



# St John Vianney Catholic School Newsletter

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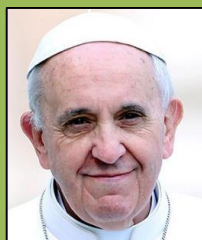
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## Lights, camera, Nativity!

This week was one of the most frenetic, bustling, busy, unstructured and enjoyable weeks ever! The school was, all of a sudden, very Christmassy indeed. Preceded by a wintery blast of snow, the week really got under way with the trip to the Millfield for the annual Panto – Jack and the Beanstalk. The children had a great time shouting and screaming at the villains, while the adults could only marvel at the actors' insistence that they 'weren't being loud enough'! Good times.

Later in the week, after weeks of rehearsal, our actors hit the stage for their production of 'Nativity Nightmares'. It was such a joyous, infectious and brilliantly performed piece; it was hard to tell who was most proud: the children, you as parents or me as the Headteacher of this wonderful bunch!



Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.

— Pope Francis —



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## General Reminders from the School Office:

- **Dinner Money and Breakfast Club:** payments for the Autumn Term need to be made in full by Wednesday 20th December at the latest.
- **Absence Notes:** If your child has been absent from school this term and you have not sent a note of explanation. Please do so by Monday 18th December 2017. If this is not received by the school office the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.
- **School Mass** on 22nd December is at 10am, there will be no assembly that morning
- **Reception 2018 Applications:** Deadline 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Warm Winter Clothes for 'The Passage'** - thanks to those that have donated items; we are still looking for more! Please, if you have a coat, jumper, pair of jeans, hat, scarf that you do not need any more, please donate to this important charity – living on the streets this time of year is unimaginably tough.

We will keep the appeal open until mid-January; maybe if you get a new coat or jumper this year for Christmas, consider donating your old one.

*Clean clothes only please.*



## Goodbye to Miss O'Donnell

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Miss O'Donnell at the end of this term. She has been an integral member of our teaching staff over the last few years, and she will be sorely missed by staff, parents and children alike. She has given Reception children the best possible start to their school lives, and she is a fabulous teacher and colleague.

I am sure that you would want to join me in wishing her all the very best of luck and happiness in her future ventures!

## Dates for your diary

- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: End of Term Mass (10am at the school);  
School Closes for Christmas – 1:15pm
- **Remember: the Spring Term starts on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**



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# THE TIMES

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## School league tables

### Top primary schools

Schools are listed under local authority areas and ranked on the percentage of eligible pupils reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and maths in tests taken in May.

Where scores are equal, the percentage of pupils who achieved a high score

is used as a tie-breaker followed by the average score attained by pupils across reading, grammar and maths, and then the cohort size. Tables show the top ten schools in each area.

Schools with five or fewer candidates are excluded to

avoid identifying individual children. Results are from state-funded primary and middle schools. Independent schools do not have to take the tests and are excluded, as are special schools, pupil referral units and hospital schools

#### Haringey

- 1 Rhodes Avenue, N22, CY
- 2 Noel Park, N22, AC
- 3 Muswell Hill, N10, CY
- 4 Coidfall, N10, CY
- 5 St John Vianney RC, N15, VA
- 6 St Ignatius RC, N15, VA
- 7 St Michael's CofE, N6, VA
- 8 Harris Philip Lane, N15, AC
- 9 Highgate, N6, CY
- 10 The Devonshire Hill, N17, CY

### In the News!

With the DfE League Tables published this week, The Times newspaper printed a list of the top 10 performing schools in each borough. We were delighted to note that SJV ranked in the top 5 for Haringey! A marvellous effort from all concerned.



PUTTING THE FUN INTO FUNDRAISING FOR OUR KIDS!

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We would like to thank you all for making the Fancy Dress disco such a success; we managed to raise a total of £667.09, with a profit of £438.32. Thank you to all the parents/carers who helped on the day, it was great to see the children having a good time!

The Christmas cake sale we raised total of £728.60. Thank you to all the parents/carers who helped on the day and enjoyed the Christmas festivities.

We would also like to update you on the playground project:

The school has re-applied for a grant with The National Lottery again, as the first application was rejected without reason. The school is still waiting for a decision from The National Lottery as they are processing their application. The school have also started, Bags of Help project in Tesco, which will finish by end of December. Hopefully, we will gain some funding from this project. We will keep you updated.

The Friends have applied for a grant with Garfield Weston Foundation and other businesses, but, unfortunately, we were not successful in gaining any funding.

This year, The Friends Association were able to cover the costs for the pantomime coaches, The Little Angels theatre as well as purchasing the new goal posts seen in the football pitch. We are aiming to raise funds over the coming year to improve the junior playground and focus on maintaining the wildlife area. We kindly thank you all for your support this whole year.

As many of you have been asking how much money the Friends events have raised over the last academic year, we have attached an estimated summary of the funds raised.

Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year to all of you!!

Event	Profit/Loss
Fancy Dress Disco	£483.25
Valentines Cake sale	£790.29
International Evening	£140.56
Infant & Junior Disco	-£30.25
Wildlife Area Project	-£2,176.95
Summer Fair	£7,332.48





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## Christmas Cake Sale

Thank you to the Friends of SJV for their fabulous efforts last week when they organised the annual Christmas Cake Sale. Always very popular, this year a few added extras, including an exclusive visit from Santa himself, gave the event a special feel. And....what amazing amount raised. Again!





# The SJV Daily News

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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## Nativity Nightmares!

**SJV's Christmas Production is (another) Masterpiece!**



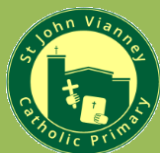
### Christmas – Cheer it or Fear it?

This week the boys and girls of SJV, under the astounding direction of our Artistic Director Ms. Griffin, hit the stage and warmed the hearts of all with their faultless production of 'Nativity Nightmares'. The show reflected on the message that it's easy to fear this time of year – too busy, too stressful – where actually, we should be focusing on the central message of Christmas: God's gift to us in the form of His son Jesus. It was a beautiful way to prepare for this most special celebration.

The show itself had it all: impeccable singing; acting that reached the back of the hall; a choir that just gets better and better; a chorus of angels that would melt the hardest of hearts; a gaggle of singing shepherds and...Elvis as King Herod (Why not?)

Well done to everyone involved, and a special 'wow-how-did-you-manage-that-well-done' to Ms. Griffin. Amazing!





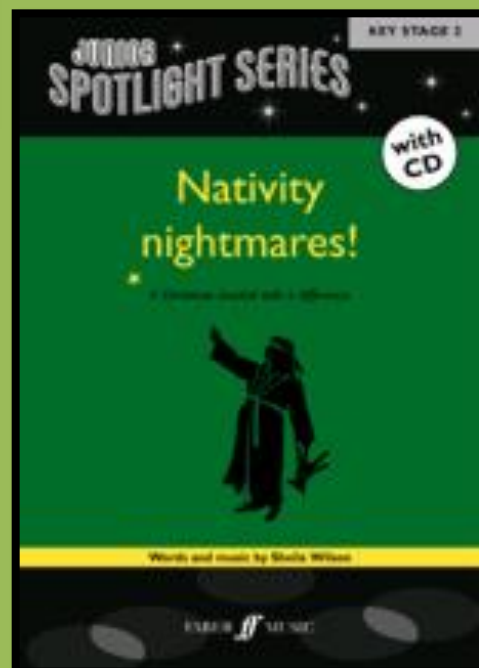
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## No Brussels?

We enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch this week, topped off with crackers and party hats! It was a time for the children to thank the staff that help them, day in day out, around the school – Teaching Assistants, Mealtime Supervisors and Kitchen Staff all play an incredibly important part in school life and this was a lovely way to thank them!

