



**St. John Vianney School**

Steps to Independence & Education for Life

# Weekly News

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## Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/ Carers,



School is certainly 'beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!' Decorations and the trees are now up around the school and children are starting to be involved in our Christmas themed activities. It is wonderful to see the excitement that they hold in the anticipated opportunity to break from school and celebrate Christmas with their families. Christmas will, I know, be very different this year, but I am looking forward to spending some quality time with my immediate family and contemplating the birth of Jesus and its meaning to us all;

*John 3;16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.*

During next week, the final week of the term, we will have Christmas parties, Christmas dinner for every child in school in their hubs, and a number of Christmas activities, which I know everyone will really enjoy and allow us all to get into the spirit of sharing and caring, which are fundamental aspects of Advent. I do hope that you and your families are equally looking forward to the Christmas holidays? May I remind you that school closes for the end of the autumn term on Friday 18th December at 3:15 pm and reopens on January 4th at 9am.

We have finished compilation of the interim school report for your child and this will be placed in the post for you to receive early next week. I have been through many of the reports personally and I'm really pleased with the progress that has been made in such a disrupted term. Please take the time to read through the report and if you have any concerns or worries please contact the admin office, in the first instance, so that we can discuss with you any issues you may have before the end of term.

Very best wishes for the weekend.

**Mr A Moloney**

## Important Coronavirus information for Parents for the Christmas Holidays

**Please ensure you follow the DfE guidance for any child who has Coronavirus symptoms or a positive test in the first week of the holidays.**

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than** 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact-tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, the school should be contacted through our Admin email [admin@stjohnvianneyschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@stjohnvianneyschool.co.uk) to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Our Admin email will be checked daily in the first 6 days of the holidays.
- The School does not require to be informed more than 6 days after the final day of teaching ie from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December.

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline and PHE advice service are available to support with any queries you may have. Please call 0800 046 8687.

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term, January 4<sup>th</sup> 2021.

# **Our Catholic School**

We continue into my favourite time of the year Advent – a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. I love the countdown to Christmas and reflecting on the real meaning of Christmas. I think even more so this year; the glitz and extras seem less important and our focus is on the things that really matter, like spending time with your family and celebrating your blessings which are my top priority this year.

At SJV we are focusing on God's message; 'If I have the faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing' 1 Corinthians 13; 2. The Second Advent theme is 'Love'.

Do we show our love to others enough? Do we thank people and let them know we care about them? I know at SJV you can feel the love and power of the Holy Spirit as soon as you walk into the building. It's a very special feeling and we work hard to keep that loving 'family inclusive' atmosphere.

Our chaplaincy team have been busy helping to prepare our Christmas service. This year we are having our service in our bubbles, just before our Christmas meals and the teams have been busy practising and helping out. I don't know what we would do without them!

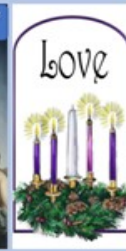
In RE this week we have been looking at Christmas traditions around the world and finding out different facts; did you know.... most homes in France have a Nativity crib at Christmas time. It is tradition for the Nativity to be displayed until 2nd February, which is known as La Chandeleur (this date is forty days after Christmas Day). Within lower school we have been looking at the Nativity and making our own scenes and we made Christmas cards for those we love. In Key Stage 5 we have been discussing if we think Christmas has become over commercialised? How do we focus on the real message of Christmas?

Let me know through email or twitter how you have been following the theme of Advent this week by showing love. **Mrs Garfin**

## Week 2: our week of Love



God loves us so much that he gave his only Son to us



- ☐ We pray for God's love to grow in our hearts
- ☐ Help people who need your help
- ☐ Hold the door for others
- ☐ Donate to a charity
- ☐ Be present to others and give them your listening ears
- ☐ Use only kind words
- ☐ Focus on acts of kindness

### Let Us Pray

**All:** Dear Lord help me to be a loving person this second week of Advent. Encourage me not to be greedy for material possessions, but to share and show concern for others Amen.

**Introducing... Nurse Podmore – for those of you who don't know me I am the school nurse for the SJV**

**Role in School :** I am here to support the pupils with their physical, mental, emotional, and social health needs.

**What I've been doing this term:** Working with the younger pupils reminding them how to effectively wash their hands.

This is an important life skill at any time, but it is especially important to reduce the spread of Covid 19.

Please encourage your children to wash their hands, especially after using the toilet.

It is important to be good role models to them also.

**What is best about being in SJV?** It would have to be working with the lovely children and young people and the amazing staff at SJV.

**It would be even better if...** Life could return to some sort of normality in time for Christmas, we can all help to do that by keeping to the guidelines set out for us to keep us safe and well.



## Save the Children CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

The countdown to Christmas has begun! And here at SJV we are celebrating in true style. Next week each hub will be served a delicious Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and we are encouraging our students to attend wearing a Christmas jumper in support of this worthwhile cause. Each Hub will have dinner on a different day to adhere to our social distancing guidelines, please see below which day your child's hub is attending the Christmas dinner.

Blue Hub - Tuesday  
Purple Hub- Wednesday  
Orange Hub - Thursday

A small donation of £1/£2 is suggested. We can't wait to see you all rocking your festive wear next week!!

## Class 11 at Gorse Hill



## Mindful Minute

This week's Mindful Minute comes from the Blurt Foundation, who aim to increase awareness and understanding of depression. They have created a key word 'Advent Calendar' to try and increase our feeling of calm through the festive period, changing the typical phrase of 'Merry Christmas' to 'Merry Calmness'.

Why not give it a go? **Miss Walsh**



Class 11 enjoyed their end of year party at Gorse Hill Studios. Thank you to Belinda and her team, for taking such good care of us. **Mrs Rouse**

## Literacy



This week we received our Annual library pack from The Book Trust. We are looking forward to sharing the books with the children and will post some reviews and recommendations, when we have read them. Thank you once again to be Book Trust for their kind donation. **Miss Nesbitt**







## Kids can eat free in Asda cafes throughout December

*Asda has today stepped up its support for families across the UK by offering children the chance to eat for free in its cafes throughout December.*

*All 216 of the supermarket's cafes are taking part and will provide children under the age of 16 with a meal completely free of any charge when accompanied by an adult. There are no minimum spend requirements or restrictions on the number of children in a family or group that can take advantage of this offer.*

## Class 12 - Independence



This week Class 12 went to Chorlton to learn about the types of language used in everyday life. They also had a task in independence to learn about budgeting a meal for 2 and finding a recipe and ingredients in store. It wasn't as easy as they thought navigating the aisles to find what they needed.

## Class 10

I am so impressed with my class for really pushing the boat out in Food Technology this week. Do you want to know why? Well, they all made a Christmas Dinner!!! We all know that this is no easy feat as it takes a lot of planning, thinking about timings, and also approaching the job with both safety and hygiene in mind. That takes a lot of skill and patience. Well done boys, now you can help with the Real McCoy on Christmas Day! **Ms Whiting**



It is a key word sign–supported communication system based on British Sign Language. All staff use Signalong and this week we are learning how to sign “Orange”

### Orange



Clawed hand squeezes at side of mouth.

# KS3 feeling festive!

We had a fab time listening to Christmas music and using independence skills to beautifully decorate our yule logs in food tech yesterday.

I'm not sure if enough sprinkles were used though!!

**Miss Briscoe & Miss Walsh**



Thank you all to who delivered and took part in last week's iPad training workshop.

For those who were unable to attend the workshop you may find the information shared with us useful.

Five quick steps to make sure you and your child are getting the most from your iPad.

See the link below you will find iPad training videos.

<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/digital-resources>

You may be able to apply for a Family Fund grant, check out their website:

[www.familyfund.org.uk](http://www.familyfund.org.uk)

**Mrs Griffin**

## Thank you

We would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to ASAP cars and their manager Martin, who donated large amounts of bottled water and fruit juice to the school earlier this week. We are very

grateful for your generosity here at SJV.



Just some of our Stars of the Week last week. Well done everyone!!



Reminder: School finishes for our Christmas break at  
3.15 pm Friday 18th December.  
We reopen on Monday 4th January 9 am.





Class 5 were lucky enough to have a fantastic afternoon celebrating the magic of Christmas at CAFT. We toasted marshmallows on the campfire fire, drank hot chocolate and ate gingerbread biscuits. We went on an elf hunt, saw Santa social-ly distanced and then watched a panto performance! We are thankful for CAFTS generosity and as always for making this trip very special. Thank you. **Miss Mollard**

