

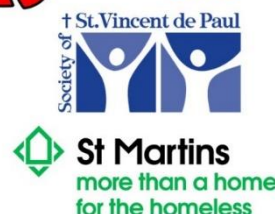


15/12/23

**Dear Parents, Carers, Students,
Staff and Friends of the School**



As we move towards the end of term, we finish with our usual celebrations. The Christmas Concert is this evening. Thank you in advance to Mrs Selwood and Ms Curtis for their commitment to music and the musicians at NDHS. Prize evening is on Tuesday 19th and the Carol Service on Wednesday 20th. As you know, the **school closes at 1.25pm on Wednesday 20th**. There is no 901 or 902 bus service and pupils travelling in those directions will need to get on a public bus.



Due to inflation and the cost of food, **Aspens, our excellent caterer, has had to raise prices**. From January, the Main Course price will move from £2.15 to £2.30, and the Meal Deal will change from £2.40 to £2.53. The daily allowance for pupils in receipt of free school meals will increase accordingly to £2.53 per day. I know this is disappointing for families and I appreciate that the timing of the news is not good, but I can testify that the value and quality remains excellent.

At this time of year, it's important that I thank staff for their hard work, professionalism and commitment to our young people. Thank you to the students for the effort you have given to your studies, your good manners, attentive nature and the joy you bring to the school. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting your children and young people with their organisation and motivation and guiding them on the right path. On behalf of the school, I wish you all a joyous and happy Christmas break and a New Year filled with hope.

Best Wishes – Tom Pinnington

"A light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower." John 1:5



The stall fees alone raised an amazing **£200!!**

The money will be donated to CAFOD to support families affected by the Israeli-Palestinian Crisis.

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development



A Vigil for Peace in the Holy Land

On Tuesday 12th December, students and staff came together as an act of unity and a time to bring the light and hope of prayer to the brokenness of war in the Holy Land.

In gathering as a Notre Dame community, we connected with God in a vigil of continual prayer for peace. Students spent time in silent reflection before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle and in sight of the Holy Family Nativity Crib. They wrote their own beautiful and heartfelt prayers, which were brought together in a display of love and peace around the Chapel.

As the candles lit the Crib, we reflected on the importance of love and human dignity and the need for peace and unity in our world today.

During Advent, when we prepare to celebrate the birth Jesus, Prince of Peace, let us be one community in hope and continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land and an end to all war.



"When I went to the Chapel, I gained peace and felt loved."

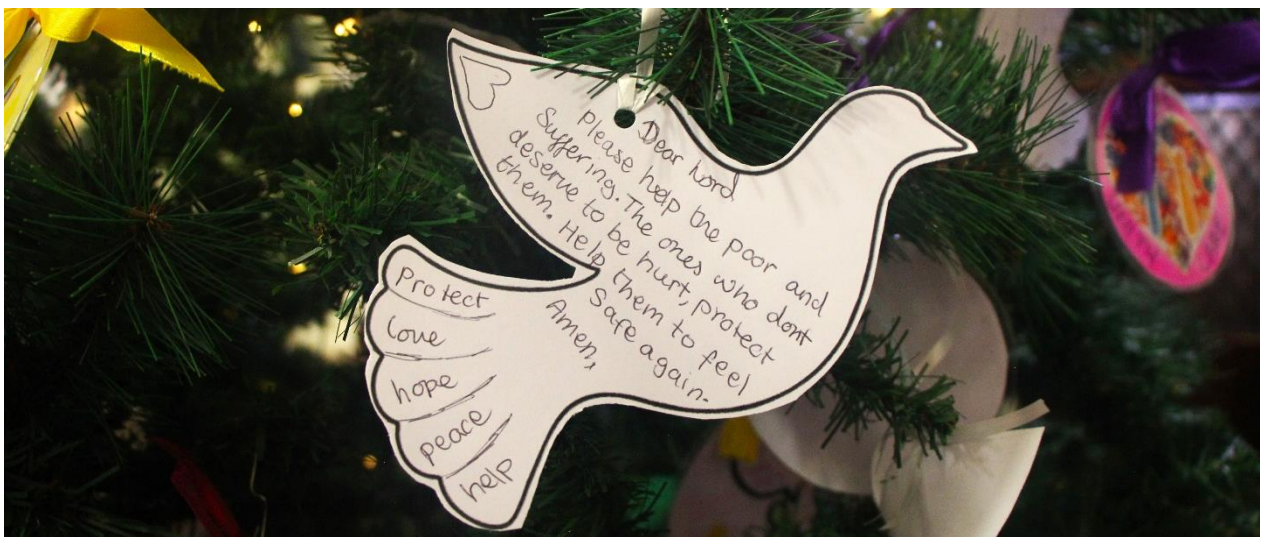
Nyla Year 7

"It brought mindfulness to me and others so that we had time to pray and think of those in need in the Israeli and Palestinian crisis."

Rory Year 7

"I thought the experience was beautiful..... it made me reflect on all those who are in conflict and war. It made me want to help others and treat them with respect."

Coco Year 7



Lost Property



Please visit Student Reception to check for any lost property by **Monday 18th Dec.**

After this date it will all be bagged up and disposed of.



Do they need your support because of illness, disability, mental ill health or difficulties with drugs or alcohol?

If you are a Young Carer or you think your child, relative or friend might be, we're here to help with 1:1 support for you and your family.

- Get support for the person you care for
- Connect with local groups, services and other Young Carers
- Get the right support at school or college
- Look after your health and wellbeing
- Understand your rights

Call our free Advice Line on 0800 083 1148

(Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 10am-2pm)

Register for support at www.youngcarersmatternorfolk.org

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SUPPORTING YOUNG CARERS & FAMILIES



HOW IT WORKS:

1. You bring in the books you no longer want
2. You get a token per book you bring in
3. On Monday 18th exchange your tokens for other books that have been brought in!



DEADLINE:

Bring in your books by Friday 15th December so that we can organise and sort them ready for Monday 18th



PLEASE NOTE:

This event is open to all year groups

As per usual, you will need a note from home in your planner for access to books with age restrictions*

Books cannot be 'unswapped' please make sure you're happy to part with them!



* e.g. 'I am happy for _____ to read books aged 13+' with a signature