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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

ADVENT

Third Sunday of Advent

Today's reading
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Jesus is the light of the world. This reading says that John the Baptist came to tell everyone Jesus was coming. Jesus is the Son of God and he shows us how we should live – he is a shining light in the darkness for us to follow. But if we share the light we can see so much more! If we share the light of Jesus we can light up the whole world.
How do you think we can share the light of Jesus with others?

Today's prayer
Generous God,
We thank you for all the good things that you have given us.
Help us to follow the example of Jesus,
to care for others
and to bring good news to people who are poor.
Amen

Did you know today is Gaudete Sunday?
We light the pink candle, representing joy.
How could you bring joy to others this Advent?

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!”

YEARS 3-6 ADVENT SERVICE ST VINCENT'S CHURCH



We are looking forward to the Advent Service at St Vincent's Church on Monday 18 December at 6:30pm. The children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are involved in this and all are expected to attend. Children should wear their school uniform.



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THE WEDNESDAY WORD ADVENT EDITION



Please click this link to read the Wednesday Word, for gospel readings over the Christmas period: [Wednesday Word Christmas Holiday Special](#)

THE VINEYARD CHRISTMAS EDITION



The Vineyard is a parish magazine that captures many events in the parish. During covid it was paused but has now returned with a fantastic Christmas issue. This issue includes interviews with our clergy, school news, a catch-up of sacramental celebrations, reflections on spiritual activities, plus tasters of our busy parish groups. We were delighted to read an article about our recent Denominational Inspection. Please click on this link to read the issue in full: [THE-VINEYARD-CHRISTMAS](#)

Hard copies of the magazine are currently being delivered directly to parishioners on the parish database, and are also available in church.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP ST ANN'S HOSPICE?



St Ann's Hospice have organised collecting & recycling trees between 11th and 14th January 2024. If you would like to raise money for this charity and dispose of your tree, please visit the website: www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree



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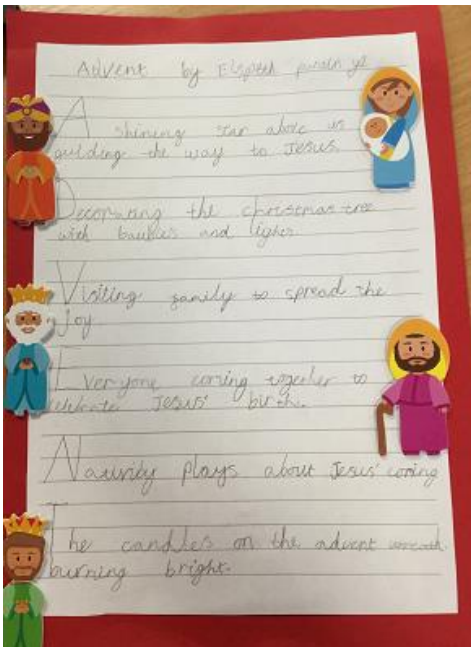
INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING



An ink cartridge will take up to 1000 years to decompose in a landfill site. Our Eco Team have set up a collection point for home-use ink cartridges, and we will receive money for every one we recycle. Please could you send into school any home-use, used ink cartridges to help us raise money for Eco initiatives.

POET LAUREATE ADVENT POEMS

Thank you to Elspeth and Ben, our Poet Laureates who wrote these lovely Advent poems:



Advent

Advent is here,
It happens once a year,
It starts in December,
And children always remember,
The calendars they need to buy,
And the parents always say, 'Oh my',
Santa comes on the twenty-fifth,
Some people think he's a myth,
But for those who believe,
Presents, they will receive,
And by the end of our cheer,
It is a new year.



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AUTUMN 2 DATES

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	18 December	Christmas Service 6:30pm	St Vincent's Church
Wednesday	20 December	Christmas Pantomime	Infant hall Junior hall
Thursday	21 December	School Closes 3:25pm KS2 3:30pm KS1	-
CHRISTMAS BREAK			
Wednesday	3 January	School reopens	-

ATTENDANCE

Please see below the attendance percentages for last week:

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RML	81.35	2AB	95.3	4CG/EL	99
RLT	93.8	2OW/CR	98	5CL	98.7
RLD	90.35	3DM	97	5LM	91
1AM	92	3LH	97.4	5DH	99
1MH	99	3CN/JJ	95.3	6NS	94.35
1CR	93.65	4HB	98.65	6SK/CO	99.65
2LC	95.65	4JK	98	6DB	97.1
Overall percentage: 95.45%					

We offer an open door to parents. If you have any questions about school life, please liaise with your class teacher. Mrs Farrell (infant deputy head), Mrs Sutton (junior deputy head), and I are also available to work in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

