



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well it's been a lovely week, filled with lots of opportunities to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, festive entertainment and lots of happy, excited children.

## *Spotlight On... Christmas Festivities*



As this is the last newsletter of the term may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and kind words since we started in September. Have a happy and holy Christmas with your families, stay safe and we'll see you back in the New Year on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Amidst all the preparations, exchanging of cards and presents please do take time to bring the true meaning of Christmas into your homes and share the message with loved ones. It is so important we think of others and share some of our many gifts to bring joy to those in need.



## Attendance –

Reception	95.2%	Year 4	85.5%
Year 1	96%	Year 5	96.1%
Year 2	95.3%	Year 6	94.1%
Year 3	88%		

## Awards/ Merits

**Courtesy Award** – Good manners and polite behaviour.

**Merit Award** – Super work and effort in a particular area of the Curriculum.

**Good Conduct Award** – Excellent attitude in all aspects of school life.

Year Group	Good Conduct Award	Courtesy Award	Merit Award
Reception	Rocco T	Alice W	Violet B
Year 1	Jamie R	Molly R	Joe C
Year 2	Kane W-W	Patrick C	Bella J
Year 3	Alex S	Thomas F	Imogen W
Year 4	Natalia L	Harry T	Lena Z-K
Year 5	Poppy W	Issy B	Catherine Mc
Year 6	Donagh K	Joseph A	Jacob, Leo, Kayla & Emily C

As a school community we have certainly been very generous and have brought lots of joy to those around us this term and this week. Just this week we have certainly brought smiles to many faces...

### East Cheshire Hospice

Today Emily, Jacob, Kayla, Leo and myself visited East Cheshire Hospice to hand over a cheque for £500, this was half of what was collected from Christmas performance contributions. The hospice were thrilled and said the money will certainly be put to good use. Thank you for your generosity.



### Mini Vinnies

On Monday Sue Benyon, one of the volunteers from the Mid Cheshire Foodbank in Winsford came to school to collect the many donations of food sent in during the Advent period. Her car was loaded to capacity with the boxes of food, the food that has arrived in school this week will be delivered by Mrs Holland today. Thank you to our Mini Vinnies, Mrs Holland and all our parents for giving so much to make a difference to the lives of others.



### Sharston House

A smile was brought to many a face on Wednesday when our Year 2 children and our FS/KS1 'band' visited Sharston House and entertained the residents with songs from our Christmas performances, what a wonderful thing to do. Thank you to all the children, Mrs Cox, Mrs Brown and our parent helpers for such a lovely act of kindness.



Stacey Hinton, the Sharston Activities Coordinator emailed the following thanks –

*"The performance was wonderful and both residents and staff enjoyed it. It was lovely to see residents singing along and tapping their feet away to the music."*

## Carol Service

What a beautiful Carol Service we had here at school yesterday, thank you to all who attended. Our School Councillors and Choir really got us into the Christmas spirit and helped us reflect so beautifully on the true meaning of Christmas. A big thank you to Mrs Cox for organising such a special event.

### Prayer for Families

Loving God,  
During this holy season of Christmas,  
we ask for your blessing on all  
families.  
Let Mary's openness to your  
wondrous ways be an inspiration  
to place all trust in you.  
Let Joseph's courage provide hope  
during times of anxiety and  
uncertainty.  
Let Jesus' life ignite all families with  
a spirit of light and love.  
May the grace that encircled the  
Holy Family widen to embrace all  
families.  
For this we pray.  
Amen.



*Wishing you a  
Merry Christmas & All the Best for 2018  
From the Governors & Staff at St Vincent De Paul Primary School*



## The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>		
INSET DAY		
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>		
School Open	08:55	
Choir Practice	15:15	16:00
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>		
Parent Readers		
Gardening Club	15:15	16:00
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
No Streetdance (starts next week)		
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>		
Indoor Athletics (Rec – Y4)	15:15	16:15
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>		
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15

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