



St John Vianney Catholic School

Newsletter

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



Welcome Back and...Happy New Year!

On behalf of all the staff here at St. John Vianney, I'd like to welcome you all back and wish you a very happy and successful new year! I hope that you all had a peaceful and enjoyable break, sharing time with family and friends and are ready to get back into the swing of things in this 'Spring'.

The teachers and support staff were in on Monday this week, working hard to prepare ourselves for the coming term and year ahead. Our focus was on the redesign of the curriculum offered here at SJV. This is such an important thing to get right, and new government legislation has rightly put this at the centre of schools' priorities going forward. No longer will schools be measured using data, graphs and statistics - they will be judged on the quality of the education provided, and that is to be welcomed.

It was with this in mind that we started our new year, and there are exciting changes in the pipeline that mean that all that attend our school will be subject to the best curriculum experience possible! Our teachers are enthused and embracing new challenges, and I am sure that the children will be too! An exciting start to the year, and long may it continue.



Happy New Year 2020!

A Trip? In the first week back? By Bus? At Night?

All reasonable questions, but yes! Our year 5s this week got to experience a sumptuous performance of the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe at one of London's finest spaces, the Bridge Theatre, situated under the shadows of Tower Bridge.

Experiences like this are central to our curriculum, and they uniquely bring our learning to life. This sell out production is amongst the best that London has to offer and our children absolutely loved it.

Staff tell me that they were rapt as this wonderful story unfolded before them on the stage, using some of the most innovative storytelling techniques and effects. So lucky!

Staff also tell me that people were clamouring to approach them to congratulate our children on their behaviour, their engagement and politeness – theatre goers, rush hour passengers and bus drivers, to name a few! So proud (once again!)

Trips like this are testament to our staff's desire to provide the best for our children – they aim high, plan ahead, investigate funding, give up their time and are deservedly proud when they see the children's enjoyment! Well done to all on a fantastic experience.





**BRIDGE
THEATRE**

Key Dates

- 13th Jan – HR Sports (Gymnastics) after school club starts Y4&5
- 14th Jan– Mr. Dent's guitar lessons resume
- 14th Jan– HR Sports (Football) after school club starts Y1&2
- 15th Jan– HR Sports (Cricket) after school club starts Y3&4
- 15th Jan– Year 1 and Year 5 visit Tower of London
- 16th Jan– Swimming starts for Year 5
- 24th Jan – Healthy Eating Assembly – all welcome, **coffee morning afterwards**
- 4th Feb – Y3 visit Natural History Museum
- 16th Feb – year 4 visit to the Tate Britain Gallery
- 7th Feb – Trailblazers (mental wellbeing organisation) talk at Assembly, **followed by coffee morning**
- 7th Feb – Friends of SJV Valentine's Cake Sale
- 17th – 21st Feb – Half Term Holiday
- 24th Feb – Children back at school

Notices

- **Year 6 boosters:** Reading is on Mondays from 3:45 to 4:45
- Maths is on Wednesdays from 3:45 to 4:45
- **Weekly Mass at SJV:** Year 3 next week; all parents welcome