



# St John Vianney Catholic School Newsletter

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*"Everything we can be, with Christ in our hearts."*



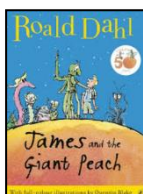
**Reading! It's fun, stimulating, satisfying, educational and...it is THE SINGLE BIGGEST FACTOR in determining life chances and wellbeing!**

For all those reasons (and more), we are placing an unprecedented focus on reading here at SJV.

We have research, statistics and studies coming out of our ears, telling us that reading is the key. It really is. It develops language, understanding, communication - maths, science and history depend on it, and IT IS FUN!

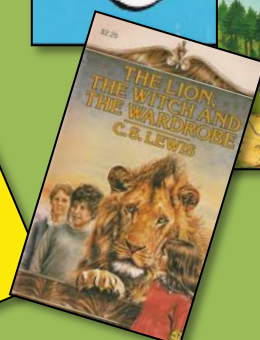
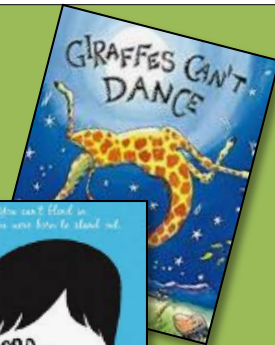
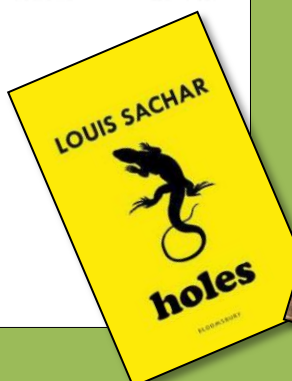
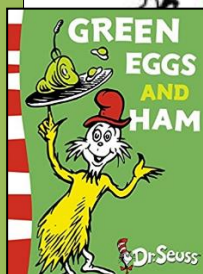
We are investing in quality literature sets for classes, devoting more of the curriculum time to reading and we are planning on building new library to champion it.

BUT...we would like your help: please place as much emphasis on regular reading at home as you possibly can. I know how hard it is to engage reluctant readers, but it is really worth the effort. Everything becomes easier when you read for pleasure: Dr. Seuss' famous quote below sums it up perfectly! Get reading...



**The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go.**

**Dr. Seuss**



## NSPCC – Speak Out, Stay Safe

We were fortunate this week to be visited by Jenna from the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC), who gave our children invaluable information and strategies to enable them to stay safe and to be confident in seeking help if they need it.

The children enjoyed an assembly with 'Buddy' the NSPCC mascot and learned all about the trusted adults that are there to help them and to keep them safe.

Well done to all those that participated and offered answers and suggestions – Jenna described our children as 'incredible' as she left the building. Very proud once again.





# The SJM Daily News

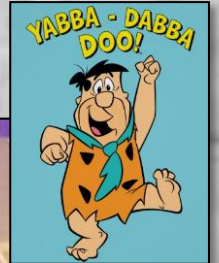
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018

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## We Will Rock You!

Class 3's Stone Age Assembly Classic



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### Stone the Crowes...it's a belter!

Class 3's wonderful assembly this week showcased the very best side of our school. We had children presenting their learning enthusiastically, confidently and with a charming wit and sense of fun – how they manage performances as assured as this at this age is astounding!

We had teachers and support staff prepared to go the extra mile – imaginative script, great jokes and even dressing for the part! And finally, we have our parents and friends along to support and enjoy these memorable times. Special mention, too, must go to the parents who must have spent long hours helping the children to learn lines and in creating these fabulous costumes.

Well done to you all –we had a Yabba Dabba Doo time!





## Year 3 Stone Age Assembly







### **Class 3 (busy week) Visit the Royal Albert Hall**

Won Wednesday this week, I had the pleasure of accompanying class 3 on a trip to the Music For You Children's Proms, held the beautiful Royal Albert Hall.

We were treated to a diverse set of live music, from Gershwin to Ariana Grande, played by some of the most talented young musicians in the country.

It was a great opportunity for the children to visit this iconic place and to listen to some live music played on instruments they may never have hear live before. Even the summer sun made a roaring re-appearance as we enjoyed a post gig picnic!





## Year 5 at the British Museum

To round off their Ancient Egypt topic in style, Year 5 had a brilliant day the British Museum's Egyptology rooms. We should not take for granted how lucky we are to be located where we are – imagine the cost and organisation for a school in, say, Devon to get access top these incredible historic collections. Our children had a great day and put into context some of the things they have been learning.







**Do you enjoy school trips? You bet!**







# STARS OF THE WEEK

THE FORCE IS STRONG IN THESE ONES...



12<sup>th</sup> October 2018



celebrate!



Multi-talented – Running,  
Swimming, Acting, Dancing!



celebrate! HAPPY BIRTHDAY



*Save the date!*

## Key Dates for Autumn

- 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Aquinas Football Tournament
- 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Staff Training Day (school closed)
- HALF TERM 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct to 26<sup>th</sup> Oct (children back in on Oct 29<sup>th</sup>)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Oct – children return, Y6 go to Pendarren
- 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – Holy Souls (mass at SJV Church 10am)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Class 5 Assembly
- 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Class Mass Y5 (2:30, in class)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y6 morning mass at the church
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Class Mass Y4 (2:30, in class)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – Open morning for prospective parents (9am)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 4/Reception 'Buddy' assembly
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y4 morning mass at the church
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Class Mass Y6 (2:30, in class)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Open morning for prospective parents (9am)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Class 6 Assembly
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Friends of SJV Fancy Dress Disco
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Y5 morning mass at the church
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Open morning for prospective parents (9am)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Open morning for prospective parents (9am)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Whole school panto
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Performance (7pm)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Performance (9:30am)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Mass; End of Term

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## Black History Assembly

As next Friday is a staff training day, Assembly next week is going to be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Miss Kavanagh has been working with classes during our newly formed Drama and Dance classes, so we are looking forward to an exciting performance!

