

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



## Information Sheet 3 24th September 2019

### ***Fun, Faith and Friendship***

This Sunday's gospel is  
'Lazarus and the rich  
man.'

Jesus said to the Pharisees, "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. He looked up from Hades and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, 'Father Abraham, take pity and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering in this heat.' 'My son,' Abraham replied, 'remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here.'"

### **Wednesday Word**

The Wednesday word this week is **SHARING**. This is reflected in the gospel at the weekend. Pope Francis says, 'The Gospel invites us to be open to others, to share with the poor.'

### **Liturgy Assemblies**

The next liturgy assembly will be celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> October by **Year 6**. The assembly starts at 9.00am. All parents and family are warmly invited to share these assemblies with us.

### **Start of Year Mass**

Fr. Mario will be celebrating the Start of Year and St Vincent's Day mass at Our Lady Help of Christians at 9.30am on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**. Children from Years 3 to 6 will walk to the church with their teachers after registration. All parents are welcome to join us, and any parents who can help to walk the children down and back would be very welcome.

### **Meet the Teacher**

Please note the meetings are **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, not Tuesday** as stated in my letter. KS1 time will be 4.30pm. KS2 will be 5.00pm.

### **End of the Day**

Children are dismissed at the end of the day through either the IT door or the main double doors. It has become very difficult for teachers and children to spot their parents/carers due to the numbers of people pushing forward. Please stand back so that teachers can spot you and so that we get your child/children to you safely. In addition please wait to speak to the teachers until they have dismissed the whole class. Children who have forgotten items should wait and then return when all the children have gone. Many thanks for your understanding.

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## Dates for your Diary

Start of Year Mass (KS2 at OLHC)	26 <sup>th</sup> September
Month of October	Black History
Meet the teacher	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October
Year 6 Mass OLHC	10 <sup>th</sup> October
Diwali Presentation	16 <sup>th</sup> October
Half Term	21 <sup>st</sup> October – 25 <sup>th</sup> October
Flu Nasal Spray	29 <sup>th</sup> October
Mini Reports to Parents	30 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 4 Library Visit	30 <sup>th</sup> October

## Jeans for Genes Day

Many thanks to all parents who supported the charity "Jeans for Genes". The children listened to an assembly and were very interested. You helped to raise £210.66 which will be sent to the charity.

## Unauthorised Absences

The number of unauthorised absences since 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 is now **60**. We are looking to reduce the number of unauthorised absences. These absences impact on children's learning. Your help with this would be much appreciated. At the end of each month, attendance reports will be sent home to parents whose children have less than 90% attendance. **Please ensure your child attends school unless ill. Many thanks.**

**'e-safety' tips for parents** – check out [www.esafety-adviser.com](http://www.esafety-adviser.com)  
This is a good site with tips on use and awareness of the internet.

## Attendance

From 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019	Attendance	Unauthorised sessions
Reception	99.1%	0
Year 1	93.7%	10
Year 2	99.6%	1
Year 3	98.0%	1
Year 4	96.3%	16
Year 5	94.4%	32
Year 6	95.4%	0
Whole school	96.5%	60

Our target for attendance this academic year is 96.5%

Currently our attendance rate is 96.5%

Attendance for the last academic year was 96.2%

★ Well done Year 2 ★

– best attendance for the last week  
with 99.6%