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Dear Parents and Children,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year!



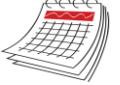
This week you should have received an RE newsletter, a curriculum newsletter and a list of dates for the spring term, giving you advanced notice of particular events and celebrations this term. Copies of these are also available on our website.

January Birthdays



Christabel (11); Carlo (7); Gabriella (6); Shawn (7); Kyla (4); Haadi (4); Nathan (8);
Ritchy (8); Hilary (7); Roshana (8); Aiden (5); Olaf (10); Louis (9); Beulah (5);
Godrich (9); Lily (9); Nathaniel (8); Ameen (4); Paul (10); Olatomi (11).



 <h2 style="text-align: center;">Dates for your diary</h2> 	
Monday 9 th January	
Tuesday 10 th January	Y2 Gymnastics Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 11 th January	Year 4,5 & 6 Karate club – 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Thursday 12 th January	Year 5 Swimming 4x4 Basketball Competition – Finals (separate letter sent)
Friday 13 th January	4pm – Closing date for Reception applications 3pm WOW celebration assembly – parents welcome

Reception Class Admissions September 2017

The Common Application Form **must** be completed on line www.barking-dagenham.gov.uk/admissions
If you are a practising Catholic you will need a Certificate of Catholic Practice to submit with your application.
The closing date for returning forms to school is **13th January 2017**.

Uniform and Haircuts

As we begin a new year, I would like to remind you of our uniform code which can be found on the school website at www.st-vincent.barking-dagenham.sch.uk/uniform

Persistent failure to comply with our uniform policy can lead to children losing privileges, missing break time, being stopped from attending off site activities e.g. sports events, swimming lessons, trips.

Any decision regarding failure to comply with our uniform code will be left to the discretion of the Headteacher.

Thank you to most of our families who do comply with this policy, however at the beginning of this new term, there are some particular aspects of our policy which I would like to remind you of:

- Children from Reception to Y6 must wear black shoes **not** trainers and **not** boots. Shoes must be black leather and flat, able to be polished, and below the ankle. In cold weather, if children wish to walk to and from school in boots, they must have school shoes to change in to.
- Trainers are permitted for Nursery children only. Children in Y3 to Y6 may bring in trainers to wear on the playground at playtime or lunchtime.
- Skirts should be no shorter than just above the knee.
- Jewellery must not be worn. Small gold or silver stud earrings are allowed but children must be able to remove these themselves for PE lessons.
- NO extreme hair styles e.g. fashion/celebrity styles; this includes mohicans, over use of gel and patterns shaved in hair or eyebrows. Hair should also be cut so that there are no distinguishing lengths between the hair on the top of the head and that on the sides, i.e. no shaved sides or tops.
- All clothing and personal property must be clearly marked with your child's name. Please check labelling at intervals for fading. Lost property is located on the school playground. Whilst every effort will be made to find lost items of clothing, the school cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.

Attendance and Holidays in Term Time

The school wishes to work in partnership with parents/carers to achieve good school attendance. The minimum target attendance for all pupils registered at this school is 96%. The Governing Body has responsibility for school attendance and will request the Head Teacher to report on attendance at each governing body meeting in order to monitor attendance.

The school has adopted a position of not authorising requests for leave of absence (commonly referred to as term-time holidays), which is supported by the Local authority. Parents may request a leave of absence in exceptional circumstances or on compassionate grounds but they do not have a right to it. Only one period of up to 10 days absence in any academic year will be considered. Parents must complete the request of leave of absence form which can be collected from the school office, or found on our website under attendance policy.

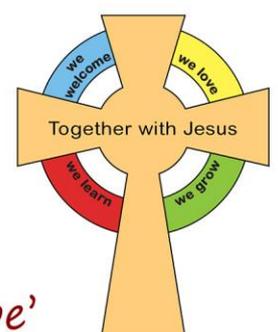
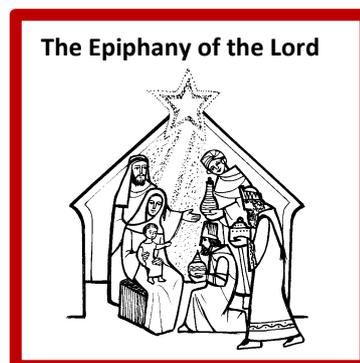
Each request will be considered on its merits by the Head Teacher. If a request is refused, and the child still incurs unauthorised absences, then the Local Authority can issue a Penalty Notice against the parent(s). There will be no right of appeal against a Penalty Notice.

Thank you for your continued support.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs C. Scott
Headteacher



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