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Dear Parents and Children,

This Sunday marks the beginning of the third week in Advent and the rose coloured candle on the Advent Wreath will be lit. This candle reminds us of Mary the mother of Jesus and how, like her we aim to bring Jesus and his love into our world.



The Infant Nativity performance

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, our children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 gave two enthusiastic performances of their Nativity play. The children were a joy to watch and never fail to amaze me with their talents. Through their singing and acting the children reminded us that Christmas is a time of love and joy as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The staff would like to thank all of the parents who supported them by helping children to learn their lines and in supplying costumes.

After the performances, there was a collection for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society and an impressive £138.76 was raised. Thank you for your generosity.



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Raffle tickets are still on sale before and after school on the playground £1 a strip. The 1st prize is a luxury hamper and there are several other smaller prizes. All proceeds will go towards our school fund. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 18th December.



Winner!

The friends of St Vincent's would once again like to congratulate Elisha in Year 2 who won the 'Design a t-shirt' competition. Elisha was presented with her t-shirt earlier this week.

Congratulations!

Last week I received a letter from Margaret Hodge, MP for this ward, thanking St. Vincent's pupils for entering her Christmas Card Competition. She received over 6000 entries and had great fun sorting through all the different schools and categories. Each year she picks a winning entry for each school and a winner and runner up from each age group and an overall winner and runner up.

I am delighted to inform you that the winner from St. Vincent's School is **Zoe-Marie** in Year 1, well done!



Dates for your diary



THERE WILL BE NO MORE BOOSTER CLASSES OR SCHOOL CLUBS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Monday 14th December	
Tuesday 15th December	7pm Carol Service, children back to school at 6.45pm in full uniform
Wednesday 16th December	Non uniform day Toy morning and class parties in the afternoon
Thursday 17th December	No Y5 Swimming No All Saints
Friday 18th December	1.30pm – Carols around the Advent Wreath – parents welcome School closes at 2pm

Tuesday 15th December - Junior Carol Service

The Junior Carol Service takes place on **Tuesday 15th December** in the Church. Children need to return to **school** at **6.45pm** in full uniform, so we can start promptly at 7pm. I hope that many families will join us on this special occasion.

The Carol Service is approximately 45 minutes long and children can be collected after the service by an adult from the school playground.

Wednesday 16th December – School Christmas Lunch and Non uniform day

We are all looking forward to the Christmas Lunch next week on Thursday. Children may come to school wearing their own clothes.

Wednesday 16th December – Toy Morning / Class Parties



Pupils may bring in a toy (not Nursery) from home to play with in the morning in class. Please remember the school are not responsible for loss or damage to any toys. **No** electronic toys please i.e. no iPods, DS's, mobile phones, iPads etc. In the afternoon the children will have their class Christmas Party. Drinks will be provided, no snacks are needed.

Advent Boxes

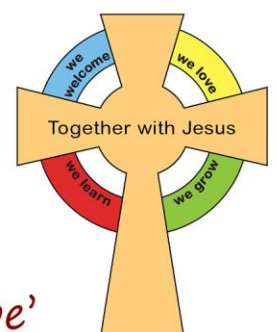
As part of our commitment to our Diocesan community, we have sent home collection boxes on behalf of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. We kindly ask you to fill the boxes with coins and return them to school by Friday 9th January (we have made it a bit later to return them).

Our traditional support of this charity is greatly appreciated by local children from disadvantaged families. Thank you as always, for your support.

I look forward to seeing many of you this evening at the Jingle Bell Ball.

God Bless,

Mrs C. Scott
Headteacher



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