

NEWSLETTER



St John Vianney Primary School

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Issue 7

GOVERNORS UPDATE

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

We carried out a H&S walk at school this week and it's wonderful to see the inventive reading areas our teachers have created in their classrooms and hidden within the nooks and crannies of our school, encouraging our children to pick up a book and read. I'm thrilled to say, they don't need much encouragement! With the launch of our English Hub, there are very exciting times ahead for everyone at St John Vianney's.



Many thanks
Cathy Butterworth
Chair of Governors

Residential Visits 2019

A polite reminder that payments for the residential visits must be made on time. Late payments may mean that we risk losing places and we are keen to ensure that this doesn't happen. Please see below for payment dates:

YEAR 5 HOTHERSALL LODGE:

1st instalment £25—OVERDUE

2nd instalment £25— OVERDUE

3rd instalment £25—OVERDUE

4th instalment £25—15.02.2019

YEAR 6 YORK

1st instalment £45—OVERDUE

2nd instalment £45—OVERDUE

3rd instalment £45—08.02.19

4th instalment £30—29.03.19

Thank you for your cooperation.



Staff News

Welcome to Mr Johnson our new School Business Manager.

Mr Johnson has had a busy first few weeks and has already become a familiar face around the school.

If you call in to the office, he'd be happy to meet you!

After School and Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that we do need a booking if you would like your child to attend Breakfast, After School or Holiday Club. This can be done at least 48 hours in advance through the Parentpay site. You will need to pay for all the sessions you book otherwise the system does automatically cancel the place if the funds aren't available on the day.

Dates for your diary:

Year 4 trip to Quarry Bank Mill—Friday 25th January

Class 2W trip to Pizza Express—Monday 28th January

SJV Performing Arts Evening— Wednesday 6th February @ 6:00pm

Year 1 Parent Workshop —Thursday 7th February@ 2:30pm

2BH Assembly—Friday 8th February @ 9:00am and 9:20am

Reception Parent Workshop—Monday 11th February @ 2:30pm

Year 4 "Oliver songs" Performance —Tuesday 12th February @2:30pm

Schools Alive! —Wednesday 13th February @ 6:00pm—9:30pm, Grand Theatre

Year 3 Parent Workshop —Wednesday 13th February @ 2:15pm

PTA Valentines Disco —Thursday 14th February

School Breaks Up for Half Term —Friday 15th February and Re-opens Tuesday 26th February

Enrichment Clubs

As we are now settling back in after our Christmas break, all Enrichment and Sports Clubs have now started. If your child has been allocated a place and either no longer wants to go or won't be attending for one of the weeks, we'd really appreciate it if you would let us know. We do have to find out where a child is if they haven't attended their club so it helps greatly if we know in advance.

Thanks

Nursery Availability Sept 2019

If you are considering applying for a 3 year old place at St John Vianney nursery from September 2019, or know someone who is, please note that the deadline for applications is 31st March 2019.

For the last few years we have been fully booked from September so encourage you to not delay in applying.

Thanks

IMPORTANT NOTICE -ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

We are currently considering sending future newsletters out by email using the Parentpay system. This will mean that the newsletters would be delivered directly to the email address you have registered your Parentpay account to. If you have never set up your Parentpay account, this would need doing—the office are able to help you if necessary.

However we do realise that some of you may still prefer to receive a paper copy. If this applies to you, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Thanks

A message from Fr. Janusz

The most important feast day in January, which follows the feast of the Epiphany, is the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus.

At the time of Jesus's Baptism, all the people were filled with expectation and were questioning in their hearts whether John the Baptist was the awaited Messiah. John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire".

Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit came down upon him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Baptism used to be an adult rite, as it was in Jesus' day, but today baptism usually takes place as a baby. The parents ask for the community's help in bringing them up "in faith". They select two of their closest friends from the church to aid them and they are known as Godparents. Their friendship and love for the family mirrors the relationship God has with each one of us.

Let us take some time to reflect upon the important Sacrament of Baptism. And remember, if you or your child are not baptised, it is never too late to make the decision to do this.

God Bless,

Fr. Janusz

Advent Fundraising

A HUGE thank you for supporting all of our fundraising events throughout last half term. It was overwhelming to see how involved the children were with engaging in a variety of sales and events including the non-uniform days. As a school, we raised £362 for CAFOD, which is a fantastic achievement. For more information on the world gifts that your money has been donated towards, please visit: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/frontpage/group-fundraising>.



January - The Epiphany and Baptism of Our Lord

We started the year celebrating the end of the Christmas season with the visit from the three wise men at the Epiphany. This week, we are celebrating the Baptism of our Lord and lessons in school will be focussed around this.

Sacramental Programmes Update

The Reconciliation Programme is well under way and children have almost completed the sessions. Children will say their confessions for the first time during the Reconciliation Service, which is on Wednesday 30th January at 6pm.

This Sunday 20th January, parents will have the opportunity to sign up for the First Holy Communion mass preference. There will be three mass times on which children can make their First Holy Communion during the weekend of 11th/12th May. This will be on a first come, first served basis, with a maximum allocation of 12 children for any one mass.



La Posada

Last month, we talked to the children about the significance of Advent as a time of waiting and preparation for the birth of Jesus. We had to be really patient and remind ourselves that Christmas doesn't begin until the birth of Our Saviour. During Advent, we were delighted to give children the opportunity of taking Mary and Joseph home for the evening to offer them a bed for the night on their long and tiring journey to Bethlehem. We called this the 'Travelling Posada'. Posada is a Spanish word that means 'inn', and is also the title for a Mexican Advent celebration in which two young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house in their village to proclaim the imminent arrival of Jesus and request that the new born baby be given a room. On Christmas Eve they would re-enact a community play and bring figures of Mary and Joseph to be placed in a crib at church. We were delighted to be able to share this celebration by having our own version of this at St John Vianney and it was wonderful to listen to all the experiences that children shared when engaging in family worship at home. Thank you to all those who gave Mary and Joseph a home for the night - if you didn't get the chance this year then you will have the opportunity for Advent 2019!



Class Masses and Prayer & Liturgy Sessions

The weekly class masses have been a great success – the children have all been actively involved, singing beautifully and remembering the mass responses. For the Spring Term, the masses have been arranged as follows...

Wednesday 23rd January – Year 6
Wednesday 6th February - Year 5

