



Dear Parents and Carers,

School is busy with Christmas preparations and we look forward to a happy last three weeks of term. The choir sang beautifully at the Mayor's Celebration of Christmas on Tuesday night, at The Grove. Thank you especially to Mrs Ward and all of our pupils whose excellent behaviour and singing was commented upon by the teachers from the other schools. The children were, as always, a credit to us all. It was lovely to see so many parents in attendance to support the choir and from the feedback received, they too, really enjoyed the show.



During the last few weeks we have enjoyed Class Assemblies led by Years 5 and 4 all of which were well supported by parents. These were both enlightening and prayerful and a marvelous start to our Friday mornings in school. Thank you to all the staff and pupils involved. We look forward to assemblies from Year 6 and Year 3.



Thank you for your generous donations for the Foodbank we collected a total of 125.84Kg of food which provided 300 meals for hungry people. Look out for this in The Vine in the coming weeks

In preparation for Advent we have two Advent Wreaths one to be used by the church and one for school. In school we will begin our preparations for Christmas with the lighting of our first candle at Collective Worship on Monday.



The Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 are both busily practising for their respective Nativity plays.

The children in the afternoon nursery and the children in reception class are performing 'Angel Express' on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 2.30pm. Tickets are available from the school office priced at £1 each.

The children in Years 1 and 2 are performing 'Peace on Earth' on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. Tickets will be available from the school office from Monday priced at £1 each.

Some of the children in Years 5 and 6 are hoping to visit the residents in Johnson Court on the 15<sup>th</sup> December and joining them to sing some carols with maybe a mince pie or two! Our school Christmas Mass is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December and our Carol Concert on the 18<sup>th</sup> December both in St Vincent's church. You are most welcome to join us. School closes for Christmas at 2.15pm.



### Friends of St Vincent's PTA

The AGM was held this morning thank you to those who attended, officers were elected as follows:  
**Chair:** Mrs C Gallagher **Vice Chair:** Mrs V Boland **Treasurer:** Mrs C Baptista **Secretary:** Mrs L Boland  
No doubt they will be looking for a willing band of helpers in the next few weeks. Our thanks go to our out-going officers.



Tomorrow, Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, is our non-uniform day so please send in your donations for our Christmas Fair which will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December in the social club. The children will have an opportunity to visit during the afternoon, please send in some pocket money for them to spend. The fair will be open until 5.00pm so you will be able to come along and join in the fun.

### New Date for Diary

The Friends are also holding a Christmas disco for the children on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, more details to follow.

Now that winter is fast approaching we need to be prepared for unplanned closure of the school. In order to receive an e-mail alert via the Central Bedfordshire School's Open Status (SOS) system, you will need to register:

- Go to the following link and click on it:  
<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webApps/SOS>
- Click on 'register for updates' and fill in the text boxes
- Click on 'submit'



You will then receive an email which contains instructions on how to 'activate' your account which will include a 'one off' activation code:

- Click on the link: <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webApps/SOS/>
- Go to 'Log in to edit your details' and type in your email address and the activation code.
- The next time you want to edit your details (e.g. change the names of schools for which you wish to receive alerts), type in your email address and password.

In addition to this please ensure that we have your correct mobile number so that should we need to send a text you will receive the message. Furthermore please note that the school website will be updated to indicate school status. If neither of these options are available to us due to a power cut or internet failure the closure message will be broadcast on HEART Radio and Three Counties Radio.

Please ensure that your child's PE kit including plimsolls and tracksuit bottoms are in school for the whole week, so they are ready for PE the lessons regardless of the weather. Thank you.



### Starting school September 2016

If your child is due to start school September 2016, and you wish us to check your application prior to submission, please bring it to the school office by **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**.

I look forward to seeing you when you join us for one or more of our Christmas celebrations. Please check the website for all the events in December. **Please note that there will be NO CLUBS running in the last week of term, between 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December. Clubs re-start on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**

Enjoy the weekend with your families.

Mrs Lake

