



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

“Seeking Growth Together”

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Governor Update - Defibrillator News!

I've spoken to our local ward councillor, Cllr David Collett, and he and Cllr Matthews have agreed to fund the defibrillator from ward funding. This is excellent news and will free up much needed PTA funds for other vital equipment for our children.

The governors would like to thank all of you who are working with us to make St John Vianney's such a great provider of care, nurture and education. We wish all pupils, parents, carers and staff a joyful Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.

Cathy Butterworth
Chair of Governors

Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year

APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE?

If your child is due to start school in September 2017, the closing date for applying for a place is 15th January 2017. Applications received after this date will be treated as a late application and the chances of securing a place at your preferred school are reduced. If you are applying for your chosen school on faith grounds, we will need you to complete a supplementary form. These are available from the school office and should be returned to the school with a photocopy of your child's baptism certificate. For more information please visit www.blackpool.gov.uk.

THANK YOU!

To all the children and staff for the fantastic performances they have treated us to over the last few weeks. They have all worked hard and have done a great job getting us all in the festive spirit!

Yr 6 London Visit 2017

Our visit to London is always crammed full of exciting experiences. We do have to book these in advance so rely on instalments being paid on time. The second instalment is now due. We appreciate your cooperation in making the trip a success.

Thanks.



Staffing Update

Unfortunately Mrs Acton requires further treatment and will be off school for the next few months. Mrs Evans will teach in Year 3 in her absence.

Mr Horton will return to school mid-January. Miss Notman will continue to teach in Year 5 until his return.

We wish both Mrs Acton and Mrs Horton a speedy recovery.

Yr 5 Visit to Hothersall Lodge

Next year our Yr 5 children will be visiting Hothersall Lodge in the Ribble Valley. This will be a great experience for all the children as they will get chance to take part in lots of activities. The second instalment for this trip is now due. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the payment deadlines as we rely on this to make the necessary bookings. Thanks.



St John Vianney Nursery School

We still have some places left in our nursery for Monday to Wednesday only. Application forms are available from the



Carol Service

The KS2 carol service will be held in church on Monday 19th December at 4:30pm. Tickets are available and cost £2 per adult and £1 per child. Details about KS2 children staying after school for this have been sent home. Please contact the office if you have not received this.



Dementia awareness

Lancashire Memories seeks to provide high quality and bespoke, interactive sensory reminiscence sessions in care settings within Lancashire and beyond, using old objects, music, film, images and conversation. Jimmy O'Donnell is from our parish and has a collection of over 1000 objects from the 20th century which he uses to encourage memories and conversations.

When a person with dementia finds that their mental abilities are declining, they often feel vulnerable and in need of reassurance and support. The people closest to them - including their carers, friends and family - need to do everything they can to help the person to retain their sense of identity and feelings of self-worth. There are a number of dementia-friendly cafes on the Fylde Coast which are listed below. To find out more information on the Lancashire Memories project, please visit www.lancashirememories.com.

- Alzheimer's society. Fylde Dementia Café (for people with dementia and their carers) Best Western Glendower Hotel, Lytham St. Annes, FY8 2NQ – 2nd Wed of month 10am-noon 01253-696854.
- Alzheimer's society. Wyre Dementia Café (for people with dementia and their carers) Cleveleys Park Methodist Church, Cleveleys, FY5 2BL – 1st Thurs of month 10am-noon 01253-696854.
- Memory Lane Café, Ibbison Community Centre, Revoe. Every Tuesday, 11am-3pm, £1 light lunch 12-12.30 – open to all.
- Forget-me-not @ The Coffee Shop, Jubilee House, East Beach, Lytham, FY8 5FT, 2pm-3.30pm. 7th December & 5th January. – Home Comfort Services, Call Ann on 07985-372987 for info.
- Carers Café, Clifton Hospital canteen – last Tuesday of every month, 2pm-4pm (apart from December 20th). Join us for a chat over a cuppa and a piece of cake. Friendly help and advice available for those people living with dementia and their carers. Tel: 01253 955112 for details.
- MBI Social Care Memory Matters Café, Lostock Gardens Community Centre, South Shore, FY4 3PP – 2nd Wednesday of month, 10.30am-12.30pm 01253-344438 Lesley White.
- Rotary's 'Drop-in Memory Centre', The Mount Church, Mount Road, Fleetwood – every 3rd Thursday of month – 10am-noon 07780-568123 – Maurice.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Class Activities

4L Class Assembly - **20th January**

4W Class Assembly - **3rd February**

Whole school activities

Years 4, 5 & 6 Carol Service - **19th December 4.30pm**

Parent Forum Meeting - **25th January 2:30pm**

Yr 1-6 Google Expedition - **27th January**

Inset Day - **10th February**

Half Term Holiday - **13th-17th February**

Inset Day - **20th February**

School reopens - **21st February**

SCHOOL CLOSURES ON TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER AT 1.30 PM & RETURN ON WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2017

****Please note that Holiday Club will not be running over the Christmas break****



May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas

