



NOVEMBER 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Vineyard Kids Parents' Newsletter. We hope that your families enjoyed some rest from routine over the half term holidays and are well throughout this month and the lead up to Christmas.

We are celebrating Salvations!

We are so thrilled that 11 children decided to make Jesus their number one in the past month. Please pray for them in this next season as Jesus moves in their lives.

You will have heard Andy talk about child sponsorship at church on Sunday. Some of the new Nursery-P2 parents and new families may not know that Vineyard Kids sponsor 2 children. Let us introduce you....



Saito

Sainapei

Saito is a 6 year old boy who loves to play football and singing praise songs to Jesus. Sainapei is a 5 year old girl who loves to play hide and seek and eating chapati. The Nursery – P2's and P3-P7's made collection boxes on Compassion Sunday to take home. They can collect money to help sponsor these beautiful children, and leave it with us at the Kids Welcome table. The money boxes don't have to be full because it's not about the money, it's about the heart. We want kids to know that even a few coins count in the kingdom.

As well as the ownership of knowing they're providing the sponsorship, our kids also pray for Saito and Sainapei every week and we write to them.

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 22 nd Nov	Can bring school supplies (stationery) for Storehouse
Sunday 29 th Nov	Can bring school supplies
Sunday 6 th Dec	Can bring school supplies
Sunday 13 th Dec	10.30am church service as normal Can bring school supplies 5pm : Kids Christmas Parties during the 1 st Candles & Carols service 6.15pm :Desserts 7pm : Candles & Carols service repeated (no kids ministry)
Sunday 20 th Dec	10.30am church service at the Wellington Park Hotel – Nativity Dress Up ✨ <i>Last day to bring school supplies</i>
Sunday 27 th Dec	No church service today
Sunday 3 rd Jan	10.30am church service at the Wellington Park Hotel <i>Kids can come in their PJ's!</i>
Sunday 10 th Jan	Back in Fleming Fulton – 10.30am church service as normal

Thank you for coming to the Pumpkin Party. It was a lot of fun to mark the end of half term holidays with church community, Autumn traditions, meet your friends and family and to worship together in a powerful way.



Don't miss Candles & Carols!
Invite your friends and family.
Kids Christmas Parties are at the 1st service at 5pm



bAbba's

Our babies have coped incredibly well with their room changes and continued to be community and worship together faithfully. Thank you parents for helping in every way you can, including staying with your baby some weeks. If we have enough leaders and your baby is settled, please feel free to leave them and go and enjoy the service. We're noticing great things when worship is happening. Continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to move and stir up more praise in our babies.

Nursery – P2's

In November, our Nursery- P2's are learning about Elijah. They're learning that he was a prophet, meaning he told people messages from God and that Elijah was a man who loved God! Their memory verse is **Mark 12:30**. "**Love the Lord your God, (pointing up) with all your heart (hands on heart) and with all your soul (pointing down at soles of feet), and with all your mind (pointing at head) and with all your strength. (Arms showing muscles).**

The December key verse is James 1:17 '**Every good and perfect gift (cup hands as if holding a precious gift) is from above, (point up) coming down from the Father of the Heavenly lights.'** (hands opening and closing like twinkly lights) There is a big focus on generosity/giving to Storehouse. As part of this topic, you can donate some school supplies to Storehouse by bringing them on a Sunday morning. One of our play activities will be to wrap the presents up. On the 20th December, kids are invited to come to the hotel dressed up as someone from the Nativity story (if they want to!). We'll tell the Nativity story that morning involving everyone who comes!

2's & 3's

In November, our little ones have been learning about how God made the world, and now they're learning about why God made them! We want them to know that we've all been made on purpose by God, and that we all have a purpose. Each lesson includes the story of the Good Samaritan and their memory verse is "**God made me, God made me, God made everything, and God made me**" (Point up, to yourself, up, to yourself, circle hands around, up, to yourself)

The Christmas lessons will be across 3 weeks, focusing on the Angel (The Angel had great news for the world), the Star (The star shone bright for King Jesus) and the Crown...we'll be thanking Father God for giving us the best present of all, King Jesus!

P3-P7's

Our P3-P7's were thinking about their time the first few weeks in November. The Bible tells us that all of our time is in God's hands. Time is one of the most wonderful treasures that God has given us, but it passes very quickly. We pray that our children will use their time more wisely (Psalm 139:13-16). We'll be thanking God for the seasons in our lives and ask God to help us get through the good times and the bad times with His strength (Ecclesiastes 3:1-11). For Compassion Sunday we covered the story about the widow who gave two coins (Mark 12:41-44). We don't know what happened next in the story but we do know that the widow must've really trusted in God to provide for her and that God asks us to trust Him too. We want our kids to know that they can be generous because they trust God completely. All our money comes from God and he loves it when we use it wisely to help others.

The Christmas lessons will be themed on Narnia. It's going to be a lot of fun. **The battle for your allegiance** will give our kids a deeper understanding of spiritual warfare. They'll see when looking at **Identity** and **the Armour of God** that there is a need to know the word of God and we need to work together. Through the characters of the book, they'll learn wise and foolish ways of dealing with real life situations.

It was such a joy to celebrate with so many families for our dedication service. We will be planning our next dedication service for Spring 2016 and you are welcome to be having a think about that and let us know if you are interested in being included.