Dear Parent/carer 13th November 2019

Another school year is moving by quickly and as we begin a very busy time in the run up to Christmas I want to give you some information and dates for your diaries over the next weeks You will continue to receive regular updates via the school website, school app and also on class twitter pages and now on our whole school Twitter page which you can access using the handle EkVincents

Please note the following

**School closure**

* School will be closed to pupils on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th November. School will be open for staff in-service only
* School will be closed to pupils on Thursday December 12th as the school is a polling centre on that day.

**Catholic Education week**

* Catholic Education week takes place over the next two weeks and this year’s theme is “Gospel Values “
* On Thursday November 28th after the bell at 9am we would like to invite parents and carers to come in to school and enjoy a cuppa while listening to the children share their learning from Catholic Education week. All are welcome.

**Parent Council Meeting for Christmas Fair.**

* Our next Parent Council meeting is on Wednesday 27th Nov at 7pm. We will need all the help we can get to prepare for the Christmas Fair on Saturday 7th December 10.30am to 1pm Our Christmas Fair is always a great community event with many activities including the opportunity for our children to sell the products they make during Enterprise week. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Careers Day and World of work week**

* On Wednesday November we will host our Careers day where a number of guests invited by Mrs Farrell and Mrs Currie will speak about their work .Children will have the opportunity to ask questions and develop their understanding of The World of Work.

**Saint Andrew’s Day**

* On Friday November 29th we will celebrate Saint Andrew’s Day with Holy Mass led by Mr McKenna’s class (Room 10) All are welcome to join us . All classes will then have their own class celebration to mark the feast of our national patron.

**Christmas Events**

* Advent begins on Sunday December 1st. This is a special time of preparation for Christmas. As in previous years parents are invited to join us before school for a short period of prayer together in the Hall from 8.40 onwards.
* This year’s P1-3 Nativity play is called “It’s a party “ and you will have the opportunity to see the children perform on Tuesday 10th December at 2pm and 6.30pm and also on Wednesday 11th December at 2pm. Tickets are on sale and going fast!
* As in previous years we continue our link with Westwoodhill Evangelical church when our P3 pupils will be guests at “A Christmas Cracker “on Friday 6th Dec at 1,30pm.
* P3 pupils will also entertain guests at the local care home on December 4th in the afternoon.

* All are welcome to the very popular Café Noel on Monday 16th December starting at 9.30am This is an informal opportunity to enjoy a cuppa and hear your child’s class perform
* Our school choir led by Miss Timmons is in huge demand and we are honoured that they are invited to make a guest appearance in Hamilton Townhouse on Monday 25th November. They will also sing in the lead up to Christmas at Hairmyres, Morrisons and the Town Centre.
* Christmas lunch will be served on Wed December 18th. Details are in a flyer which is sent out today.
* Matthew Gibb will entertain the whole school in a special Christmas concert in the Open area on Friday December 13th at 1.30pm.
* Class parties will take place the week beginning December 16th. Details to follow later.
* School will close for Christmas holidays at 2.30pm on Friday December 20th and re-open on Monday January 6th at 9am. Holy Mass to prepare for Christmas followed by a Carol service will take place at 9.30am that Morning.

**Adverse weather**

You will be aware there are occasions when severely inclement weather can result in the early closure of schools. Every effort would be made, in the event of early closure, to advise parents of the situation via the school App. Please make sure that the School Office is kept up-to-date with changes to contact numbers. No child, however, would be sent home without the school ensuring that an adult was available. Parents are advised to listen to local radio and telephone the school if they have any doubts whether or not the school is likely to be closed. Further information will be available online at Twitter EkVincents and on our school website ([www.st-vincent’s](http://www.st-vincent's)-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk) and on the South Lanarkshire Website ([www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk](http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk))

**Primary 1 Enrolment**

Enrolment for children due to start Primary 1 in Saint Vincent’s in August takes place week beginning January 14th until January 18th. Further information to follow

Kind Regards

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