

## Advent Term 2014

Dear Parents/Carers

It was fantastic to see you all enjoying yourselves at our family fun day to begin our 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebrations, the feedback has been very positive. It was a very enjoyable event, well supported by the school, past pupils and staff and members of the community. As well as being a fun day we also managed to raise a profit of £1,457.01. There are plans to run a number of events to mark our 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary including a family BBQ and balloon release on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015, further information to follow.

### St Vincent's Feast day

We celebrated Mass with the community and the children spent the day learning about our patron Saint.

We celebrated Mass with Bishop Peter, the children, staff and governors from the school and the parish community came together with Bishop Peter to commemorate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Bishop Peter joined with parishioners and past members of the school for tea and cake after Mass. He particularly enjoyed meeting all the children during his tour of the school. Staff, governors and parishioners also enjoyed lunch with Bishop Peter. We received a lovely letter of thanks from the Bishop which I have attached separately.

The children from Year 5 also celebrated Mass with other schools from the Diocese at St Mary's church, and four of our children were Altar Servers.

### Macmillan Cancer Research Coffee Morning



As mentioned in our last newsletter, money collected from refreshments at the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration was to be donated to Macmillan. As a result we have donated £250 which means that we are again able to pay the cost of a nurse for **two** shifts. Thank you for your generosity.

### Month of the Rosary

During the month of October we have been praying the Rosary in communion with the rest of the Catholic Church.

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

An initial meeting for parents of children in Year 3 has been arranged for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October after 11am Mass. Parents of any child in Years 4-6 who has not received the Sacrament should also attend this meeting.



## High School transfer

The deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October, with schools being closed for half term it is advisable to ensure applications are received prior to this date.

## School Dinners

After half term there will be a new menu, a copy of this is posted on the website. We will forward paper copies upon receipt from Eden.

A message from Eden our catering provider:

Dinners must be paid for in advance. Please ensure that you send your child with the correct amount for the week, should you have any queries regarding payments please contact the kitchen directly on 01582 861094.

## School photographs



The photographer will be in school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to take photographs of all children in the school both individual and siblings. The photographer will be returning to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November to take family photographs, should you wish to have one taken please contact the school office to make arrangements. Orders placed from these photographs will be returned to school on the 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## Parents' Consultation Evenings

These will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 4 – 6.30pm and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 4 – 6.30pm. Please contact the school office for an appointment with your child's teacher. On this evening you will be able to speak with your child's teacher and have the opportunity to see your child's work.



Our parent support workers will be available on both evenings; they are able to advise on a range of services and would be happy to make individual appointments at a time convenient for you.

## PTA

We have a number of new faces who have joined the Friends of St Vincent's PTA committee and are busy making plans for the forthcoming year, more information to follow. Please look out for information on the PTA notice board located at the school entrance. The next meeting is arranged for Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 3.40pm. All welcome.

Please note a change of time for the AGM meeting this will now take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 3:40pm. If you are able, please join us.

### Operation Christmas Child - Shoe Box Appeal

We will be sending home a leaflet which gives suggestions about what to put in your shoebox. A collection has been arranged from school so please return your filled boxes to school by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November.



### 'Celebration of Christmas event'

The Mayor's 'Celebration of Christmas event' will take place at The Grove Theatre on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. The children from years 1-6 will form our choir for this event. Separate letters will be sent to the parents/carers of the children involved.

Tickets are on sale to the general public and are available from The Grove Theatre Box Office only. Ticket prices: £4 for adults and £2 concessions; programmes will be on sale on the day at a cost of £1.

### Class assemblies

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| Year 6 | 9am | Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November  |
| Year 5 | 9am | Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November |
| Year 4 | 9am | Friday 21 <sup>th</sup> November |
| Year 3 | 9am | Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December  |



Updated diary dates for the rest of the term are posted separately on our website. Paper copies are available from the school office.

Enjoy your half term break with your families and we look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Mrs Lake