



St John Vianney Catholic School

Newsletter

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

Advent

Once again, this week, our Chaplaincy Team have helped us follow our mission of keeping Our Lord as the focal point in our lives. Their reflections at Friday's assembly really help us to prepare, to clear our thoughts and hearts, to make room for Jesus in our lives. They shared a startling statistic – some 700,000 children are living in poverty in the Diocese of Westminster; right on our doorstep. We pray that they enjoy some comfort over the Christmas period.



Parent Voice

Thank you so much to the three volunteers that have come forward so far – hopefully we can get the balance of the places filled by the end of the year, ready for 2017!

The Parent Voice representatives so far are:

Reception: Ms McGaw

Class 2: Ms Mikeli

Class 3: Ms Quilliec

Nursery, Class 1, Class 4, Class 5 and Class 6 **all still vacant.**



It was also good to see a group of parents attend the afternoon AGM / Information session – once again, your feedback was excellent and it gives encouragement to share information in this way. **The last of the AGM / Information sessions is next Thursday, 15th December, at 9am.** Please come along and take part if you can spare the time.

Leavers and Joiners

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to some of our staff and we welcome some new faces also.

Ms Collinson will be leaving us after 10 years at SJV; she has decided to relocate and we wish her all the very best. I am sure that would all join me in thanking her for her service and dedication over the last decade; she has been an integral part of the SJV community for a considerable time.

Ms de la Salle also leaves us to take up her permanent position as Deputy Headteacher in her new school in Newham. While she has only been with us on a temporary basis, she quickly became part of the team and will be missed when she goes. Again, we wish her all the best.

We welcome **Ms. Ali** as Class 4 teacher for the Spring and Summer terms, and also **Ms Roberts** will be joining us as an interim Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion until the Summer. I am sure that you join me in welcoming them into our community.

School Uniform

Thank you all for responding positively to last week's reminder; your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



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.

Panto

Thank you for your prompt payments. All children **MUST** be in school at 8.30am on Wednesday. Just a reminder that this year **hot lunches will be served as normal** if your child has one.....For those that have not yet returned the slip and money for the Pantomime, please do so as soon as possible.



School Car Park

Please may I remind you that the school car park is NOT open for parents to park at drop off and pick up times. At these times of day it is a busy space, with cars going in and out, and it is not safe for children and pedestrians. You are putting your child at risk if you park here. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Thursday Staff Briefings

On Thursday mornings all staff attend staff meeting from 8.45am for 5 or 10 minutes. If you do need to speak to someone in the office please be patient and we will be with you as soon as we can.

Christmas Lunch

Friday, 16th December. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like a Christmas lunch on Friday, please complete and return the slip with £2.40 in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class as soon as possible.

End of Term

Just a reminder that the school will close at **1.15pm** on Wed 21st Dec.

Autumn Dates

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

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: Parents' AGM (9pm)

Thu 15th Dec: School Christmas Concert – Witnesses (7pm in the school hall-**entrance by ticket only**)

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)

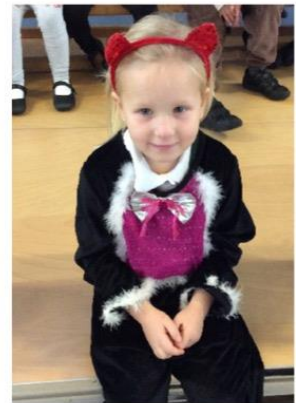
Wed 21st Dec: End of Term – school closes at 1:15pm

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

Thursday 5th January: Spring Term Starts

Grrrrreat Class Assembly Class 1 - Paws, Claws and Whiskers

Class 1 have been learning about all things that have Paws, Claws or Whiskers this half term. They have really immersed themselves in their topic, creating some beautiful writing and learning about some of the world's most fascinating animals. They presented their learning beautifully at their class assembly, and dressed to impress too! More photos and a clip from ['If I Were a Butterfly'](#) to melt the hardest of hearts here!



PICCOLLAGE

St John Vianney Wins 'Primary Class of the Year' Award!

Top award at the Haringey 'Outstanding for All' awards at Alexandra Palace.

Huge congratulations to our very own Mr. Quin and his 2015/16 class of superstars!

The Haringey Outstanding for All awards is a prestigious event designed to celebrate the very best the Borough has to offer in education. There are awards for outstanding leaders, teachers, support staff, pupils, community stars, governors and all those that knit the fabric of schools in Haringey together. Mr. Quin and his class was nominated for achieving a "brilliant atmosphere and an academic environment that was exemplary, with excellent results." All of this in what was, arguably, the most challenging year in Primary Education for many years. Tougher curriculum and tougher tests were taken on with focus, determination and enthusiasm. I would like to congratulate each and every pupil in the class of 2015/16 and Mr. Quin, who was ably supported by Ms. Giltinan, Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Hulbert. Congratulations to all on an amazing achievement!



Class 6 - Iain Quin St. John Vianney Catholic Primary School

Teacher Iain Quin took on the challenge of leading year 6 in difficult circumstances as the school had just been judged as 'requiring improvement'.

Iain created a brilliant atmosphere and an academic climate that was exemplary, with excellent results, achieved with a strong foundation of care and teacher-pupil respect. He demonstrated clear focus, targeted support and a willingness to take advice.

In a demanding climate, Iain adapted, learned and developed his practice admirably without complaint. He is a great example to others.

OUTSTANDING FOR ALL AWARDS 2016

Primary Class of the Year
Winner

Class 6

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

Elin Weston

Councillor Elin Weston
Cabinet Member for Children and Families

Haringey
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INDEPENDENT

Carol Singalong!

Remember – the SJV/West Green/St Mary's/Chestnuts community Carol Signing Service event will take place on **Tuesday 13th December at 4:30pm in Chestnuts Park.**

If you haven't returned your slip, please do so before Tuesday.

For those that are coming: please **pick your children up from school at 4pm sharp, so we can walk down together. They will be in your care from this point onwards.**

...I have heard a rumour that there will be mulled wine and mince pies!



Song list

For those that are coming, here is a list of the songs that are on the programme. ALL Must sing! If I can, anyone can....

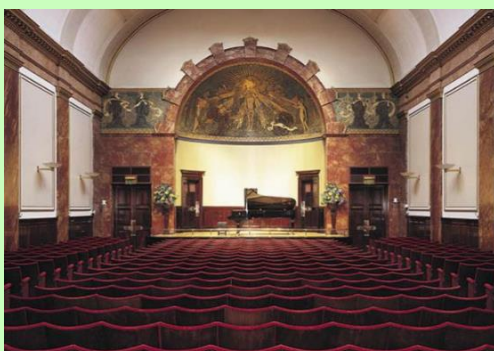
Santa Claus is Coming to Town
Deck the Halls
Jingle Bells
Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
Twelve Days of Christmas
Hark the Herald
Silent Night
Away in a Manger
Little Donkey
Mary Had a Baby
Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow

As you can see – classics every one of them! No experience or talent necessary; just good cheer and a smile!



Choir 'Raise the Roof' on Wigmore Hall

The SJV Choir made a special trip this week to Wigmore Hall, an internationally renowned concert hall, and performed a delightful Christmas recital. I saw this in rehearsal earlier in the week, and it was beautiful. Clearly a great deal of hard work and commitment. A big thank you to our Choir, impeccably behaved as usual, and to Ms Griffin for providing all a succession of enriching musical opportunities.



Keep Calm and Create!

Not only have class 6 been writing up a storm, showing admirable understanding and empathy about and around the events of World War 2, they have shown a real creative streak this week! Their versions of wartime 'moral posters' just had to be shared – brilliant!

