great anxiety coming into their school environment. Dogs are not allowed inside the school gates, on school premises. Thank you for your understanding.

First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion – important message for Year 3 parents

Enrolment forms for the first sacraments must be returned to the school office by 20th December at the very latest. Please ensure that you send in £15 (cheques payable to 'St Vincent's Primary School') for the books as well.

Breakfast with Santa

What a fantastic time we all had last Saturday at our Breakfast with Santa event – it truly was a magical and memorable occasion. Thank you to all our 'Elf Helpers' for giving up so much of their time to enable an event such as this to happen, I am sure it will be remembered by many, for years to come. The total amount raised was: £1,711 - Wow!



Advent Mass

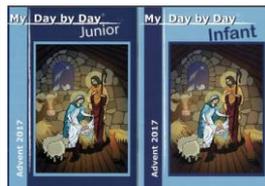
Thank you for your attendance at Tuesday's Mass when we marked the first week of Advent. The singing was particularly impressive, I received lots of lovely comments from our visitors – the perfect start to Advent!

Knutsford Lights

Thank you to all our Reception and Key Stage 1 children who sang at the switching on of Knutsford Christmas lights, you all sang beautifully and certainly impressed the crowd.

Reverse Advent Calendars

Our Mini Vinnies would like to say a big thank you for all your food donations so far. Once we have them all in arrangements will be made to deliver them to the local food banks.



Advent Resources for sale

A reminder that we have booklets for sale to support your journey through Advent this year. The Infant and Junior Booklets are 50p, the Junior booklets have now sold out but the Infant ones can be purchased from the office, or you can send money in an envelope.

Party Days

All children are able to come to school in party clothes on Wednesday 20th December for their Christmas parties.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Tuesday 19th December we are asking all children to wear a Christmas jumper to school instead of their normal school cardigan or sweatshirt. There will be a special pre-Christmas treat in the afternoon on the day. More information about this event will be given nearer the time.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 13th December

Please see attached flyer for more information. Please note all Reception & KS1 meals are free of charge. If your child normally has lunch on Wednesdays there is no need to return the slip. If your child normally has a packed lunch and you would like them to have the Christmas lunch then you will need to return the slip.



Breakfast with Santa

What a magical morning our **135** little guests and their families had on Saturday! Santa, Mrs Claus and the Elves have never been kept so busy! There was so much excitement in the hall in anticipation of seeing Santa Claus, there were lots of new activities to entertain our guests and tasty breakfasts were being served with lightening speed! None of above would have been possible without all our Elf volunteers (rPTA committee members, teachers, parents, grandparents, Y6 pupils, past pupils and Coach Dave) who gave so generously of their time, in both the planning and preparation of the Event and on the day itself. Thank you so very much. We simply could not have done it without you!

The support from our school community and the wider Knutsford Community was so overwhelming that each and everyone deserves a special 'Thank you'. We would like to thank (in no particular order!) The 'Lost & Found', King's Turkish Barbers, Diamond Nails, the Gradwell Family, Waterstones, Technotype, the Botanist, Hal Whittaker, Mrs Davies, the Curzon Cinema, MP Lashes, Cotton's Hotel & Spa, the Hallum Family and the Mere Resort who donated our raffle prizes.

We received generous donations from Kelloggs, Sheldon's, the Ollier Family, Mrs McAllister, Lynne Fitton, the Creative Toys Company, Jo Lees, Victoriana's Tea Shop, Mr Hughes, Zoe Paul, Royal Mail, Ed Drake, Gary Briscoe 'Mister Blister', the Co-Operative, Sainsburys, Timpsons and Nicola Marshall.

Elen Burgess, our Treasurer has confirmed we have raised a magnificent **£1,711** for our school. A great mornings work elves! (Note for your diary: Once you don the elf costume.....you are always an elf! See you next year!



by Coach Dave

Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament

Last night it was the last sports event of 2017.

Year 3 and 4 pupils played football at Knutsford Leisure centre (2 teams) against the Knutsford Academy Schools Partnership. St Vincent's Greens won 4 and lost 1 and St Vincent's Hoops won 3, drew 1 and lost 1. Well done to all!

Thank you to all the parents who have helped support the sports competitions and well done to all the children who have attended.



Christmas Trees for Sale – Knutsford Scouts

If you are planning on purchasing a real Christmas Tree this weekend then please pop along to Mobberley Scout Hut, Hall Bank, Mobberley WA16 7JB. The trees are on sale tomorrow & Sunday from 8am until 2pm. There is free delivery in three mile radius of Knutsford or Mobberley, so there is no excuse!

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 11th December 2017		
Y4/ Y5 – Remember Musical Instruments		
Multisports	15:15	16:15
Tuesday 12th December 2017		
KS1 Christmas Performance	14:00	15:15
Choir Practice	15:15	16:00
Wednesday 13th December 2017 – Christmas Dinner Day		
R, Y1 & Y2 Parent Readers		
Gardening Club	15:15	16:00
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
Y1 & Y2 Christmas Craft Club	15:15	16:15
Streetdance	15:15	16:15
KS1 Christmas Performance	18:30	19:30
Thursday 14th December 2017		
Indoor Athletics (Rec – Y4)	15:15	16:15
Friday 15th December 2017		
Whole School Theatre Trip – Treasure Island		
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15

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