



# Vita et Pax Preparatory School

NEWSLETTER No.17 *Week ending 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018*

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2017/2018

### January

- 9<sup>th</sup> Jan School term begins  
12<sup>th</sup> Jan Year 5 Masterclass  
25<sup>th</sup> Jan Year 3 Class Assembly to parents -9am

### February

- 1<sup>st</sup> Feb Year 2 Class Assembly to parents - 9am  
7<sup>th</sup> Feb Year 2 Maths Master Class  
8<sup>th</sup> Feb Year 1 Class Assembly to parents- 9am  
20<sup>th</sup> Feb Phil McDermott Story Teller Workshop for Parents 9am - 10am & 7pm-8pm  
28<sup>th</sup> Feb Parents Eve 3:30pm to 5:00pm & 5:30pm to 8pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Feb to 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar Arts Enrichment Week

### March

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mar Year 6 Maths Mater Class  
1<sup>st</sup> Mar Learning Conversation Evening for Parents 3:30pm to 5pm and 5:30pm to 8pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mar World Book Day – Children dress up as their favourite book character  
7<sup>th</sup> Mar School Open Day 09:30am to 11:30am  
8<sup>th</sup> Mar Reception Class Assembly to parents – 9am  
10<sup>th</sup> Mar School Open Day 9am to 10am and 7pm to 8pm  
15<sup>th</sup> Mar Nursery Class Assembly  
15<sup>th</sup> Mar to 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar Scholastic Book Fayre (1 week)  
20<sup>th</sup> Mar Phil McDermott Story Teller Workshop for Parents 9am - 10am & 7pm-8pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> Mar Mass at Christ the King Church 10:30am - Parents welcome  
23<sup>rd</sup> Mar Sports Relief Fundraising Day  
27<sup>th</sup> Mar Year 2 Barnet Environmental Centre trip  
28<sup>th</sup> Feb Learning Conversation Evening for Parents 3:30pm to 5pm and 5:30pm to 8pm  
29<sup>th</sup> Mar Last day of term

### MASS at Christ the King dates:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> March 10:30am  
10<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am  
28<sup>th</sup> June 10:30am.

### **Message from the Headteacher**

Welcome back to a brand new term and Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas together with your families. On behalf of the staff, I would like to extend our appreciation and thanks for all the cards, gifts and good wishes that we received at the end of last term.

We have so many exciting events to look forward to this forthcoming term not withstanding another exciting themed week focusing on the celebration of the Arts. Watch this space!

The staff enjoyed a challenging and useful Inset day last Monday focusing on Inspire Maths led by our resident maths specialist Peter Warwick. The adoption of this new Mathematical scheme will set up our children both for Senior School and adult life as rather than a quick fix 'learnt and forgotten' approach to Numeracy, it embeds and deepens understanding of mathematical concepts. This way of working 'inspires' our pupils to think and will develop attitudes and confidence that future employers will value highly.

I am proud of a group of our pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 who attended debating training in Enfield this week. This is an important life skill that encourages confidence and self-esteem. Not only did our pupils conduct themselves in a positive manner but made new friends from other schools.

The builders have been busy during the Christmas holiday and I am delighted to say that we now have a brand new First Aid room, which will be a comforting and comfortable place to visit if and when any of our pupils feel unwell. Please do come and see our new welfare room!

*I wish you a peaceful and happy weekend.  
Miss Chumbley*

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Nursery	Zachariah & Sibella
Reception	Luca & Rhys
Class 1	Tommy & Elsie
Class 2	Elizabeth & Karen
Class 3	Ben & Viola
Class 4	Emily, Georgie & Meliha
Class 5	Vivaan & Oliver
Class 6	Christopher & Dominic

This week, Class 2 has been awarded the Ben Lambert Lining up Cup, having accrued the most points this week.



## Christmas Jumper day!

*Thank you all for your kind donations.  
We raised £110 for 'Save the Children'*



## Debating training workshop

Five children from Year 5 went to Bowes Primary School on Wednesday 10th January 2018 to attend a Debating training workshop. The children were taught about the structure of a debate as well as the key vocabulary involved including the motion, opposition, preposition and points of information. The children took part in lots of debating style games, which equipped them with key skills for speaking and listening. The day ended with the children working alongside children from other schools in houses debating issues such as 'The monarchy should be banned,' 'Homework should be banned' and 'Video games should be abolished'. There was great excitement throughout the day. We look forward to attending the Enfield Regional Heats with our debating team in February. Congratulations to Saul (Year 5), Rocco (Year 5), Grace G (Year 5), Zoe (Year 6) and Mario (Year 6) for their hard work and motivation yesterday.

Miss Callaghan



## Christ of King Church Car Park update

Governors are still in talks with Christ of King Church. As soon as we have any further information, we will let you all know.

*Thank you for your patience.*

## After School club and Wrap Around Care

After School care and Wrap around care is running as normal

- After School Club - 15:30pm – 16:30pm £8 per day
- Wrap around Care – Please pre book for the term via the school office

## School website & App

We are very excited to announce that we have launched our **New Website** and **School App** at the end of last term.

**Please visit us!** and download our **App** via **iTunes App Store** , **Google Play** or **Windows Store**

Keep up to date with upcoming Events and News.

For download instructions, please visit our Website and click on 'News & Events' then click on 'School News App'

[www.vitaetpax.co.uk](http://www.vitaetpax.co.uk)

## *THOUGHT FOR THE DAY*

*be strong and*  
**COURAGEOUS**  
*do not be afraid...*  
*for the* **Lord**  
*your God will be with you*  
**WHEREVER**  
*you go.*  
*Joshua 1:9*