



R.E. Update

December 2022

Our Mission Statement

Through following Jesus, we aim to be a caring, happy school, where everyone is valued and appreciated and can reach their true potential.

We hope to: act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term we have had! It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school for our **Advent Liturgies** this term. We shared sixteen wonderful Advent Liturgies and it was lovely to see so many of you were able to enjoy and celebrate them with us. I'm sure you'll agree that these were a lovely way to prepare everyone for this very special time of year.

Thank you to everyone who completed our **RE Questionnaire** online in November. We have updated the **RE section** on our school website and you can find the Questionnaire responses from our parents/carers, pupils, staff and governors on the new section of our website, titled **Our Faith**.

This term, our Mini Vinnies have been very busy designing a charity event for our school. The *Walk The World* project for CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) was really successful and we are delighted that CAFOD will be visiting our school in January to receive a cheque for the money raised. Our Mini Vinnies have also created Christmas cards for the lonely and housebound members of our parish and these were very well-received.

Our Year 6 pupils have been working on a **Faith in Action** project, collecting and selling Christmas cards in school for the People's Kitchen. I am delighted to inform you that they have raised almost £150.00 and this will be used to buy hats, scarves, gloves and socks for the homeless in Newcastle.

Our work on Fairtrade continues as we teach our pupils about the important work and mission of the FairTrade movement, which is committed to promoting an ethical living wage for all involved. After the holidays, every child will receive a FairTrade packet of Maltesers as part of our work on FairTrade in school.

We have also launched our new Gospel Values Award. This is given to children who are living examples of Gospel values and we celebrate those, often unseen, moments of compassion, love, kindness, forgiveness and mercy.

On behalf of everyone at St. John Vianney school, we would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and holy Christmas.

Mrs Thorpe and Mrs Meldrum

What have we been up to in R.E. this term?

Faith in Action



In November, our **Mini Vinnies** made Christmas Cards for the housebound members of our parish community.



Our Year 6 pupils have completed some fantastic work this term as part of their Faith in Action award.

Our Advent Prayer Stations



This Advent, we have set up Advent Prayer Stations around school. The children have really enjoyed reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas around our Prayer Stations.

The Travelling Crib



A HUGE thank you to everyone who welcomed Mary and Joseph into their homes this Advent and provided Mary and Joseph with a home for the night. The books are an amazing journal of what the children did on the evening that the **Travelling Crib** came to their house. Thank you to you all.