



St Vincent's VC Academy

Academy Newsletter December 2018

Merry Christmas to all the families and friends of St Vincent's!

The children have worked hard throughout a busy and enjoyable term. I would like to thank parents and carers and friends of St Vincent's for your on-going support. Enjoy your time with family and friends over Christmas; we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Year 2 have been busy learning about The Great Fire of London. We have had a visit from the fire engine and even got to squirt the water! The children enjoyed learning the book 'The Tunnel', acting it out through drama and dance, drawing the pictures and changing the story to make it their own. Year 2 have been busy spending money during our maths lessons, working out their change and learning all the different coins and notes.



Year 4 children have continued embrace their learning about Ancient Greeks and have enjoyed making a sandal out of newspaper and cardboard, as well as a clay plate on which they have carved a design. They have also been learning about electricity in Science and carried out some super investigations. The new style of homework appears to have been a massive success. Children have fetched in some wonderful models they have made, and we have also had a piece of music composed.

Year 1 have made a wonderful start to the school year. We have really enjoyed reading and writing about 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and 'Augustus and His Smile.' In maths, we have been learning about sorting, part whole models as well as investigating 2D and 3D shapes in and around the school! Our topic has seen us learning about houses and homes, and how these have changed over the years. Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to see 'The Ugly Duckling' and performed a tremendous Nativity for family and friends to end the school term.

Merry Christmas from all the Year 1 staff!



This half-term in Year 3, one of our highlights was the most enjoyable detour into poetry! The children read the famous poem 'The Owl and the Pussy-cat' by Edward Lear, in which we explored the themes of the poem. We wrote in role as the characters, created fictitious interviews, devised lists of useful items that the characters could take with them on their honeymoon and innovated upon the original poem to create our own (with a Stone Age twist). The children memorised the poem and thought of their own actions to bring the story to life and finally we performed our work to family and friends. This included a song signed entirely in Makaton. Well done Year Three – you are all performance superstars!

Safeguarding your children

During the Christmas period many children will be playing on computers, games consoles, I pads, phones etc. which have internet access. Please ensure your child/children are supervised and that whatever they are accessing is age appropriate and safe.

At St Vincent's we have 3 rules:

- Ready
- Respectful
- Safe

Please support us by re-enforcing these with your children



On Friday 28th September, we held a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the dining hall ran by Julie Rafferty, Debbie Brady and Helen Marshall. We raised a fantastic £100 which will help to make sure that nobody faces cancer alone. A very big **“THANK YOU!”** from all of us at St Vincent's.

School Disco

On Friday 14th December, the school held our Christmas Disco 2018 which included festive songs, treats for the children and some (questionable) dancing by parents and teachers alike! Thank you so much for your contribution and continued support!

Year 5 have been very busy designing and making Viking long ships. The children have also written about their own dragon species by creating their own Top Trump card and writing an information piece for a dragon encyclopaedia.

Year 6 have been relishing the opportunity to learn, perform and write some Gothic stories - thinking carefully about how to keep the reader in suspense! We have also been out and about: firstly, our IMPs trip to Hull Royal, where we learnt how to prevent and deal with injuries; followed by our trip to Hull Truck Theatre to see the festive adaptation of Oliver Twist. The needle and threads came out last week as we delved into Christmas crafts, making lavender bags and ribbon wreaths (available to buy!).



Debts

Please could we remind all parents that all outstanding monies must be paid in full before returning to school in the New Year. If you wish to discuss this please contact the school office to arrange a meeting with Mrs Assogna and Miss Dennett.

Driveway

Could we politely remind you all that the driveway should be not used between the hours of 8.30-9.30 and 3.15-4.15 for the safety of the children. If you wish to drive to school please be considerate and use Elm Street or the Social Club car park during these hours.

School reopens...

Monday 7th January 2019

Good news assemblies every Friday at 9.05am – all welcome!