



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School closes for half-term on Thursday 26th October at normal time and will return on Tuesday 7th November

Whole school activities

Parents' Evening—Wednesday 8th November

Scholastic Book Fair—Wednesday 8th November—Tuesday 14th November

Church Christmas Fair—Sunday 26th November

Whole School visit to Blackpool Tower Circus Pantomime—Tuesday 12th December

Christmas lunch and jumper day—Wednesday 13th December

School Closes for Christmas Holiday—Wednesday 20th December, 1:30pm

School Reopens for Spring Term—Thursday 4th January 2018

Year group activities

Year 3 & 4 Advent Service—Friday 1st December, 4:00pm

Year 5 Christmas Craft workshop—Monday 4th December, 9:15am

Year 6 Bandstand performance—Tuesday 5th December, 9:00am

Nursery Nativity—Wednesday 6th December, 9:30am and 2:00pm

Year 1 Food Festival workshop—Thursday 7th December

Reception Nativity—Friday 8th December, 9:30am and 2:00pm

KS1 Nativity—Thursday 14th December, 2:00pm and 4:00pm

Year 5 & 6 Carol Service—Monday 18th December, 4:00pm

Attendance this term

Punctuality - it is vital that your child arrives in school on time. Arriving late to school not only affects your child's learning time, it also causes disruption to their peers. Letters will be sent home to parents regarding any concerns we have in respect of your child's attendance or punctuality.

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4W -	5BD -	5T -	60K -	6B -
96.2%	96.7%	96.1%	98.0%	98.0%

NEWSLETTER



St John Vianney Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well we're at the end of our first half-term and we have already had an action-packed start to the school year – Roald Dahl Week, Africa Drumming, Praying the Rosary day, Year 6 Operatic Workshop, MacMillan Coffee Morning, Year 4 Roman Day, Year 2 Clip and Climb, Grundy Art visits, Maths linked to PE days (junior classes); the list goes on.

We all work hard in school to make your child's school experience as broad, interesting and fun as it can be and we know the children enjoy and appreciate all on offer. The Wednesday Enrichment Evenings have also been really successful and so much easier to manage in school.

We now look forward to a relaxing half-term to re-energise ahead of the busiest time of the year - Advent and Christmas.

Have a lovely holiday with your families and see you Tuesday 7th November. Don't forget, Parents' Evening is almost straight away on Wednesday the 8th. Please ensure you have made an appointment to see your child's class teacher. We're aiming for 100% parental attendance!

Mrs Allen

Back by popular demand—Nativity photo gifts!

Nativity photo gifts will be available for pre-order from 7th November

Helping us to raise funds for our School Building Levy. The more we raise in this way the less we have to use from our school budget!

Keyring £2.50

Fridge Magnet £2.50

Photo Frame £3.50

Bundle (1 of each) £7.50



SJV WIN THE EFL CUP!

On Saturday 21st October, St. John Vianney Football team demonstrated nerve and determination to come from behind and beat a spirited Norbreck team on penalties in the EFL Kids Cup Final at Bloomfield Road.

After meeting the manager and some BFC players, the boys took to the field in front of a packed Wigan end as well as the BFC support, during a torrential down pour. We soon found ourselves 0-1 down due to great play by Norbreck. However, the team dug deep and soon began creating chances, leading to a fine equaliser! The game ended 1-1 and we again found ourselves having to go through the

ordeal of a penalty shootout for the second time in the competition. We held our nerve to convert all three penalties before Norbreck unfortunately hit the cross bar to secure our win. We will now represent Blackpool in the North EFL Competition, playing for a place at Wembley!



After half-term, during November the Life Education Bus will visit school over a number of days. All our children will have an opportunity to take part in the stimulating and exciting programme, which will be specifically designed for their age group. The aim is to encourage the children to think about all aspects of health, and make positive decisions about themselves.

Year 4 - We have enjoyed a fantastic start to the year in 4W and 4L. Our Romans topic has been wonderful and we drew things to a close last week with an amazing Romans' day in school. All the children looked magnificent in their Roman and Celt costumes. The day was a huge success with the children taking part in Roman plays, a Roman Banquet as well as creating their own Roman clay faces and playing Roman board games.



Next half-term our topic is called "The Great American Road Trip" and we are looking forward to investigating geographical aspects of America and the varied cultures of the USA. Thank you for all your support over this first half term and we wish you an enjoyable and peaceful half term holiday.

Miss Wills and Mr Lord.

Year 3 - We have had a great start to Year 3 this half-term. We have worked hard to develop our Writing and Maths and are now settled in to our new routines. The children have particularly enjoyed our topic of Ancient Egypt. We have been learning about what life was like and made our own Egyptian masks and pyramids. Our topic next half-term will be 'Brilliant Blackpool', where we will explore our local community in Geography. Well done to all the children for making a fantastic start to the year and thank you to all the parents for your continued support.



Reception - We have had a wonderful first half-term in Reception. We have all settled into school very well and have made lots of new friends. The children have been very busy over the last couple of weeks - we have been on Autumn walks and collected leaves to make Autumn crafts. We are excited to continue this next half-term. Thank you to all Parents who came to our Parent Liturgy last week, it was lovely to see you all and welcome you and your child to St John Vianney, although next time we would like to see more of you.



Year 5 - We cannot believe that our first half-term is over, time certainly does fly when you are having fun... and learning lots! The children have started a new academic year in the best possible way and we are seeing what the children are capable of in all areas of the curriculum! Over this half-term, we are especially proud of the Roald Dahl writing which has been produced after exploring 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' during our Literacy lessons. The children have written newspaper reports, poetry, diary entries and letters; ensuring that they continuously work on their writing targets. The children have had lots of fun learning about Anglo-Saxons this half-term and have made some beautiful clay brooches in Art as part of this topic. This last week has been a particularly busy one for us, with Science week, African Drumming, Harvest and of course, our trip to Blackpool Zoo! Next half-term, our learning quest is going to be... 'How is our country changing?' and we can't wait to explore this with the children!



Year 2 - What a busy first half-term in Year 2 we have had! All the children have settled in really well, which is fab to see. We would like say a big thank you for all your support with homework and reading books this half-term it really is appreciated. As you know we had a fantastic time at "ClipnClimb" and all the children enjoyed it thoroughly. The children were fantastic and a real credit to our school. Some of our children were as fast as lightning up the walls although some tended to stay closer to the floor, but they all had fun! The staff at "ClipnClimb" were brilliant with the children and we would definitely recommend it (No we didn't get a bribe for saying that!!)

Our next topic is called 'Where do animals live?' which is all about wild animals and the habitats they live in. We hope to explore some new Geography skills as part of this topic. Perhaps the children can look for any non-fiction books they might have at home about animals?

We have parents evening on Wednesday 8th November and we look forward to seeing you all then. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and book an appointment.

Enjoy the break!

Year 1 - this term we have had lots of fun learning about bonfire night and The Gunpowder Plot. The children have had chance to create pieces of art, perform songs and roleplay - we even got to decorate our own bonfire cupcakes! Next term, our topic will be the 'Secret Life of Food'. We will learn where our food comes from, different cultures that produce food and we will be getting hands on in making our own dish! We hope you enjoy your well deserved break and we will see you after half-term.
Mr Hardwick and Mrs Hulme



Year 6 - have had a busy, positive start to the year. All the children have worked hard in lessons and particularly enjoyed learning about The Mayans in History, Light in Science and reading 'James and the Giant Peach' as a foundation for our Writing. They have also had the privilege of being taught by a Specialist PE Coach during their PE lessons, learning the skills required for Netball. Earlier in the half-term, the children were lucky enough to participate in a workshop with 'Marton Operatic Society' in which the children dressed up and acted out an opera. In addition to this, we visited St Mary's Catholic Academy to take part in the 'Big Jump' - a taster session about High School. The children worked in groups with



Year 10 pupils at St Mary's and other Year 6 pupils from SJV, St Cuthbert's and Christ the King to play team games and have the opportunity to discuss high school. We have also taken part in 'Praying the Rosary' where the children and staff took part in a meditation and prayed the Rosary. Following on from this, Year 6 partnered Year 1 and made a Rosary bracelet together. Last but not least, a HUGE congratulations to the boys who participated in the 'Blackpool Schools Kid's Cup' ran by BFC Community Trust as they won the final at Bloomfield Road. Well done, boys! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support at our Class Assemblies and for your Harvest Donations. We look forward to meeting with you again at the upcoming Parent's Evening.
Many thanks,
Mrs Bennett and Miss O'Keeffe

Nursery - This term we have been looking at print in the environment and people in our community. We have become really good at recognising labels and signs around us. We know all about Aldi, McDonalds and Asda!! We have also enjoyed learning about fire-fighters, the police and postal workers. We learnt a song about 5 fire fighters and made a picture to go with it!