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# St John Vianney Newsletter

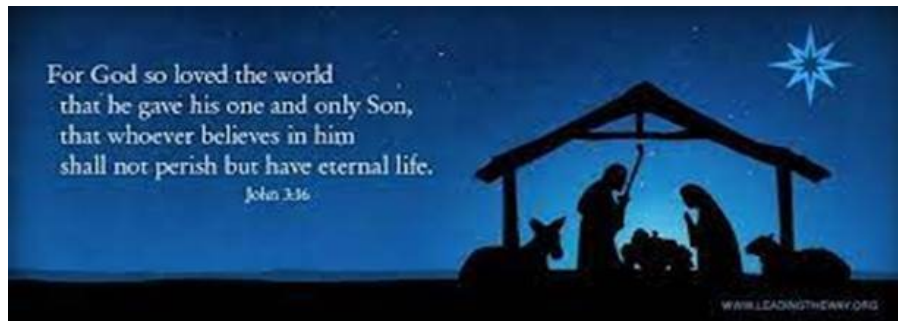
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# A message from our Headteacher

It is a shame that we end 2021 in the same way we started it; managing a response to the increasingly worrying pandemic. Again, it has been another challenging year, in adapting to changes imposed by restrictions placed upon us. The School community has however approached these demands with real rigour and diligence and I am proud of the way the School has continued to move forward in its practice this year. Thank you for the support you have given the School, your preparation of our children for school each day and your regular well wishes, that we have received throughout the year; it has been really appreciated.

The School has celebrated the last week of term well, preparing for the birth of Christ and sharing with all the true meaning of Christmas.



We have had class Christmas trips on Monday, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our Christmas Masses and Christmas dinner were again memorable events that staff and pupils engaged with superbly. It was also great to see pupils enjoying their social time in their class parties at the end of the week.

It certainly has been a long term and I know we will all now welcome the Christmas break, the opportunity to recharge and spend time with our families and loved ones, before we go again for the start of the spring term, which begins on Tuesday January 4th at 9.00am.

Following the most recent Coronavirus guidance from the DfE we ask you to;

- Please support us in encouraging your child to wear a face mask.

- Please get your child to take a LFT on the evening of January 3rd or the morning of January 4th before coming back to school.
- If you attend SJV school for any planned meeting in the near future, please take a LFT before attending.
- We will be testing all pupils who we have received consent from with LFTs in School on January 4th. If you would like your child to be tested in school after the Christmas break, please contact the Admin office to provide us with the necessary consent.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support and on behalf of the staff at school and the Governing Body we hope you and your families have a restful and happy Christmas and we send you our very best wishes for the new year.

I hope the following prayer provides you and your families with strength and hope during Christmas.

*Let nothing disturb you,*

*nothing frighten you,*

*all things are passing,*

*God is unchanging.*

*Patience gains all;*



*nothing is lacking to those who have God:*

*God alone is sufficient.*

### **St Teresa of Avila**

Mr A Moloney, Headteacher

Please note, we have made a change to the School Calendar  
for the summer term 2022.

**Friday 24th June is now an additional School holiday for  
St John Vianney School. The School will be closed on this  
date.**

This additional date is in lieu of the national holiday for the  
Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration, which falls during the  
Whit break on June 3rd 2022.

The term dates for 2022-23 have now been approved by the  
Governing Body and are now available on the School  
website.



# Stars of the Week

Each week a 'Star of the Week' is chosen by the class team to celebrate achievements both academic and pastoral.



This week we are celebrating the following achievements:

- Tyler-Making good choices and being a good friend
- Troy-Excellent reading + great communication
- Tomasz-For outstanding rowing at the gym.
- Theo-Theo has improved his communication and manners at breakfast! Well done Theo.
- Daniel-For working hard and making his friends laugh.
- Adam-For being a brilliant always pupil.
- Munir-For his happy and kind nature to all his friends and staff. Well done Munir.
- Ayla-For building great relationships with her peers.

# SJV Class News





# Class 1

Class 1 had a fantastic time having a classroom Christmas party with lots of party games and a yummy buffet!













## Class 8

Class 8 visited Manchester Pizza Hut restaurant this week and went shopping together for their end of term Christmas reward trip. What a fabulous day everyone had.













## Class 12 & Post 16

Class 12 & Post 16 thoroughly enjoyed the Nacro trip to Dunham Massey NT. They walked 6.2km, followed by a carvery lunch. Great independence skills shown, choosing food portions and different types of food. They all had a lovely social lunch with friends too. What a fabulous day and a lovely class of students.

















## Class 9

Class 9 had a fabulous time on Monday at the Trafford Centre. We had McDonalds for lunch and went to see Santa.

















## Class 6

Class 6 went on their end of year Christmas trip to the markets in Manchester this week! They had a great time exploring all the different stalls and enjoyed the yummy food even more!







# Class 10

For Class 10's Christmas Trip we went Ten Pin Bowling.

All the pupils had a great time and enjoyed themselves immensely.







## Class 7

Class 7 had a brilliant time on our Christmas trip to Archie's Milkshakes, on Monday. We used the skills we've been learning in our Money Heroes sessions to place our order and pay. What a wonderful way to celebrate the end of an awesome term! Happy Christmas everyone!







# Class 7

Our Class 11 trip was a treat of pizzas in Manchester, it was brilliant. What a pleasure it was socialising with our very mature and sociable bunch.









## Class 4

Class 4 had a great day for our Christmas outing this year. We went on a tram to Chorlton and headed to McDonalds for a treat!





# Our Catholic School

What an amazing final week we have had at SJV. It seems such a short time ago that it was half term, then the month of the Holy Souls and now Advent. Now it is time to relax and prepare for Christmas.

This week we celebrate the 3rd week of Advent in our preparations to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This week theme of Advent is Love.



*As a school we are reflecting on the important words of Pope Francis 'Read the Gospel; This way we will learn what is most*



*essential in our lives; love and mercy.'*

The chaplaincy team were very busy this week, helping to practice and prepare Christmas Mass, over two days for Key Stage 2/3 and 4/5. It is always such a lovely event to focus our minds on the true meaning of Christmas and for us to join and worship as a School community

It is with a very heavy heart that we say goodbye to our Chaplain, Father Des; he will be sorely missed. He has been asked by Just Youth to work in the central offices overseeing their good work. Father Des has left a huge legacy behind him with his work at SJV and we will of course keep in touch with him. We will welcome Father Nicholas, who will start with us in January.



We wish all the best to Father Des and our thoughts and our prayers will go with him.

In RE this week we have been focussing on the Nativity story and the real meaning of Christmas. We have looked at what we should be grateful for and what gives us hope for the future.

I want to wish everyone a very happy and holy Christmas and all the best for 2022.

*By Mrs Garfin*



# A word from our Family Liaison Officer and Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Christmas can be a difficult time for many different reasons –  
from family arguments to feeling lonely.

It can be hard to escape the holiday season sometimes,  
particularly when you don't enjoy Christmas and everyone's  
talking about it. But telling someone what your Christmas has  
been like can help you to feel less alone.



Childline are there for you throughout Christmas and New  
Year, including on Christmas Day. Whether you want to speak  
to a counsellor or talk to other young people on the message  
boards, you can always be honest with Childline about what  
things are like.



## Mrs Julie Griffin

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Phone: 0808 8010 327. Mon–Fri 9am-8pm.

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Email support: [info@mensadviceline.org.uk](mailto:info@mensadviceline.org.uk) Website:  
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0808 2000 247

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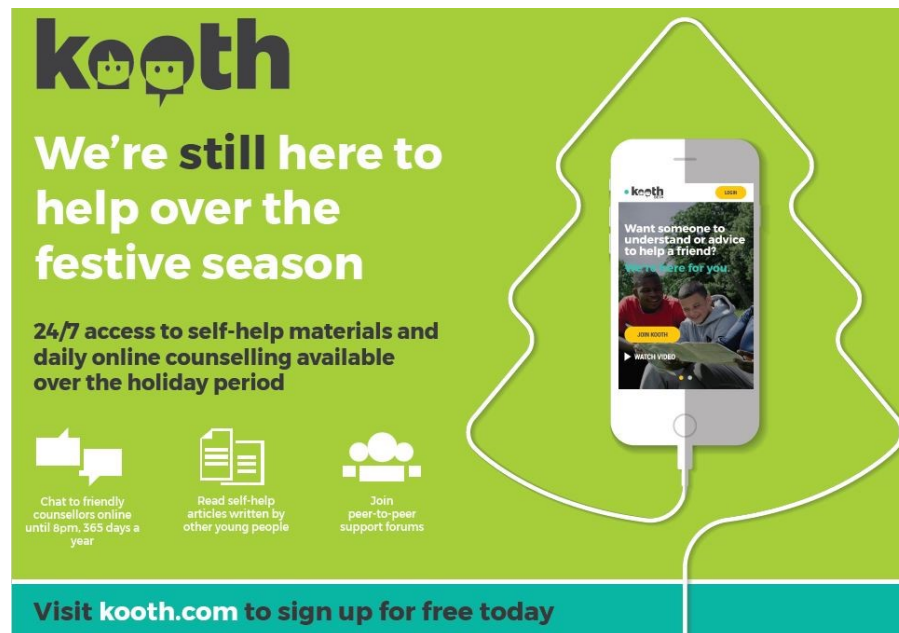


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Tel: 116 123 (free to call and will not appear on your phone bill)

Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

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Attendance reward this term was a visit to the cinema  
What an amazing achievement!

Class 2 – Chael, K-leum, Ryan and Aidan

Class 3 – Charlie, Jensen, Kyan and Leon

Class 4 – Daniel, Ethan, Sean and Thomas

Class 6 – Bruno, Heaven, Justin, Katie, Leon and Leah

Class 7 – Amanda, Leah, Mia, Nesrine and Scarlett

Class 8 – Andrew, Jake, Sadie, Troy and Sian

Class 9 – Emilia, Evie, Finlay, Harley, Arshvin and Joseph

Class 10 – Amy and Curtis

Class 12 – Filip, James and Jay

Ben, Damien and Leon had an alternative reward for their amazing attendance!

All our pupils can earn attendance rewards next term...

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one topic of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## The 12 Online Safety Tips of Christmas FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

Christmas is almost upon us once again, and soon some lucky children will be excitedly tearing the wrapping off a new mobile phone, tablet or games console. For some of them, it will be the first time they've owned a device that connects them to the online world. Even for older children, a new device means new corners of the digital landscape to explore – and, unfortunately, new risks to be aware of.

We've put together our top tips so that you can guide your young ones in enjoying their new digital gifts safely and responsibly throughout the year to come. Merry Christmas!

- 1. ALWAYS SET A PASSWORD**  
If your child's new device has a password protection feature, use it to help to keep their private information safe and will deny others access to their device without permission. Your children's passwords should be something memorable to them – but something which other people can't guess (it's also a good idea for parents to write it down in case it gets forgotten!).
- 2. SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'**  
This really is an essential when your child gets a new device, so they're protected from the outset. Most phones, tablets and consoles allow you to customise their settings to determine which games your child can play, how they can communicate (and who with), what content they can access and so on. It will give you peace of mind that they can't inadvertently do something they shouldn't.
- 3. PAY ATTENTION TO AGE RATINGS**  
One of the first things children want to do with any new device is play games and explore apps. Before they download anything or install a new console game, check its age rating. Many popular games and apps have content that's not suitable for younger ages. The safest long-term solution is to adjust the device's settings so they can only download and use games and apps appropriate for their age.
- 4. KEEP NUMBERS AND DEVICES PRIVATE**  
Make sure your child understands that they should never share their phone number with someone they don't know or accept a friend request from them. They should also appreciate that it's a good idea to mainly keep their device out of sight, never lend it to a stranger, and never put it down somewhere that other people could steal it or take it to use without asking.
- 5. HAVE 'THE MONEY CONVERSATION'**  
Before your children start using their new device in earnest, talk to them about in-app purchases and other ways that money might be spent through their device. Once they understand, you might want to agree on a spending limit and reassure them that they can come to you if they're uncertain, or if they have made a purchase by accident.
- 6. DISCOURAGE DEVICE DEPENDENCY**  
Of course, children who've just got a new device will naturally want to spend as much time on it as possible. But whether they're zapping bad guys, watching videos or connecting with friends, it's easy for them to get attached very quickly. Gently remind them that having family time, going outdoors and getting some exercise are still fun, too. And the device will be there when they get back.
- 7. EXPLAIN SECURE WIFI NETWORKS**  
Your home WiFi is protected by a password that only your family knows, whereas public networks (like those found in coffee shops, for example) can be accessed by anyone. It's important that your child grasps this difference because, if they're using a portable device on an unsecured network, then a hacker could access their personal information without them even knowing.
- 8. LIMIT SCREEN TIME**  
Using a device for too long, especially just before bed, can interfere with a child's sleep quality and reduce their concentration and overall enthusiasm. It might be helpful to agree on certain times of day when they don't use their device. Most devices' settings let you specify a screen-time limit, helping your child to stay fresh and focused in order to perform well at school.
- 9. ONLY PAIR WITH KNOWN BLUETOOTH DEVICES**  
Your child may want to connect to another device via Bluetooth, so they can listen to music wirelessly or share pictures and videos with nearby friends. But if they use Bluetooth to link with a device that they don't know, they're at risk of a stranger being able to see their personal information or having someone transmit a virus onto their device.
- 10. TURN LOCATION SETTINGS OFF**  
It's safest to disable the device's location services (if it's a portable device) so your child doesn't inadvertently make other people aware of where they are. You can usually do this via the device's privacy control settings. Turning location settings off not only means your child's whereabouts can't be tracked by others, it also significantly extends battery life.
- 11. STAY AWARE OF THE SURROUNDINGS**  
It's quite common to see adults not looking where they're going while engrossed in their phone. Children are even more easily distracted. In some cases, children have been hit by cars or cyclists because they were staring at their device and lost track of where they were. Remind your child that screens and walking don't mix. If they need to use their device, they should stop in a safe place first.
- 12. BE THERE IF THEY NEED TO TALK**  
Even when you've made a device as secure as you can, there's still a possibility of your child seeing something that bothers them, or someone they don't know attempting to contact them. If this happens, listen to their concerns, empathise and reassure them. Once they've explained what happened, you can decide if you should take further action like blocking or reporting another user.

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# Headteachers awards

Congratulations to the following award winners, who were recognised for their efforts, behaviour and attitude to



learning in School in the last term. All these pupils have been excellent role models in School and fully deserve their recognition.

## December 2021 Nominations

- Class 1 Rome
- Class 2 Ryan
- Class 3 Alfie
- Class 4 Charlie
- Class 5 Shawn
- Class 6 Callum
- Class 7 Scarlett
- Class 8 Leon
- Class 9 Evie
- Class 10 Blythe
- Class 11 Leon
- Class 12 James
- Class 13 Ben

The following 4 pupils were presented with their Golden HT Award Cards from the Headteacher in recognition of their outstanding contributions to life in School this term; very well done.

- KS2 Abdul
- KS3 Charlie
- KS4 Daniel
- KS5 Adam

# Enjoy your Weekend!

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