

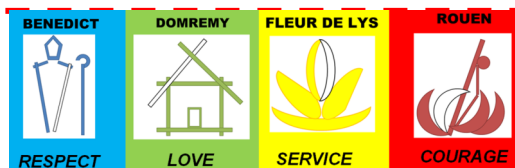


## Newsletter No. 8

Wed 20th December 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have made it to the last week of term and I am sure like myself you are all looking forward to a change from the school routine.



It was wonderful to see so many of you at the various Christmas performances this year and the children were so delighted to see you there too so, thank you for making such an effort to attend.

I am sure that you were as proud of your child as we were. I cannot say a big enough thank you to the staff who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to produce performances of such high quality. I feel very honoured to work alongside colleagues who really want the best for your children and will go over and above what is expected of them.

Last Friday all of the children attended a Christmas pantomime in the community centre hall called 'It's a Boy'. All of the children and staff really enjoyed this special Christmas treat. This was paid for by the money raised from this term's cake sales.

It is no surprise that everyone is really looking forward to their well-deserved Christmas holidays. I really hope you all have a peaceful Christmas and I am sure that your children will provide you with some 'comfort and joy' over this festive period.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish you all a Christmas full of peace and joy and all the best for 2024.

Kind regards,

*Clare Campbell*

### Reception admissions for September 2024 - DEADLINE: 15 January 2024



Parents of children attending the school nursery need to make a separate application for a place in Reception for September 2024. You must also complete an application form from the borough in which you reside.



**St Vincent  
de Paul Society**  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action



### St Vincent de Paul collection

For the past 3 weeks, the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Joan of Arc Church has been collecting your kind donations and preparing packages for families who require some support and kindness. Your generosity was vital to the success of the campaign. Thank you for all your contributions. The children really do exercise the Christian value school rule of 'service' during these times.



### Cake Stall

Thank you to the parents of Year 5 pupils who organised the cake stall last Friday.



### Extended Schools Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire. The governors Finance and Staffing Committee will be looking at the results of this in more detail in the Spring term so, I will let you know how we will proceed with this service in due course.

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**Thursday 21st Dec 2023**

### Early school closure

Thursday 21st Dec. the school will close at **1.30pm**. There will be no after school care provision on this day. Please ensure your child is collected at this time.





### Uniform Strategy

Mr Fuiava will be sending communications regarding a strategy to improving uniform standards. This will launch officially on the first day of spring term.

SPOILER ALERT: one of the first items on the agenda is sweatshirts/fleeces.

A reminder that the uniform policy states only sweatshirts and fleeces with the school logo are school uniform and that branded trainers are not the correct footwear.



### Unsupervised children

Just a reminder to please wait with your child/ren at gates in the morning should you arrive before 8.15am when the gates open. There have been times where children are waiting with no adult supervision; arriving at 8am. Your child's safety is the highest priority for the school. Please ensure they are supervised.

**SAFETY FIRST**

**REOPENING**

### School reopening in January

The Spring Term starts for all year groups on Monday 8th January 2024 with the gates opening at 8.15am and class starting promptly at 8.30am. I know some of you have struggled to get your children to school on time over the last few weeks but I am sure that after the holidays, our normal punctual standards will resume. Extended Services also reopens on Monday 8th January.

### As we prepare for the final Sunday of Advent:

The fourth candle of Advent is called the "Angel Candle" and symbolizes peace. This name comes from the fact that the angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace (Luke 2:14). This week we are reminded that Jesus came to bring peace to our hearts and to our world.

Have a blessed and safe Christmas.

