



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th December 2023



Dear parents,

“The Birth of Jesus brings us the good news that we are loved immensely and uniquely by God”

Pope Francis

This week we have had a great start to our Christmas preparations with the first of our Nativities by Year 1 and Year 2. The children were amazing and sang their hearts out bringing joy and happiness to all the parents, grandparents and family members. My thanks to all the staff for their hard work behind the scenes and to all the parents who supported this production of Rock Around the Flock.

Thanks also to everyone for providing chocs and Socks for the Cyrenians. We have had such an amazing amount of donations thank you for your love and support for those less fortunate than ourselves.

“Dear young people, if we are close to Jesus, we will have joy in our hearts and a smile on our face.” Pope Francis

Key Stage 2 have had a visit from Fr Des this week and received the sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas.

**“Joy is very infectious; therefore, always be full of joy.”
St Teresa of Calcutta**

Joy is something we all desire. We don't have to search around for joy: it comes from within. When we follow Jesus by loving God and others, we are filled with joy! A joyful heart is a sign of God's Spirit within us.

Mass for Mr Carroll will be on Friday at 9:00am we invite past and present pupils and parents to share in this celebration of his work in school. Afterwards there will be tea and biscuits in the parish hall for visitors and meet with Mr Carroll.

Next week we have our Reception Nativity Monday morning; Year 3 and Year 4 Nativity Monday and Tuesday night; and Nursery Nativity Tuesday morning.

We have theatre trips for Nursery and Reception; Year 1 and Year 2 and all of Key stage 2 .



When dropping off or collecting from Owls Club, please phone the school telephone - 02476 464088 - and press option 3

SJV Owls Club

SJV Owls Club which provides before and after school care for the children of St John Vianney School. The charges for Owls Club are as follows:

Morning session - 7.30 to 8.30 a.m. - £5.00 (includes a light breakfast)

Afternoon session - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - £5.00 (includes a snack)

Late afternoon session - 3.15 to 5.30 p.m. - £7.50 (includes a snack)

If you are interested in your child attending Owls Club and would like more information please email owls@sjv.coventry.sch.uk or phone the school office.



SJV Owls Activity Club

Owls Club are now also offering after school sessions as follows:

Maximum number in the group 30. Activities are open to all children in school from Nursery to Year 6

Monday 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. - **Lego Club** – play with Lego and use Lego interactive with the school computers



Tuesday 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. - **Computer Club** - Bee-bots, computers and tablets

Wednesday 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. – **Art Club**

Thursday 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. - **Games night** - Bingo, cards, dominoes, board games



Friday 3.15 - 4:15 p.m. - **Homework club**- reading and support with homework

Sessions will be charged at £5.00 per session payable via Arbor.

Pupils can sign up for a monthly block of sessions but also choose to do the other activities in Owls club if they prefer. If your child would like to sign up for any of these sessions please email owls@sjv.coventry.sch.uk for more information and an application form.

Late Collection

If you are more than 10 minutes late collecting your child at the end of the school day, they will be put into Owls Club and you will be invoiced for the session.

Free School Meals

If you think that you may qualify for free school meals, even if your child is in KS1 or does not want to receive school meals, please take the time to apply as the school will receive additional funding if you qualify.

Please apply at: **Free School Meals – Coventry City Council**

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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Stars of the Week

Nursery	Zuzanna, Harrison
Reception	Jude, Tess
Year 1	The whole class for their Nativity
Year 2	Amy, Katie
Year 3	Roisin, Noah
Year 4	Ruby, Holly
Year 5	Zac, Lexi, Keelan, Grace
Year 6	Wiktoría, Troy, James



Reminder:

We are a nut free school, please do not pack any nuts in your child's lunchbox.



Reading Books

Reading books to be brought into school everyday



Nursery Places for January 2024

We have limited places available for Nursery starting in January 24. Children must be 3 by 31st December. Please email adminstaff@sjv.coventry.sch.uk for more information and an application pack.

Starting Nursery School in September 2024

Application forms and information are available from the school office for parents wishing to apply for their child to start in Nursery in September 2024. Children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 can start Nursery in September 2024.

There will be an open evening for parents wishing to apply for their child to start nursery in September 2024 on Monday 20th November 3.45-4.15 p.m.

Starting Primary School in September 2024

Children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 can start school in September 2024. For more information about school admissions and to apply online at www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions. Telephone 02476 831622/1613. Closing date for applications is **15th January 2024**.

Please note: If you wish to apply to a Catholic school and your child is baptised Catholic evidence of your child's baptism must be provided at the time of application to the school office or to the Admissions Team. It is your responsibility to obtain and present this evidence.

Building Fund Contributions to the school building fund are now due for the Autumn Term (£10.00 per child or £15.00 per family) or for the whole school year (£30.00 per child or £45.00 per family).



Dates may be subject to change – please check your emails regularly

Monday, 18th December

Choir - KS2 - Lunch - **NO SESSION**
Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m. - **NO SESSION**
Reception Class Nativity - 9.00 a.m.
Years 3 & 4 Christmas Production - 6.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 19th December

Running Club - Year 3/4 - 8.00 to 8.30 a.m. - **NO SESSION**
Dodgeball - Year 5 - 12.30-2.30 p.m. - **NO SESSION**
Recorder Club - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m. - **NO SESSION**
Boys Football Squad - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - **NO SESSION**
Years 1 & 2 Trip to Belgrade Theatre (Cinderella)
Nursery Nativity - 9.00 a.m.
Years 3 & 4 Christmas Production - 6.00 p.m.

Wednesday, 20th December

Mini-Tennis - Year 3/4 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m. - **NO SESSION**
Running Club - Year 5/6 - 8.00 to 8.30 a.m. - **NO SESSION**
Guitar Tuition
Dance - Year 1/2 - 3.15 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. - **LAST SESSION**
Girls Football Squad - Year 5/6 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - **NO SESSION**
Key Stag 2 Trip to Albany Theatre (Oliver Twist)

Thursday, 21st December

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m. - **NO SESSION**
Piano Tuition
Creative Flair Dance - Year 3 & 4 - 12.00 to 12.30 p.m. - **NO SESSION**
Creative Flair Dance - Year 1 & 2 - 12.30 to 1.00 p.m. - **NO SESSION**
Hockey - Year 5 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - **NO SESSION**
Netball Squad - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m. - **NO SESSION**
Nursery and Reception Trip to Warwick Arts Centre (Gruffalo)

Friday, 22nd December

Children break up for Christmas Holidays



Future Dates

Monday 8th January	- Children return to school
Thursday 11th January	- Netball Match away v St Thomas Moore
Thursday 25th January	- Year 4 Inspire Workshop

Don't forget to follow us @sjohnvianney and you can also see our twitter feed on our website.

Please follow us on our Twitter account: SJV@sjohnvianney
For Owls Club follow - @OwlsClubSJV



Facebook - SJV PTA have a Facebook page. If you would like to have access and be added to the page, simply search 'Sjv pta' and submit your request, one of the current members will see your request and add you accordingly.

