



St John Vianney Catholic School

Newsletter

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

A Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous 2017!

On behalf of all the staff here at the school, I would like to wish you all very best wishes for a blessed Christmas. It has been a busy and successful term, and I would like to thank you all for your continued support and positivity, and all of the good seasonal wishes and gifts that you have given so generously in the last few days. It really is very much appreciated by us all.

Our Christmas performance this year was very special and it was fantastic to see so many of you there over the two performances supporting your talented children! I really must thank Ms. Griffin again – we are fortunate to have a member of staff so talented, patient and generous with her time to guide the children in reaching their considerable best.

A special thank you to Mr. Rutkiewicz, who kindly provided some beautiful photos of the performance (using 'proper' equipment!) – I think you will all agree that he has captured the essence of this uplifting moment in our school year. [See the website for more pictures.](#)



Parent Voice

We are gathering a bit of momentum! As a result of the follow-up Parent AGMs, we have now filled over half of the vacancies. Once again, thank you to those that have volunteered. If your child is in classes 4, 5 or 6, please consider whether or not you are able to spare an hour each half term putting forward ideas and suggestions collated from the parent community. It really does make a difference to communication and a sense of involvement.

Nursery: Ms Batchelor

Reception: Ms McGaw

Class 1: Ms Denker

Class 2: Ms Mikeli

Class 3: Ms Quilliec

Class 4, Class 5 and Class 6 all still vacant.



Dinner Money

The issue surrounding prompt payment of Dinner Money is becoming a serious concern. Despite repeated appeals, this issue does not seem to be improving. It is not acceptable that the office staff have to spend so much time chasing unpaid monies, nor is it acceptable that the school has to fund these meals until payment is received.

In the new year, we will be forced to consider the possibility of stopping school lunches for those that are consistently late with payment. If there are issues with payment, for any reason, please speak to the school office so that we are aware.

Applications for Reception Class September 2017

Although there is still time, please ensure that this is firmly in your plans over the next few weeks. If you know anyone that this might affect, please give them a reminder on our behalf. Competition for places is keen, and late applications will mean that your place will be offered to someone else.

- **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.

End of Term

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

Spring Dates

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

Tue 3rd/Wed 4th Jan: Staff training days – school closed.

Thu 5th Jan: Spring Term starts

Mon 9th Jan: Friends of SJV meeting 7:30pm

Wed 11th: Science Dome Day (letter to follow); Visit from Jermaine Jenas, year 5 and 6 'Aspirations'

Thu 12th Jan: Swimming starts for Class 4

Fri 13th Jan: Friends of SJV – Junior Film Evening (3:45pm)

Fri 3rd Feb: Class 2 Assembly; Cycling Proficiency Bike Check

Mon 6th Feb: Cycling Proficiency Week

Tue 7th Feb: Parent Consultations

Thu 9th Feb: Parent Consultations

Fri 10th Feb: Class 3 Assembly; Friends of SJV Valentine's Cake Sale (3pm to 4pm)

Mon 13th Feb to Fri 17th Feb: Half Term, school closed

Christmas Lunch (with all the trimmings)!

Last week the staff and children enjoyed their traditional Christmas lunch, which began with the children presenting the mealtime supervisors with a 'thank you' gift. Many thanks to the Friends of SJV for providing the crackers and other accessories that make the occasion more special. Staff particularly enjoyed explaining all of the 'jokes' in the crackers, particularly the puns! You never stop teaching...



Witnesses – A Nativity Retelling

This year's Nativity performance was held last week to two packed full houses. The children have been busy rehearsing over the last few weeks, and slowly something special began to emerge. Brilliant acting, dancing and singing combined to make a moving, fun and festive celebration. I am sure that you are as proud of your children as I am!

More photos (and a lovely 'montage') on the [School Life / Events page](#) on the website.

Witnesses – The PTV Nativity



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Community Carol Service

The combined forces, and voices, of St. John Vianney, St. Mary's Priory, North Harringay Juniors, West Green Primary and Chestnuts Primary gave a brilliant community concert, live and outdoors in Chestnuts Park, to really warm the hearts and to kick start the Christmas Season. There are very few sounds on earth better than a couple of hundred children singing Silent Night. Thank you to all who participated; pupils, parents and teachers - what a joyous occasion! [There is even a quick clip of the final carol on the website...](#)



Music Service Concert

Parents, pupils and staff were treated to an impressive recital from those that have been busy learning piano. This group have been studying hard and practicing all term, and are progressing brilliantly. Many thanks to Ms. Moloney for teaching them and preparing them so well.



End of Term Musical Performance

Our Junior Choir and budding musicians gave a wonderful 'end-of-half-term' performance this week – Ms. Griffin has introduced this lovely event to give a real sense of purpose and pride to the children's development as musicians. There's nothing like an audience to focus the efforts! [Click for more photos and a clip of Ring Out The Bells!](#)



Parents' AGM

Many thanks to those that were able to make one of the three Parent AGMs in recent weeks. They presented an excellent opportunity to share key school information; progress from last year and areas for development for the year ahead, and gave you the opportunity to ask questions pertinent to your children.

I have posted the slides used during the sessions on the [Information / School Performance](#) page of the school website – please take a moment to take a look.

Comparisons to Other Schools

One of the key discussions in the AGM sessions centred around how SJV are performing when compared to other Haringey schools – some this side of the borough, some from the West, some similar sized, some bigger, some Catholic, some not.

The tables below, with the schools anonymised, summarise that comparison. The 'Green' boxes represent schools that have performed above the national average.

Key Stage 2 SATs
%age Reaching Expected
Standard

	Reading	Writing	Maths	SPaG	RW & M
West Borough – 3 form, Top performing	87%	94%	83%	89%	74%
West of the Borough – 2 form	80%	92%	78%	83%	68%
West Borough – Outstanding, 3 form	87%	97%	95%	92%	85%
Tottenham School – Catholic, 3 form	53%	82%	66%	69%	47%
Local School – Catholic, 2 form	72%	84%	69%	81%	59%
Tottenham School – Catholic, 2 form	47%	72%	56%	65%	39%
St. John Vianney RC JMI	81%	92%	81%	88%	69%
Tottenham school – Catholic, 2 form	68%	89%	85%	81%	64%
Local school – C of E, 1 form	49%	84%	74%	65%	47%
Local school, 1 form	50%	83%	83%	83%	50%

Key Stage 1 Assessment
%age Reaching Expected
Standard

	Reading	Writing	Maths
West Borough – 3 form, Top performing	90%	80%	90%
West of the Borough – 2 form	81%	76%	83%
West Borough – Outstanding, 3 form	91%	86%	88%
Tottenham School – Catholic, 3 form	65%	60%	52%
Local School – Catholic, 2 form			
Tottenham School – Catholic, 2 form	75%	75%	82%
St. John Vianney RC JMI	93%	83%	87%
Tottenham school – Catholic, 2 form	83%	81%	86%
Local school – C of E, 1 form	90%	88%	83%
Local school, 1 form	66%	69%	75%

Early Years – %age reaching a 'Good
Level of Development'

West Borough – 3 form, Top performing	84%
West of the Borough – 2 form	78%
West Borough – Outstanding, 3 form	83%
Tottenham School – Catholic, 3 form	69%
Local School – Catholic, 2 form	
Tottenham School – Catholic, 2 form	63%
St. John Vianney RC JMI	73%
Tottenham school – Catholic, 2 form	79%
Local school – C of E, 1 form	74%
Local school, 1 form	62%

Phonics Screening Test - %age reaching
the expected standard

West Borough – 3 form, Top performing	98%
West of the Borough – 2 form	93%
West Borough – Outstanding, 3 form	91%
Tottenham School – Catholic, 3 form	63%
Local School – Catholic, 2 form	
Tottenham School – Catholic, 2 form	82%
St. John Vianney RC JMI	97%
Tottenham school – Catholic, 2 form	89%
Local school – C of E, 1 form	76%
Local school, 1 form	77%

Parent and Pupil Questionnaires

We have tabulated the results of the recent parent and pupil questionnaires. Thank you to all those that took part. Will be working to keep the positives positive, and to work on areas that we are unsure of so that we all have clarity and confidence.

Parent Questionnaire

	Enjoys coming to school	Encourage to do best	Well cared for	Knows what to do if worried	Enjoys learning	Taught well	Makes good progress	Receive clear info on progress	Teachers and Leaders have high expectations	My child is safe	Staff ensure good behaviour	Bullying dealt with effectively	Communicate key events well	Website & Newsletter give clear information	School has clear vision and ethos	Leaders listen to concerns and put right	The school is led well
Strongly Agree	36	61	52	66	63	48	61	62	69	50	56	53	52	50	60	65	60
Not Sure	3	4	6	20	1	9	10	14	15	4	6	31	5	14	18	23	14
Disagree	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	2	10	5	0	3	0
Strongly Disagree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	0
Agree	96%	96%	95%	83%	99%	93%	92%	84%	88%	95%	95%	74%	89%	86%	87%	80%	90%
Disagree	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	6%	1%	1%	1%	4%	7%	4%	0%	3%	0%
Not Sure	2%	3%	4%	15%	1%	7%	7%	10%	11%	3%	4%	23%	4%	10%	13%	17%	10%

Selected Parent Questionnaire Comments

- "An After School Club would help working parents..."
- "I am extremely happy with the teachers: kind, caring and lovely..."
- "I put 'not sure' because I have no personal experience to draw on..."
- "I see a change in this school this year and I am happy..."
- "Security cameras would help security around the school..."
- "I am very happy that my child is at this school!"
- "Information is sometimes slow to get to parents..."
- "I would like to hear at every parents' meeting how well my child is doing, not just in the final report..."
- "More focus on Speaking and Listening..."
- "My child is very well taught at this school..."
- "I think bullying is dealt with effectively, but I've heard of times when parents wouldn't involve the school..."

Parents agree that: their children enjoy school; they enjoy their learning; they are taught well; they are cared for; they are safe; they make good progress; staff ensure good behaviour; the school is led well.

While there are only a few cases where parents actively disagree with the statements, there are a small number of areas that some **parents are unsure about**, most notably: what their child would do if they were worried; whether or not teachers have high expectations; whether bullying is dealt with effectively; whether leaders listen to concerns and act to put them right; what the school vision and ethos is.

Where **parents disagree**, they are centred mainly on: communication of key events; information received about progress.

Pupil Questionnaire

	I enjoy school	Teacher help me to do my best	Teachers and adults look after me	I am worried, I know what to do	I enjoy learning	Teachers make lessons enjoyable	Teachers help if I am stuck	Teachers show me how to make work better	I think I am making good progress	I enjoy learning new things at school	I feel safe when I am in school	Adults make sure that behaviour is good	Teachers help sort out bullying	I know what to do if I am bullied
Yes	102	133	130	95	109	110	122	135	99	120	135	132	133	122
Mostly	34	16	15	27	33	39	27	15	43	25	12	19	14	23
Sometimes	16	5	7	27	10	5	5	3	11	7	6	2	5	6
No	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	3
Yes/Mostly	88%	97%	94%	79%	92%	97%	97%	97%	92%	94%	95%	98%	95%	94%
No	1%	0%	0%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Sometimes	12%	4%	5%	20%	7%	4%	4%	2%	8%	5%	4%	1%	4%	4%

Selected Pupil Questionnaire Comments

What I like about my school:

- "I like the teachers in the school..."
- "I like to learn..."
- "Teachers do fun activities..."
- "We get to go on more trips..."
- "I like how all the children and teachers are a community and help each other..."
- "There are lots of nice people and cool topics..."
- "It's the best school ever! The teachers are amazing and I love this school!"
- "I like the topics and how there is always a new one..."
- "When I get house points!"
- "I like 'Maths No Problem...I like hard challenges in Maths'"
- "I like the way I progress..."
- "Teachers always willing to help..."
- "It's a calm and friendly environment..."
- "I love it when SATS are over!"

What would make it better:

- "Sports competitions with other schools"
- "More playground equipment"
- "If we read more often"
- "If we had a swimming pool."
- "Real goals in the playground."
- "More playtime."
- "If the temperature was even."
- "A nice party...a birthday cake..."
- "If teachers made lessons more fun..."
- "If we played nicely and stopped all bullying"
- "If we had more fun trips."
- "More things to do in the playground."
- "More fun."