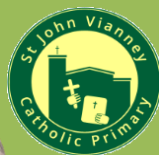




# St John Vianney Catholic School Newsletter

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



## Advent

The Christmas display boards are up in the hall, Christmas songs have been wafting through the corridors for months now and December is within touching distance – it's here again! The busiest, most enjoyable time to be in a primary school!

Our Chaplaincy Team today gave us pause for thought, as they prefaced the first Sunday of advent with their own Advent assembly; they told us the story of the Annunciation, and how that relates to the great hope that comes with the birth of Jesus. Our first candle was lit, signifying that hope, and our preparations for the great celebration of Christmas begin!

Have a lovely weekend!



# advent



## Admissions for 2019

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, you must apply for a primary school reception year place for September 2019. The deadline for applications is midnight on **Tuesday 15 January 2019**.

If you haven't yet applied, please do so as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. If you require any assistance, please contact the school office.

If you know anyone that would like a place in Reception Class 2019, or in Nursery from January, please have them contact the office.

Why go to SJV?

## Reception 2019 & Nursery Places

### Why send your child to St. John Vianney?

*We know that choosing the right primary school is one of the most important decisions you will make for your child.*

*We know that primary school is where children learn how to go to school; how to get on with others, to make friends; where they learn to work with each other and with the adults that are there to help them every step of the way; where they can make mistake after mistake, learning from each and growing stronger; where they learn to read, write, to become numerate, to begin a lifelong exploration of self and of the world; to form and build a relationship with faith and with God.*

*These are the building blocks of a successful life and at St. John Vianney, we are building strong futures.*



### What does Ofsted Say (March 2017)?



- "Pupils' personal development is outstanding."
- "Pupils' behaviour is outstanding. Their conduct in school is exemplary."
- "The Headteacher's calm, measured and incisive leadership has ensured that pupils make good progress and develop into confident young people."
- "Pupils' progress in writing in English is particularly strong."
- "Major changes to the curriculum have ensured that it is relevant and interesting for pupils."
- "Pupils make good progress in reading, writing and mathematics at key stages 1 and 2. This is as a result of consistently strong teaching."

### What do our results say (KS2 SATs 2018)?

- Progress in Maths was in **the highest in the borough**, and in the **top 10% of all schools** nationally
- Progress in writing is in the **top 10% of all schools** nationally
- Attainment and progress in Writing and Maths was, significantly above average nationally
- 2017 League Tables rank SJV in top 5 schools in Haringey

**Pupils attain above national averages at all key stages: EYFS, Phonics, KS1 and KS2**

**See for yourself** - Come to visit us, see us in action. Meet our staff and our wonderful children, and we know you will agree that this is the best place for your child. Please make an appointment at the office.

# Reminders and Notices

## Procedures for 'Wet Drop Off'

May I remind parents that, when it is raining in the morning at drop off time, as a courtesy, we open the school at the hall entrance so that you can drop off without having to wait in the rain.

It has been brought to my attention that a number of parents were either requesting that they accompany their child into the school to their classroom, or indeed attempted to bypass the member of staff on duty at the door. Some of the exchanges were abrupt and rude, which is unacceptable. Your responsibility is to drop the children at the hall door, then leave promptly; the children are then in school, and safe in our care.

Congregating by the door is unhelpful and unsafe; it causes unnecessary congestion and creates a safeguarding risk.

I remind parents that this is a courtesy, not a statutory requirement and it is done to avoid you having to wait in the rain. If we experience ongoing issues in this, we may have to withdraw the courtesy.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## Parent Dining Experience!

Take Your Parents to  
**LUNCH DAY**

We will be holding our next lunch on Friday 14th December 2018 at 12 O'clock. Lunch costs £3.00. Places are limited so please ask the school office for a form and book early!

## Congratulations to Mrs. Kavanagh

OUTSTANDING  
FOR ALL  
AWARDS 2018



This year, Mrs. Kavanagh was nominated for a Haringey Outstanding for All award in the category of Support Staff of the Year. This nomination was very special in that it was nominated by a parent, showing the impact that she, and all our staff, can have on a family through their work and kindness. We enjoyed a night at the awards ceremony and, while we didn't come home with an award this time, we know that Mrs. Kavanagh ranks with the very best in the borough!



# Reminders and Notices



## After School Clubs

Next week is the last week for afterschool clubs, with the exception of the Year 2 THFC football club.

## School Money Cashless Payments

After the Christmas break we will cease to take cash in the school office for Breakfast Club and Dinner Money payments. Please log on and use the system. If you are having difficulties logging on please contact the school office.

## Friends Of SJV Christmas Fair – Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

Please see the flyer below for more information.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
**3.30pm**

**Come and enjoy a festive cuppa and cake and win some fantastic prizes for Christmas!**  
**We may even get a visit from Santa...**

**PRIZES**

- FitBit
- Driving Lesson
- Cinema Tickets
- Personal Trainer Session
- Gym Day Passes
- Christmas Gifts from Firebox.com
- Argos Voucher
- Coding Classes for Kids
- Harringay Local Store Voucher

**and more...**

**MIKELI**  
07954 401196

**FIREBOX**  
SHOP FOR THE UNUSUAL

**the gym.**  
find your fit

**SOUTHWEST LOCAL STORE**



# Recent Fundraisers

## An Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

In keeping with our Catholic Social Teaching focus this half term of 'Helping the Poor and Vulnerable' we have raised money for some worthy charities.

### CAFOD



Our Pyjama Day a few weeks ago raised £259.25 for this charity, dedicated to helping those around the world in severe need.

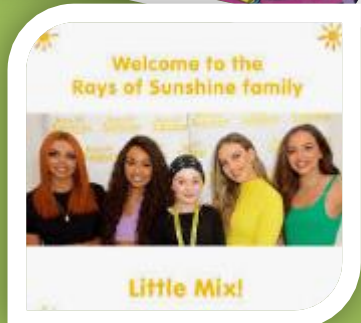
### Rays of Sunshine



Our 'Become Your Wish' Aspirations Day was not only a wonderfully enjoyable and important event, we also raised a whopping £446.56 for this charity.

It 'grants wishes' to sick children across the UK. Whether they want to visit Dele Ali or meet a Mermaid, the money raised last week will help them brighten some very difficult lives.

**A huge 'Thank You' to all who donated, helped out or took part in the events!**





# The SJV Daily News

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Everything we can be, with Christ in Our Hearts

Free

## And the Oscar goes to...St. John Vianney!

### New 'Teacher' in Class 1



### Oscar Winning Performance

Oscar the Dog visited Class 1 recently and gave the children a close-up lesson on what it is like to live a 'Dog's Life'! They talked about canine diet, grooming, care, health, teeth and 'personality' (surely 'dogonality'? ). Oscar was an exceptionally good teacher – patient, kind, responsive to being given a treat and didn't make a mess of any sort! He could be forgiven the occasional lick. Everything you want from a teacher! The children showed great interest and respect, and it gave the class an opportunity to talk about keeping safe around dogs too – a lovely morning, well done to our children for being well behaved and respectful, thanks to Oscar for being a great sport...and to Mrs. Kavanagh for arranging!



# STARS OF THE WEEK

THE FORCE IS STRONG IN THESE ONES...

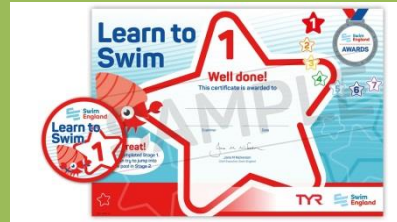


30<sup>th</sup> November 2018





celebrate!





## Congratulations from the Minister of State for School Standards

The Right Honourable Nick Gibb MP took the time to write to us recently to congratulate the school team on the phenomenal phonics results achieved at the end of last year. He was clearly impressed with our 96% pass rate. As we all were! Well come to Ms. Collins and the team in Year 1 and to all the brilliant children that lapped it all up! **Top 7% of all primary schools in the country!**



**Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP**  
Minister of State for School Standards

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Mr Stephen McNicholas  
St John Vianney RC Primary School  
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12 November 2018

Dear Mr McNicholas

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2018 phonics screening check.

Achieving early fluency in decoding is a necessary first step in acquiring the key skill of reading.

There is a significant body of evidence that demonstrates that systematic phonics is the most effective method for teaching early reading. We want to ensure that every child develops a firm grasp of phonics, which is why I was delighted to see your results. With 96 per cent of pupils at St John Vianney RC Primary School reaching or exceeding the pass mark in the check, your school is in the top 7 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

This year's figures show that 89 per cent of pupils who achieve the expected standard in the check go on to achieve at least the expected standard in key stage 1 reading teacher assessment, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation in reading, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

Thank you for your work in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

## Deck the Halls!

This week saw the completion of the annually-fabulous Christmas hall displays! Each class picked a Christmas card to re-create, and all worked together to realise a huge representation of it. They look brilliant, so next time you are in school, please take a look – some of them sparkle and twinkle, some of them roar!











MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
and  
Happy New  
Year

Love From Class 5



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS





Save the date!

## Key Dates for Autumn

- 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Whole school panto
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Performance (6:30pm)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Performance (9:30am)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Christmas Lunch
- 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Mass 10am; End of Term – School ends 1:15 pm

## Key Date for Spring

- **Children return to school on Monday January 7<sup>th</sup>**

## Term Time Absences

We are still experiencing a high degree of unauthorised absences, particularly in the weeks at the end of terms and at the start of terms.

These are vital periods at school – at the end of terms we carry out important assessments, and at the start of term it is essential that children do not miss the start of topics and concepts; it is extremely difficult to catch up.

In addition, we have whole school celebrations at this time of year and it is both unfair and inconvenient, for teachers and the children, to prepare for something only to find that many of the participants are absent.

I ask you please to respect the school's position on this – you understand that we are not trying to be difficult; these are statutory duties that we must work to uphold.

Thank you for your cooperation.