



Newsletter 13 – 8th December 2017

Dear Parents,

What a busy week it has been and it is certainly beginning to feel a lot like Christmas here in school! Regardless of all the hustle and bustle, our girls are so fantastic that they always give of their best in everything we ask of them.

Rehearsals are in full swing for both the infant and duckling performances. The standard of singing and acting I've seen and heard in rehearsals so far is wonderful. We just need everyone to stay fit and healthy, and keep those bugs at bay!

Dates for the Week Ahead –

Monday 11 th December	9.30am	Ducklings Nativity
Tuesday 12 th December	1.15pm-6.00pm 2.00pm 6.30pm	Prep 5 Theatre Trip Infant Nativity in the Hall Infant Nativity in the Hall
Wednesday 13 th December		Party Day
Thursday 14 th December	9.30am	Musical Coffee Morning in the Hall Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15 th December	11.00am 3.45pm	Carol Service at St. Vincent's Church School Closes – no after school provision

LPA

Thank you for your support with the annual Christmas Fair, the total amount raised was over £9000. Well done to everyone involved.

The next LPA event is the Mary Ward Ball on Friday 2nd February. Tickets can be purchased using this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mary-ward-ball-tickets-41050746889>

Hidden Gem

Well done to our very talented Prep 6 & Prep 7 girls who performed so brilliantly yesterday afternoon – they certainly did us all proud. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents able to come and watch them – the church was packed! I hope you have taken away lots of precious memories.

Duckling Nativity – Monday 11th

The Ducklings will be holding their Nativity on Monday 11th December at 9.30am. All parents and grandparents are welcome to come and watch this short performance.

Infant Nativity – Tuesday 12th

We look forward to our Infant Production on Tuesday 12th December. There will be two performances at 2.00pm and 6.30pm. Tickets for these performances are available from the school office (The tickets will allow us to manage numbers – there is no charge).

As in previous years, there will be a collection at the end of each performance for our Christmas charity. Donations will be used to buy Christmas presents and food bank supplies to be distributed to families in need by the Barnardo's team who work in Children Centres in Wythenshawe.



If you can also spare any of the items listed below, they will make a real difference for struggling local families at Christmas.

- Any tinned items or packet dried foods (pasta, rice, noodles)
- Long life milk and juice
- Biscuits, crackers
- Tea, coffee, drinking chocolate
- Essential toiletries
- Baby food, nappies and other baby essentials
- Christmas treats such as cakes, chocolates or selection boxes (**Please – no alcohol**)



The items can be brought in on the performance days or sent in with your daughters. All contributions will be very gratefully received.

Christmas Party Day – Wednesday 13th

The children may wear their home clothes (practical wear advisable) and sensible shoes. They must wear their school coats to and from school. No breaks, lunch boxes, drinks or book bags need to be brought to school on party day.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to come in and help the children with their food.



Musical Coffee Morning and Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 14th

Our Christmas Musical Coffee Morning will take place on Thursday 14th December at 9am. Please extend a warm welcome to all grandparents and friends to attend this event. Coffee, tea and mince pies will be served whilst the girls perform for you. Although there will not be a cake sale on this occasion we are asking for voluntary donations from our guests and these will be sent onto Starlight, a charity offering support to terminally ill children and their families. All children are allowed to wear Christmas jumpers on this day.



Carol Service – Friday 15th

There will be a Carol Service at St. Vincent's Church on Friday 15th December at 11am for the whole school. Please make sure you have returned your form stating whether or not you would like to take your daughter straight home following the service. Any girls who are not taken home will return to school and be supervised until the end of the day.



Last Day of Term – Friday 15th

The girls do not need to bring their bags to school. If your daughter is returning to school after the Carol Service could you please send their lunch in a disposable bag. School closes at 3.45 and there is no after school club.

Response to Parent Feedback

Today, all parents should receive a letter from Sister Jacinta, on behalf of the Governing Body, in relation to the various decisions taken by the Governors (on the Prep 6 and Prep 7 curriculum changes, the additional security measures and the changes to pre and after school club). This letter will be sent home with your daughter.

As a result of parent feedback, the Governors are considering some changes to how their decisions are implemented. A full Governors' meeting will be held next week to review parents' feedback and to agree on how best to implement the changes to ensure a smooth transition over the academic year.

Details of this transition process will be sent out as soon as possible. I and the Governors remain available to parents to discuss any queries you may have relating to these changes.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Anne Roberts