



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Whole school activities

Parent Forum - 25th January at 2.30pm

Schools Alive - 8th February

Valentines Disco & Red Non-Uniform Day - 9th February

School closes for half term - Thursday 9th February at normal time and re-returns on Tuesday 21st February.

Year group activities

Years 1 to 6 - Google Expedition - Friday 27th January

Year 2 visit to Madame Tussauds - Wednesday 8th February morning

Year 3 visit to Blackpool Zoo - Wednesday 25th January

Year 4 MultiSports @ St Mary's - Friday 27th January morning

4W Class assembly - 3rd February @ 9.00am and 9.30am

Year 6 visit to Blackpool Zoo - Tuesday 17th January

6 OK - Fire Safety Talk - Friday 13th January

Parent workshop dates

Year 1 – Parent workshop – 26th January at 2pm

Year 2 – Parent workshop - 3rd February at 2pm

Year 3 – Parent workshop - 7th February at 2pm

ATTENDANCE

We ended the Autumn term with an overall attendance figure of 96.6%!!

Well done to 5H with 98.4%

N -	RC -	RM -	1H -	1C -
96.1%	97.1%	95.1%	96.5%	97.2%
2W -	2M -	3A -	3K -	4L -
97.5%	97.3%	95.6%	95.2%	96.7%
4W -	5H -	5T -	60K -	6B -
97.8%	98.4%	96.2%	95.7%	97.3%



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Happy New Year and I hope you have all had a lovely, relaxing and holy Christmas. Your children have returned to school rested and are already working hard towards their targets in school. Please continue to support their learning at home and feel free to liaise with your child's class teacher should you require any further information regarding their progress and targets.

On Monday, we started our homework drop-in session in the Year 6 classroom, open to all of you to answer any queries regarding home learning and current teaching methods. We had several parents attend, who all found it very useful, but I would like more parents to come and join us as there were plenty of staff available to help. These sessions will continue on Mondays after school. I hope to see you there.

Mrs Allen

Should school be affected by adverse weather then messages will be sent to parents via text. We will also update the school website and inform the Radio Wave news team.



Please keep Pokemon and Football cards at home as they can cause issues at play-time.

We are excited to announce that we have been selected for the Google Expeditions programme taking place on 27th January. Year's 1-6 will be visiting some amazing locations around the world using VR technology including The Great Barrier Reef to support this terms topic!

The BBC One prime time series 'Eat Well For Less?' are currently in production with a brand new series of the show and they are currently on the lookout for fun and lively families who would love to save some money on their weekly shop whilst eating more healthily. If you think you may be interested in appearing on the programme then please contact the team via the details below.



Building Projects

We recently put in a financial bid with the Diocese to modify the school entrance (moving it to the left side of the school so as to avoid the playground). This has been successful and work on this will take place this summer. We will be including a parent shelter in this project, as we are conscious of the need for this in the dreadful weather. We are also looking at providing a shelter at the Kids' Club entrance before the end of this academic year. Our hope is to provide other shelters when funds allow. During the February half-term, we will be installing roller blinds on the outdoor canopy to Kids' Club to provide a sheltered outdoor area. This will provide more room for Kids' Club when the weather is cold/wet. We are currently submitting another lottery bid to develop the outside area for Year 2 as well as provide a mini trim-trail and outside sheltered learning space for our Reception children.

Year 5 - have been extremely busy with their 'That's Life' topic and have learnt about how animals develop and animal gestation periods. We have been looking at the story 'The Jungle Book' by Rudyard Kipling and we have been writing our own opening chapter. We have lots of exciting things happening this half term, we will be looking at giving blood, leading a healthy lifestyle and the artwork of Henri Rousseau.

Mr Horton will be returning this half term and he is looking forward to being back in class.

Year 5 would like to say a huge thank-you to Miss Notman for all of her hard work, we will miss you!

Year 1 will be very busy being creative this half term, as we have now been employed as Puppet Making Experts! We will have the opportunity to learn new skills including sewing! Our topic Frogs and Fairies has given us the chance to read and enjoy lots of different Traditional Tales. Thank you for bringing in books from home for us to share too.

We hope to see you at our next Workshop on Thursday 26th January 2.15pm.

Nursery - Firstly a big welcome to our new Nursery children Anaya, Lewis, Maisy, Oskar and Seamus. We have a busy half term ahead of us in Nursery. We will be doing lots of exciting activities about winter, the cold and ice. Please make sure your children come well prepared with a warm coat, hat and scarf! We will be listening to and joining in with stories, experimenting with ice and making winter pictures amongst other things. We are also enjoying learning our letters and numbers. We will certainly be busy!



Year 4 - Happy New Year from Year 4! We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holidays. We have started back with a new topic "From out of the Shadows" in which we will be exploring the world of shadows as well as learning about how we hear different sounds. Also, we will be investigating electricity, including constructing a variety of different electrical circuits. It would be great if you can discuss these ideas with your child at home! We are looking forward to visiting St Mary's at the end of this month to take part in a mixed sports morning – more details in a letter to follow.

Well done to the children in Year 4 who have ticked off all of their times tables already – this is a massive achievement. Please continue to address your child's times tables targets, especially the corresponding division facts.

Many of you have started the journey to First Holy Communion which will take place later this year. Please continue to check the Church bulletin for details of the meeting dates.

Year 2 - Welcome to Spring! Our topic this half term is 'Famous People' and we'll be looking at some different historical figures such as Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong and Samuel Pepys. Hopefully your child will have come home to tell you about their homework project and have thought of someone important to write about. We're really looking forward to seeing what projects you've been doing at home! Dates for your diary:

The hand in for the creative homework is Wednesday 1st February.
Parent workshop is Friday 3rd February at 2pm.

The trip to Madame Tussaud's is 8th February. More information to follow.

Year 6 - It is lovely to see the children eager and excited to be back at school after a lovely Christmas break with friends and family. We have recently welcomed two new children into Year 6 and both classes are relishing the opportunity to make them feel happy and settled.

This half term, we are learning about David Attenborough in Writing, Carl Linnaeus in Topic as well as the classification of different animals. We are fortunate enough to be able to offer the children a trip to Blackpool Zoo, on Tuesday 17th January, to tie in with our topic and allow us to research animals.

This half term, 6OK will also be having their second visit from the fire brigade -

Reception - This half term our topic is Traditional Tales, looking at a variety of stories. All our learning areas will support the topic to bring the stories for the children. Our children are making good progress with their reading – please keep sending their books in on their reading day. We will be targeting writing using the RWI examples. We are also concentrating on numbers 11 to 20, writing them, recognising the numeral, ordering and one more and one less. We are planning to hold a Maths Workshop in Spring 2nd, look out for more details. Please allow your child to dress and undress themselves at home in preparation for getting ready for P.E. We would like to thank you for all your support in the Autumn term – our children are really happy in school and making good progress and are a credit to you.

this time focusing on road safety. This week we have had a visitor from the 'Grand Theatre'. She spoke to the children about

puppetry and her experience in stage design and animation.

Following on from the visit, the children have been offered the opportunity to attend workshops on Tuesday evenings from 6.00-7.30pm based around: dance, animation, acting and photography.

We are looking forward to the busy half term ahead!



Year 3 - Welcome back year 3 we hope that you have had a fantastic Christmas break. This half term our topic is 'Out of the Box' which looks at animals, nutrition and business enterprise. We are looking forward to our Zoo visit on 25th January, please ensure you have given your permission if you haven't already. A huge well done to those children who have passed their multiplication tests; a letter will be going out with the date for the movie night reward.

PE day is now an outdoor slot on Tuesdays please ensure your child has the appropriate PE kit. As always we appreciate your support, and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us. We are excited for our parent workshop date on the 7th February 2.00 - 3.00pm and hope to see you there.