



St John Vianney Catholic School

Newsletter

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

Parents' AGM

After the Ofsted inspection of February 2015, the school resolved to share news of progress and life at the school with parents on an annual basis. This is an opportunity for you to find out more about how we are doing, about what the plans are for the future and for you to become more involved and informed as parents.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting – it is for you, and I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Wednesday 30th November 2016 – in the school hall @ 7pm



**News
&
Notices**

Cake Sale

We do love a slice of cake and a cuppa here at SJV! The next cake sale will be held on Friday 2nd December at 3pm. Please come along and enjoy a chat, an end-of-week cup of tea and a sugar rush!

Cancelled Meeting

Unfortunately, the consultation meeting regarding the planned development of the 'Red House' and Stanley Culross Park, due to be held here at the school on Monday 28th November, has been cancelled by Councillor Blake. She cited some hold up in the planning permission process, meaning that full details would not be available for consultation.

Applications for Reception Class September 2017

- Reminder that the deadline for receiving completed Reception Class Supplementary Information forms for SJV is **Friday, 13th January 2017**.
- The deadline for on-line applications to the LA is Sunday, 15th Jan 2017.



Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be held on **Friday 16th December**. Children on packed lunches will get a letter at end of next week asking if they'd like to participate.

Panto

Aladdin payment /reply slip due **Monday 28th**.

Owl Photos

Owl Time photo money needs to be in by Friday 2nd Dec (nursery to year 4).

Lost Property

Lost property basket is full - no names on any items!! We will leave the box out during the cake sale to see if any of these items can be reclaimed.



NSPCC Impressed with SJV's Anti-Bullying Message

I do hope that you have all managed to have a look at the school's brilliant Anti-Bullying film that so effectively marked Anti-Bullying Week. [Click here if you have yet to see it.](#)

It is all very well for us to make this film and use it for our own purposes, but the Anti-Bullying Alliance's theme this year was 'Power for Good'. How much more powerful would it be if our message was spread more widely? How much more 'Good' could we do?

To this end, I contacted the **NSPCC**, Britain's most prominent children's charity, and invited them to take a look at our website and their response, shown below, was extremely positive. They were so impressed with the work of our pupils, that they will be **showing the link at staff training / briefing** and inviting people to see our work via their **Safeguarding in Education** bulletin. Well done to all again for a magnificent contribution to Anti-Bullying Week.



Dear Stephen,

Many thanks for contacting the NSPCC with your students' Anti-Bullying video. Firstly, we would like to congratulate the pupils of St. John Vianney Primary School for their commitment to raising awareness about bullying. The dedication of the school and pupils is clearly demonstrated through both the film itself and the surrounding work that you have done.

We have been speaking with some colleagues to see if we could utilise this within the organisation, and can let you know that we have agreed to share this with our NSPCC School Service staff (approximately 120 people) in our weekly briefing. Our staff always enjoy seeing materials produced by children and young people as it's highly relevant to their work; it will also provide them with a young persons perspective on bullying.

In addition to this, we are happy to add your video to our [Safeguarding in Education Update](#) (which is a free monthly bulletin with approximately 1000 subscribers) and we are hoping that it will get plenty of views this way.

Finally, we would also like to recommend that you contact the Anti Bullying Alliance with this video, (if you have not done so already) as they may be interested in this.

If you would like to learn more about our work with schools, (which includes our [Speak Out. Stay Safe.](#) programme) you can find everything on our [website](#). In addition to this, you can also learn more about our free email alerts; [CASPAR](#) and [New in the Library](#). Our [Information Service](#) provides quick and easy access to the latest child protection research, policy and practice. If you have an questions, please feel free to contact our information specialists.

We hope this helps.

Kind regards,

Enquiries Officer

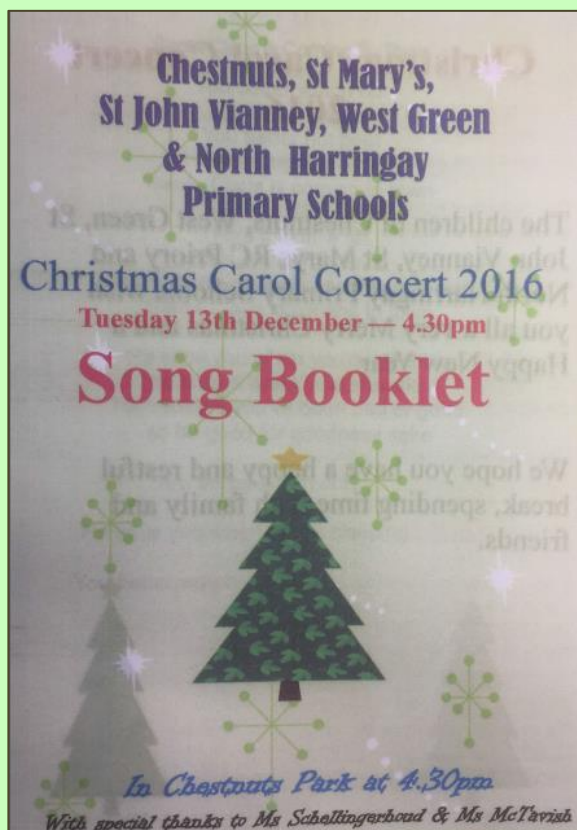
Carol Singalong! We Wish You A Merry Christmas (and other classics)

We will be ramping up the Christmas spirit this year as we join forces with St. Mary's, West Green, Chestnuts and North Harringay Primary Schools to sing some of the best loved Christmas carols and songs.

This community event will take place on **Tuesday 14th December at 4:40pm in Chestnuts Park**. We will be sending out a letter to all families, inviting you join us.

For those families wishing to join us, we will keep your children here till 4pm, then ask that you pick them up so that we can all walk to the park together.

I sincerely hope you can make this lovely event.



Autumn Dates

Please make a note of these dates and events in your diary:

Mon 28th Nov: Class 4 trip to Westminster Cathedral (Choir outreach)

Fri 2nd Dec: Class 3 Assembly; Advent 1; Cake Sale (3pm)

W/C 5th Dec: Spirituality Week

Fri 9th Dec: Class 1 Assembly; Advent 2

Tue 13th Dec: Carol Service 4:30pm (in park with West Green, St. Mary's, North Harringay & Chestnuts)

Wed 14th Dec: Pantomime at the Millfield Theatre (am)

Thu 15th Dec: School Christmas Concert – Witnesses (7pm in the school hall)

Thu 16th Dec: School Christmas Concert – Witnesses (9:15 am in the school hall)

Wed 21st Dec: End of Term Mass (10am in the school hall)

Wed 21st Dec: End of Term – school closes at 1:15pm

Tuesday 3rd /Wednesday 4th January: Staff Training Days – School closed.

Thursday 5th January: Spring Term Starts

Class 5 Assembly

This week class 5 demonstrated the power of Topic Based Learning. They have been studying ancient Egypt, and their presentation at Friday's assembly was a joyous mixture of History, Literacy, Religion, Drama, Science and Music (that song is still banging around my head!). Congratulations to Ms Milonas and her team, and of course the children in class 5 - a thoroughly enjoyable end to the week! All together now: "Tutankhamun, Pharaoh! Pharaoh! Tutankhamun, he ruled Egypt long ago..."



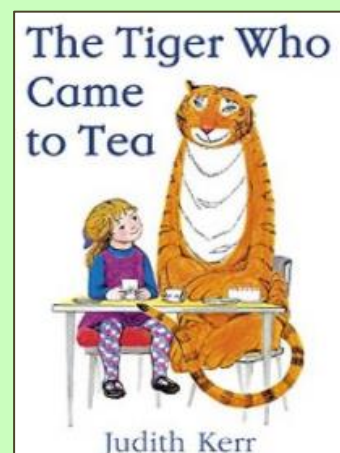
Fancy Dress Disco

Last Friday saw the return of the ever-popular Friends of SJV Fancy Dress Disco! We were treated to some fabulous costumes, from both the young and old, some yummy things to eat, a good old dance and...Captain Fantastic on the decks! A great time was had by all, and a HUGE 'thank you' to the hard working 'Friends' team who made all of this possible. The children had a blast, and that's the aim!



A Wild Time in Class 1?

This week, Class 1 brought their class book, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, to full and thrilling life, when a small herd of Serengeti beasts (and a pig) made a visit. It was very good of the predators not to eat the pig, and it was very good of them not to eat the children too! A lovely time was had by all, and it is brilliant to see the lengths to which teachers go to bring learning alive. The squeals of delight and the smiling faces were a sight to behold! Who wouldn't want to be in Class 1?





**KICK OFF
THE FESTIVE SEASON WITH SOME
DELICIOUS BAKES, A HOT DRINK AND THE CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE, AS WELL AS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY
CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND CARDS.**