

Spotlight on.... Year 4 First Forgiveness

On Tuesday 8th December, Year 4 celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation. The afternoon was a very special occasion indeed and the children were amazing. Thank you to Mrs Davies, Mrs Duffy, Father David, the catechists and many of our parents who were able to join us via Zoom. You helped to make the children's First Forgiveness a day they will remember. We are very proud of each and every one of them as they continue the journey through their faith.

We managed to film the occasion and will circulate it to Year 4 parents as soon as we can.



Report by Jack and Joe "The atmosphere was calm as we walked into the hall to start our Service. Jack felt a little bit nervous and happy at the same time. Joe felt joyful. Actually making our First Forgiveness was a little scary when we walked to see Father David. When we sat down and spoke to him we relaxed. Jack felt a bright spark in him when he told Father David his sins and he felt he was forgiven. Joe felt as if God had answered him and forgiven him. We felt clam when we spoke to Father David. We both liked the singing and playing the chime bars."

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*Believe, Trust and Be Ready
"That they may have life, and to
the full" John 10:10*

The Gospel by Mrs Holland

The Gospel this week continues to help us to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. We learn a little more about John the Baptist and how people thought that maybe he was to be their saviour. John was very clear that he was not the Messiah but the one who was to prepare the way. He knew that his role was to bring people to Christ. This too, is our role. We try to live our lives in the right way so people will know, through us, that faith in Christ makes all the difference.



Behaviour Awards

This morning I gave out our first set of badges in each classroom, well done everybody!

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

Courtesy Award – Good manners and polite behaviour.

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

Year Group	Good Conduct Award	Courtesy Award	Merit Award
Reception	Sebby	Carys	Zara
Year 1	Alissa	Conor	Hattie
Year 2	Mae	Alice	Alec
Year 3	Mikolaj	Connie	Rocco
Year 4	Jack	Harrison	Archie
Year 5	Sienna	Charlie	Joe
Year 6	Giorgio	Lucy	Charlotte

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it has been here in school; Year 4 First Forgiveness, Christmas singing practices, recording for our Carol Concert for next Monday, Year 6 visit to Sharston House carol singing and end of term assessments. All staff and children have worked tremendously hard, as always, and are all so fantastic. They always give their best in everything they do.

This weekend we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" is a Latin word which means rejoice. So let us rejoice and think about the happiness that Jesus brings.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

God Bless

Bernadette Groarke and the St. Vincent's team

Carol Concert

Our virtual Carol Concert to get us all in the mood for the start of Christmas, will be held on Monday 14th December at 1.30pm via Zoom. Zoom information has been emailed out separately today.

Advent Candles

It is lovely to see that the true meaning of Christmas is being discussed at home. We have had a lot of amazing pictures with your Advent candles. Here are just a few.



Christmas Jumper, Parties and Dinner

Thursday 17th December will be Christmas Party and Christmas Dinner day. All children can come to school wearing either their Christmas jumper, Christmas outfit or any clothes they want to party in. Please remember **sensible shoes** and a **waterproof coat** as we will be playing out whatever the weather.

As we are having Christmas Dinner on Thursday, we will be swapping Tuesday and Thursday's dinners around next week – Pork Pasta Bolognese and Jacket Potato will be served on Tuesday and Roast Turkey on Thursday. Friday 18th is also Christmas jumper/ own clothes day.

School Places

If you, or anyone you know, has a child due to start school in September 2021 please note all applications need to be made through Cheshire East by 15th January 2021 and all supporting documentation needs to be brought to Mrs Watson in the school office ASAP.

Cheshire East is under Tier 2 (high alert) restrictions.

Remember, 'Hands. Face. Space'

Please abide by the rules to keep us all safe in school and so we can all enjoy Christmas with our loved ones.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae>

Father David and St. Vincent's Church

Church is open for masses: - Tuesday to Friday – 9:30 am, Saturday – 5:30 pm and Sunday – 9:00 am and 11:00 am. It is still restricted on numbers so please book before attending Church.

<https://www.picktime.com/stvincentdepaul>

Altar servers

Father David is happy for altar servers to help out in a COVID safe way at Masses if they are in family or class bubbles. If your child would like to Altar serve at Mass, please let either Miss Groarke, Mrs Culshaw, Mrs Heap or Mrs Dobson know and they will liaise with Father. Children must have received First Communion to be an Altar server.

Year 6 Christmas Carol singing



This afternoon all of our Year 6 Prefects walked down to Sharston House to sing to the residents in a socially distanced carol concert.

All the residents were wrapped up warm and sat enjoying the singing led by Mrs Duffy, Miss Hughes and Mrs Hales.

It was a lovely for the children to bring a little Christmas joy to some older residents of Knutsford.

Online Christmas Shopping – St Vincent's PTA

If you still have some Christmas shopping to do and are making purchases online, we would ask that you try to remember to use the following online links before making your purchases. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really help us, thank you.

If shopping using Amazon, link your account to our Amazon Smile page here.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1098379-0>

If shopping using other online retailers, a link to our Easyfundraising page can be found here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stvincentsknutsford/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-e2

Thank you very much for your support.

Birthday Wishes!

"Happy Birthday" to the following children:-

Look who
is

5

Robyn

Look who
is

7

Gianna

Look who
is

9

Ann

Look Who
Is

10

Jack Du

Look who
is

11

Nancy

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 14th December 2020		
Christmas Carol Service – 1.30pm via zoom (see email for details)		
Tuesday 15th December 2020		
Year 3 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Wednesday 16th December 2020		
Year 4 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Thursday 17th December 2020		
Christmas Dinner and Christmas Party Day – own clothes		
Year 5 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Friday 18th December 2020		
Christmas Jumper Day – own clothes		
Break Up for Christmas holidays		

New Playground Markings



Our new playground markings are complete!