



St John Vianney Catholic School Newsletter

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108 days, 4 hours, 15 minutes and 0 seconds

It doesn't seem like 108 days, 4 hours, 15 minutes and 0 seconds since we returned, bright eyed and bushy tailed, from our Summer holidays to start another new year. But it has been. Not that we are counting!

In that time, we have achieved so much; we have learned (lots), grown (lots), laughed (lots), cried (just the right amount) and had fun (lots)!

It's been a busy term, as Autumn always is; there is a truism in education that this is the longest, toughest and most important term, and here at St. John Vianney, we wholeheartedly agree, but we can be so proud of our achievements, the big and the small, the academic and the pastoral.

I'd like to thank you all personally, and on behalf of all of the staff, for your good wishes and incredible generosity this Christmas. We love looking after your children, so it is a double pleasure to be thanked and appreciated in this way.

It just remains for me to wish you all a peaceful, holy Christmas and very happy new year!

A special Christmas treat: Click on the link below to watch a 'Merry Christmas' message from our wonderful children !

Click Here!



The SJV Daily News

Friday 22nd December 2017

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Free

Lottery Success!

SJV 'Wins' the Lottery!

Playground works – full steam ahead!

Proving that you have to be 'in it to win it', we have this week been notified that a National Lottery grant, to significantly improve the facilities in our playground, as been approved!

This is tremendous news indeed – this project has long been in our hearts and minds, and this grant is a fabulous early Christmas present for all of us!

Special thanks to Mrs. Kennedy and the Friends of SJV for their time, commitment and drive in achieving this important milestone! These combined efforts will greatly enhance the experience of children at SJV for years to come and we are in their debt.

The confirmation letter states that the award is recognition of the good work that we are doing for their community.

Exciting times ahead!



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Mrs. Nuala Kennedy
St John Vianney Primary School
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22.12.2017

Project ID: 0010317105

Dear Mrs. Kennedy

Thank you for applying to National Lottery Awards for All.

I'm delighted to tell you that your application has been successful. We've awarded your organisation a grant of £10,000 for the following activities: Active Adventures.

What happens next? You can expect to receive the grant into your bank account within the next few weeks, ready for you to use as described in your application. If you applied online, a copy of your application was emailed to you immediately after submission. Let us know if you need another copy.

The grant is subject to our terms and conditions which were set out on the application and can be viewed at www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/awardsforall

We may contact you to find out how the grant has helped, so please hold on to any receipts or invoices related to it for a minimum of seven years.

How do I share the good news? Receiving this award is a mark of quality of the work you are doing in your community. We want to help you to celebrate it and will publish details of your grant award on our website on 06.03.2018 and send information to local media. If you want to share your good news with your community and your local MP before this date then please go ahead and continue

Big Lottery Fund, awarding funds from The National Lottery



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An Appeal from St. John Vianney Church Choir

Paul Goddard (Fergal and Mairéad's Dad)

As you may know, the children of the parish lead the singing and music at the 7pm mass on Christmas Eve. The service is the centrepiece of the year for the Family Mass choir and musicians and we try to have a mixture of traditional carols and more modern pieces that children - and the congregation - enjoy singing.

However, we seem to be struggling this year more than ever - judging by the attendance at the two rehearsals to date - with encouraging children to come along and sing or play. This is such a shame, especially when so many pupils have not only an aptitude for singing but huge enthusiasm for it.

I understand very well that there are many pressures on family life and that you are all very busy - and tired, I'm sure, after a long term - but of all the masses in the year, this is the one we (and the congregation!) most need the children's help with.

So, I would be hugely grateful if the word could go around that we need as many singers as possible on Christmas Eve - so if you are a pupil who likes to sing - or a parent with a child who lights up the house with his or her voice - please, please, PLEASE come along at 6:30pm on Sunday and help to make this the best Christmas Eve mass yet.

Thank you for your time in reading this message and a very Happy Christmas to all of you.



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General Reminders from the School Office:

• Reception 2018 Applications:

Deadline 15th 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.***



Tesco Bags of Help

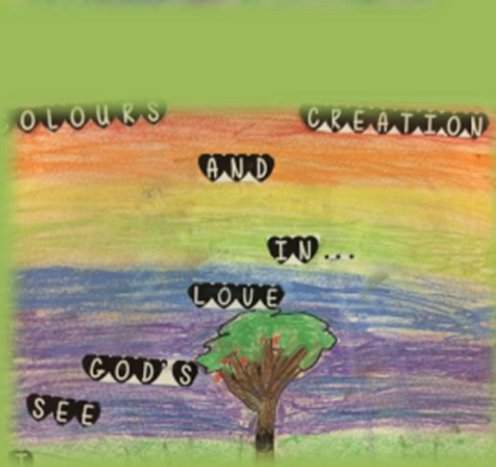
If you haven't already, please support our bid for playground apparatus funding by shopping in Tesco and placing your Blue Voting Coins in the St. John Vianney container – I am told that our local Tesco has now finally rectified their system and you can NOW vote for SJV! Please keep the votes coming – as Tesco always says: "Every Little Helps!"

Spring Term

Please remember that the Spring Term starts on Monday 8th January.



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I see God's love in...

This week, I spend a wonderful morning with some of our talented artists, as they reflected on all that is beautiful in our world. God's love is everywhere, and in everything, everyday, and our artists captured just a fragment of that in their work. Stunning.





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