



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Whole school activities

Parent's evening - 9th November

Scholastic Book Fair - 9th November

Blackpool Dance Festival - 24th November

Shared Advent Service at St Mary's - 1st December at 6pm

Circus Pantomime visit - 6th December

Group photographs for Nursery, Reception and Year 6 - 11th November

Year group activities

Nursery & Reception Nativity - 7th December at 10am & 2pm

KS1 Nativity - 15th December at 2pm & 6pm

Year 3 & 4 - Barn Owl visit - 14th November

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

Year 5 5H - Class Assembly - 18th November

5T - Class Assembly - 2nd December

Year 5 & 6 - Barn Owl visit - 11th November

Parent workshop dates

Year 4 - Christmas workshop for parents - 12th December at 2pm

Year 5 - more information to follow - 1st December at 2pm

Year 6 - Christmas workshop for parents - 13th December at 2.15pm

******REMINDER******

School closes on Friday 28th October at normal time for half-term and children should return on Tuesday 8th November



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now nearing the end of our first half term, and will be coming back to our first Parents' evening on Wednesday 9th November. This is such an important one to attend as you will be able to find out how your child has settled into their new class and how they are doing in their learning. Some parents are already working very closely with school on targets for their child and this is helping these children achieve their potential. The push on times-tables learning and daily reading is vital if we are to ensure our children achieve the increased expectations.

We have already had several wonderful wider curriculum events including the Year 6 pilgrimage to Lancaster and the Year 5 Circus trip. Our children's behaviour was praised at both these events.

The next half-term leading up to Christmas will be even busier and I look forward to seeing you at the numerous events we have planned.

Happy half-term break

Mrs Allen



ATTENDANCE

Attendance so far this academic year has been 97.4%. Well done to 2W who are our current leaders with 98.5%.

N - 96.2%	RC - 97.2%	RM - 94.6%	1H - 96.7%	1C - 96.7%
2W - 98.5%	2M - 96.5%	3A - 96.4%	3K - 96.3%	4L - 97%
4W - 97.8%	5H - 98.3%	5T - 97.3%	60K - 96.6%	6B - 98.1%

Please aim to have your child in school as near to 8.45am as possible. With the free breakfasts being distributed as soon as your child enters class, children arriving in the final minute at 8.55am (or later) are not settling down to learn in some cases before 9.10am. This is adding up to a lot of wasted skills time at the beginning of the day. An 8.45am entry into school means the children are immersed in skills revision for the registration period and ready for their first lesson at 9.00am. It really sets these children up well for a good start to the day rather than them feeling rushed and unprepared. We are monitoring the number of minutes late and sharing this information with you during the next half-term. Thank you.

Thank you so much to all who supported the PTA Spooky Disco - we raised a phenomenal £869! This is a fantastic achievement and the PTA have very kindly contributed towards our annual visit to the pantomime. This year we will be attending the Circus pantomime on Tuesday 6th December. The total price for each child is £3.00 and payment can be made via ParentPay.

Reception - This week your child has been given letter sounds to practise blending and reading, and handwriting cards to form the letters correctly. Please practise these over the holidays. Don't forget the Lexia and Purple Mash computer programmes as well. Our topics for the next half-term are Autumn and The Spirit of Christmas. We will be collecting leaves and conkers so if you are out and about we would appreciate anything you find for us to look at. This week an owl 'Merlin' came to visit us with his han-

dlers. We all enjoyed the experience and the children asked some really interesting questions. After half-term we will have another animal visit from a hedgehog which we are looking forward to. Another plea please for photographs: Baptism, Birthday/Christmas celebrations and baby photos. Our building work in the shared area is now finished and so we would ask you to bring your child through the car park entrance at the front of Reception area. Your child can then hang their coat up and then come into class.

Year 2 - *thank you for attending the pirate parent workshop; it was great to see everyone and also a big thank you for all the wonderful pirate ships they looked amazing. This week we had the firemen in to talk to the children about their own fire plan. Please discuss this with your child. We will be sending home some addition and subtraction revision for over half-term. We hope you have a nice rest and return fresh ready for the Christmas festivities!*

Year 3 - Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you to the whole of Year 3 for all of the effort they have put in this half-term. I think it is clear to say that we all loved our topic "It's all Greek to me", which came to a fantastic conclusion with our Year 3 Greek day. The costumes were great and the support from home was fantastic. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Our next topic will be entitled "Come and join the celebration", which will focus on Christmas and other celebrations worldwide. We have all worked hard this half-term to ensure that every child reaches their full learning potential and we will look forward to discussing this in more detail in during parents evening on the first week back. If you have not arranged an appointment already, please come and see us some time this week. Have a good rest and a great break Year 3. Well Done.



Year 6 - have had an exciting and busy first half-term! Both classes have enjoyed preparing and performing their Class assemblies to families and friends, taking part in the 'Pilgrimage of Mercy' in Lancaster and a visit from the Fire Service. We have just completed our first assessments in Maths, Reading and SPaG and it was pleasing to see such effort and determination from the children! In Topic, the children have made some fantastic 3D models of volcanoes and loved combining ingredients to make them 'erupt'! Well done Year 6, a super start to the year! Keep up the hard work!

Year 5 - This half-term has soon come to an end and what a busy start to Year 5 it has been! Our creative curriculum topic 'Abracadabra' has truly brought the magic to life with our amazing classroom transformations, cross curricular writing of potions, Harry Potter themed Literacy and even a trip to Blackpool Tower Circus! The children also created some amazing tie-dye shirts - they were superb! Well done! The children have a homework project to complete as well as Lexia, purple mash and reading regularly. Please ensure your child completes these to the best of their ability as this will make sure they are prepared for the topics which we will be focusing on in Autumn 2nd. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous support and hope you have a wonderful half-term holiday.

Year 1 - Wow! What a busy half-term this has been! We have really enjoyed our Topic 'Whatever the Weather'. We acted as real life Weather Reporters and used the new ICT 'Green Screen' which was lots of fun - we look great on TV! Miss Crawford and Miss Hornby can certainly see some potential here for future careers! We have also enjoyed being 'Super Scientists' and have investigated which materials will be the most suitable design for a new umbrella for Winnie the Pooh. We have lots of 'Super Scientists' amongst us! Our new topic is going to be 'Come and Join the Celebration' which will be an exciting lead up to - dare we say it...Nativity and Christmas time! Watch this space for a Parent Christmas Workshop date!



Nursery - we have been having a lovely time thinking about Autumn. Lots of children have been doing things at home and bringing them in to show us; autumn hunts, autumn pictures and collages. We have been making snippy hedgehogs and painting autumn trees. We have even made bread hedgehogs!!! Keep bringing in your autumn finds, we love to share them in nursery!



Year 4 - We have enjoyed a great first half-term in Year 4. Our topic learning all about



the Romans finished off with a wonderful themed day last week. The children took part in a Roman banquet, played different Roman board games, performed a Roman play and took part in a Roman army drill march! The costumes the children wore were fabulous and really added to the feel of the day. We were also impressed with the creativity of the Roman projects that the children completed recently. There is lots to look forward to for the second half of our Autumn Term, including our Christmas Parent Workshop on Monday 12th December. Our topic, The Spirit of Christmas, will lead us to investigating Christmas traditions from all around the world. Finally, we have been delighted with the progress of times tables so far. Please continue to practice these everyday, including the corresponding division facts. Enjoy the half-term holidays!