

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Information Sheet 4 1st October 2019

Fun, Faith and Friendship

This Sunday's gospel is
'Have Faith.'

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, 'Come and have your meal immediately'? Would he not be more likely to say 'Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards'? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, 'We are merely servants; we have done no more than our duty.'"



Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **FAITH**. This is reflected in the gospel at the weekend. Pope Francis says, 'How beautiful it is to support each other in the wonderful adventure of faith.'

Liturgy Assemblies

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

First Holy Communion

Sacramental Preparation for baptised Catholic children in Year 3 and above.

Application packs will be available for collection from Our Lady Help of Christians as follows:

Saturdays after 6:00pm Mass until 5 October

Sundays after 11:15am Mass until 6 October

Information and instructions for registration are in these application packs. A Catechist will be available on these dates to give out the packs and answer any queries regarding the First Communion programme. Please do not ask Fr Mario or the Parish Office.

The final date to collect an application pack is Sunday 6 October after the 11:15am Mass. Packs will not be available after this date. **Please note Fr Mario is away on pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 9-16 October. The Parish Office will be closed from 18-29 October.**

Meet the Teacher

Please note the meetings are **Wednesday 2nd 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 your child/children reach you safely. In addition if you wish to speak to a teacher, please wait 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

Month of October	Black History
Meet the teacher	Wednesday 2 nd October
Year 6 Mass OLHC	10 th October
Diwali Presentation	16 th October
Half Term	21 st October – 25 th October
Flu Nasal Spray	29 th October
Mini Reports to Parents	30 th October
Year 4 Library Visit	30 th October
Month of 'All Souls'	November

Cancer Support

Cancer is a disease that affects so many loved ones, friends and colleagues. Sadly over the past few years we at St Vincent's have had three members of staff, who have faced, or who are facing this battle. As a support for all sufferers and for a loved one, Mrs Hudson has made the decision to shave her hair. She will be coming to school with many different coloured scarves. Please let your children know why, as we do not want any child to misunderstand or be upset. We fully support Mrs Hudson in her decision. Mrs Hudson has set up a giving page. Should you wish to give to this charity that affects so many please go to the link;

https://www.gofundme.com/f/if-i-can-raise-1000-the-hair-comes-off?utm_medium=social&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_campaign=p_nacp%20share-sheet&rcid=fdd3a0c19cea44159ca0ca6a3722f518

Unauthorised Absences

The number of unauthorised absences since 4th 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.**

Attendance

'e-safety' tips for parents – check out www.esafety-adviser.com

From 4 th Sept 2019	Attendance	Unauthorised sessions
Reception	98.6%	0
Year 1	94.4%	10
Year 2	99.6%	1
Year 3	96.3%	1
Year 4	96.2%	16
Year 5	94.4%	32
Year 6	94.6%	0
Whole school	96.2%	60

Our target for attendance this academic year is **96.5%**

Currently our attendance rate is **96.2%**

Attendance for the last academic year was **96.2%**

★ Well done Year 2 Again! ★

– best attendance for the last week
with **99.7%**