

## Focus on – Reverse Advent Calendar



The Mini Vinnies have done an amazing job reaching out to help those in our community this advent. The group organised a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' to support the Mid-Cheshire food bank. All children went above and beyond the call of duty as most brought in not just one item but a bag full of food each day! The Mini Vinnies decided it would be sensible to split the food between the food bank and The Welcome Centre in Knutsford as so much had been donated. Thank you to everyone for your generosity in supporting this worthy cause.

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

## Gospel Contemplations by Mrs Holland

This week's Gospel tells us of the Annunciation of Mary. This Gospel reading is discussed each year in our school and it is fascinating to witness how the responses of the children differ as they grow older. For our younger children it is often the wonder of an angel which captivates their imagination. And it is a character lots would like to play in the school nativity play as the lure of tinsel and sparkle for the coveted costume is strong! But as the children get older, their attention turns to Mary, and quite rightly so. Here we have an ordinary girl living an ordinary life of the time who is chosen to do the most important, life-changing job of all. The children can often identify with Mary because she is so ordinary and yet, without question, she accepts her given role with such trust and faith. This truly is a turning point in her life. As adults, we have met, and will continue to meet, significant turning points in our lives which may determine a different path from the one we envisaged. How many of us would change course with the same unquestionable trust and faith as Mary had? It is not always easy and yet we must always remember that whatever path we find ourselves on, God is always with us, we just need to trust Him.

## Behaviour Awards

This morning I gave out 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	Angus	Robyn	Tommy
Year 1	Molly	Sadie	Maya
Year 2	Harry S	Freddie	Tilly
Year 3	Eoin	Alice	James Mc
Year 4	Siobhan	Ann	Jamie
Year 5	Will O'R	Luca	Alexa
Year 6	James	Adam	Luca

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe it – the end of the autumn term! It's been a lovely final week filled with lots of reflection, festive entertainment and lots of happy, smiling children and staff. I would like to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas. Enjoy time spent with loved ones and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

God Bless,

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent's

## Carol Concert

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us on our first ever virtual carol concert. Children from every year group pre-recorded a traditional Christmas hymn with live reader's in-between. It was a truly special afternoon. We will try to get the recording of it out after Christmas. As always we have a concert appeal and this year is no different. If you would like to make a voluntary donation towards our concert appeal which this year, will be split between Cafod and Caritas Covid-19 Crisis Fund, via ParentPay.

## Advent Candles and cribs

It has been lovely to see that the true meaning of Christmas has been discussed at home. We have had more pictures of families reflecting on Advent.



Year 2 have made individual Nativity cribs at home and role played the Christmas story.



## Father Christmas visited school twice this week

This week we have been very lucky to have special visitors in school on Monday and Friday. On Monday we had two donkeys, a reindeer and Father Christmas visiting from Tatton Park which was very kindly organised by Robyn's dad in Reception. During today's assembly Father Christmas appeared again! He walked around the outside of the building and saw all children and staff through the windows. Some classes even managed to talk to him! Everyone told Father Christmas that they had been good.



## Skipping over the holidays

Every child in school should have received a skipping rope and we would like you to see what sort of games and challenges you can do over the Christmas holiday. How many skips forward in a minute can you do? How many backward skips in a minute? What rhymes can you learn to skip to? Please record results in Reception and Year 1 via tapestry and for Year 2 – 6 send in via email to

[admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk)

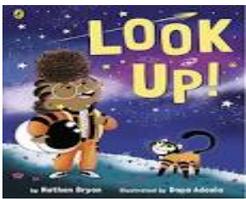
## Reception 2021 Applications

Please note that the closing date to make an application for a child to start primary school in September 2021 is Friday 15th January 2021. Application can be made at

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/apply-for-september-2021-school-place.aspx>

## Biscuit Dunking

Following our recent whole school Science investigation focused on the dunkability of biscuits, the results are now in from across the classes and we can announce that, although there was no outright winning biscuit, there were definitely some interesting findings! In Year 4 the cheapest brand of chocolate homewheat proved the most dunkable across the class, whilst both Year 2 and Year 3 discovered that the chocolate coated hobnob was the longest lasting. Year 5 had an outright winner in the form of a Rich Tea which survived over 80 dunks! Year 6 found out that the more sugar contained in the water, the longer a digestive would survive. Reception and Year 1 did an amazing job making interesting observations and recordings. Hopefully the children have been inspired by our investigations to perhaps conduct their own biscuit investigations over the holidays!



## Look up! Zoom call

On Tuesday Year 1 and Year 5 enjoyed a fun live webinar with the author and illustrator of the picture book Look Up! The event was organised by the Astronomical Society as the story features interesting facts about Space and more specifically the Phoenix Meteor Shower. The children listened to the story being read live by author Nathan Bryan and learnt how to draw the main character Rocket by drawing along with illustrator Dapo Adeola before participating in a live question and answer session led by Planetary Scientist Dr Sheila Kanani. Year 5 were delighted that one of their questions was chosen to be answered by the team! This was a great way to consolidate learning as Year 1 have studied the book as part of their English curriculum and Year 5 has been studying Earth and Space in Space. Prior to the live session Year 5 also spent some time learning about the inspirational woman Mae Jemison, the first African American woman in space. It was a great way for our Year 1 and Year 5 buddies to share in a Christmas treat together.

## House points for autumn term.

The winning House this term was St. George (red) with 278 points, in second place came St. Andrew (blue) with 267 points, in third place came St. David (yellow) with 262 points and in final place came St. Patrick (green) with 260 points. Well done to all the children for behaving and working so hard this term and gaining so many points for their Houses.

## Birthday Wishes!

So "Happy Birthday" to the following children:-

Look who is  5 Stanley Layla-Grace Araoluwa	Look who is  6 Grace F	Look who is  7 Sofia Elliot Mae Elissa & Erin Michael B	Look who is  8 Leland Eoin Elise Matthew	Look who is  9 Archie	Look who is  11 Jack Cameron
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## The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>		
<i>INSET Day – No school</i>		
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>		
<b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b>		
Year 3 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>		
Y3/Y4 Swimming – please remember swimming kits.		PM
Year 4 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>		
Year 5 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>		
Year 6 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30

## Sport with Coach Dave

Year 6 Christmas Netball competition



## Infant Christmas Dinner Pictures

Another delicious meal was served by Mrs Freeman and her staff yesterday. She is really talented!

