



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and purposeful December the children have experienced in our preparations for the great feast of Christmas.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating the children of the Early Years Foundation Stage for their performance of *'The First Christmas'* and the children of KS1 for their performance of *'Jesus@bethlehem.com'* Both nativities were enjoyed by all and we thank you for the positive comments and record attendance. Thank you for your donations for Keech Cottage which raised £160.



As we continued our journey through Advent we enjoyed learning about the meaning of the Advent Wreath during a beautiful assembly from Year 3.

Our Choir, who were invited to the Mayor's Christmas Carol service at All Saints Church and for the official turning on of the Christmas tree lights, sang beautifully and yet again were a credit to us all. They really 'brought the house down with their Jingle Bell Rock.' Thank you to all the parents and families who came with their children this was much appreciated.



This afternoon the children in Years 5 and 6 visited residents in Johnson Court to sing carols. The residents were delighted by their visit and were very grateful for the beautiful hamper.

The Friends of St Vincent's PTA

Thank you to all of you who came along to the Christmas Fair last Friday a wonderful £539.18 was raised for the children so thank you so much for your continued and generous support. There were a number of excess items donated for the tombola which enabled us to give a generous donation to the food bank on your behalf. This was arranged through the church, the gentleman who collected the items was delighted with variety of items and was very grateful. He commented that it will make a real difference to some local families this Christmas. We also made up a beautiful hamper for the residents of Johnson Court as years 5 and 6 joined them to sing carols.



The PTA are holding their annual Christmas family disco on Friday 19th December in the social club, I believe there are still a few tickets available so why not join in the fun.

Our school Carol Concert will take place in St Vincent's Church on Friday 19th December at 1.30pm. Please join us for our final celebration before Christmas. **All children will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2.15pm.**

We hope you enjoy the Christmas celebration with your families.

Services in St Vincent's Church

Children's Mass Wednesday 24th December 5pm

Carols before Midnight Mass Wednesday 24th December 9.30pm

Midnight Mass Wednesday 24th December 10pm

Christmas Day Mass Thursday 25th December 11am

Boxing Day Mass Friday 26th December 11am

Wishing you a happy and Holy Christmas from everyone at St Vincent's.

School re-opens Tuesday 6th January 2015 - Reception –Year 6

School re-opens Wednesday 7th January 2015 for Nursery both AM & PM sessions.

Clubs re-start on Monday 12th January 2015.

Swimming re-starts Thursday 15th January 2015.

Diary dates for the Lent term will be posted on the website next term.

Mrs Lake

