

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
14th October 2022

Dear parents and families,

The run up to Christmas has begun!

We have started thinking about all the lovely activities we want to do to celebrate such a joyful event. We are already preparing the typical events we traditionally do, like the Nativity and Christmas plays. Yet, this year, we are determined to go big! Therefore, we, the staff, have taken on the responsibility of organising the Christmas Fair!

We are liaising with the members of the PTA to 'pick their brains' for good ideas. They are the best people to advise us on what works well and what not so. All teaching staff, teachers and TAs, are already getting excited about the afternoon and are full of lovely ideas.

We will need some help from all of you nonetheless and we will be most grateful for your assistance on running a fun and enjoyable afternoon for all children.

Our first request is for 'Jolly Jam Jars'. These were very successful for our summer fair and our children loved making them, as well as winning them in their raffle. Please see further details later in this newsletter.

We are planning to communicate with the class reps. This is to make sure that, if necessary, we are able to keep some 'mystery' as what it is to come, to make it more special.

Today was 'Break the Rules Day' and we had a lot of fun breaking those rules.

I loved seeing all children enjoying their day of 'naughtiness' and their satisfaction in telling me how many rules they have broken. We had superb hairstyles full of colour and glitter, a vast array of nail polish and even a zebra playing the violin!

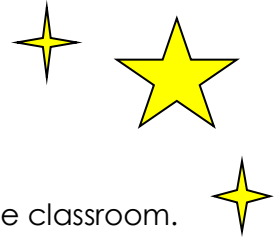
Thank you to all parents and families for your support and your donations. Remember all funds raised are going towards resources to enhance children's education.

I would like to wish you all a lovely half term.

Mrs González

All Saints' Day Mass

Children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 6 will attend Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians at 10.00am on All Saints' Day. Please let us know if you are able to help walk the classes to the church. We will be leaving school at 9.30am.



Stars of the Week

Reception – Megan for trying hard with every activity and being helpful in the classroom.

Year 1 – Margot for working hard in phonics.

Year 2 – Joshua for excellent work in class and for always doing his best.

Year 3 – Tobenna for organizing harvest collections, showing compassion for others in need.

Year 4 – Maddison for working hard in all areas and confidently sharing ideas.

Year 5 – Isabelle for being very considerate and helpful.

Year 6 – Sofia for making a determined effort to improve her work.

Dates for your Diary

First day of second half of the term	Monday 31 st October
Years 1, 2, 3, & 6 to Mass	Tuesday 1 st November
Years 4 & 5 start "Joy of Moving" programme	Tuesday 1 st November
Year 5 Mass	Wednesday 2 nd November
Whole school liturgy assembly	Wednesday 2 nd November at 9.00am
Year 3 Mass	Wednesday 9 th November
Year 2 liturgy assembly	Wednesday 9 th November at 9.00am
Year 4 visit to library	Wednesday 16 th November
Whole school liturgy assembly	Wednesday 16 th November at 9.00am
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 2 nd December (TBC)
Christmas Fair	Wednesday 14 th December (TBC)
Last day of term	Wednesday 21 st December

New Lunch Menu

From 31st October, a new menu will be offered by our catering company. The menu has been sent out with this newsletter and may be found on our website.

Last Week's Attendance

3 rd – 7 th October 2022	
Reception	93.3%
Year 1	96.6%
Year 2	98.2%
Year 3	99.2%
Year 4	93.2%
Year 5	95.8%
Year 6	93.9%
Whole school	95.6%



Christmas Fair

We will be seeking donations after half term for our Christmas Fair. Our first request is for 'Jolly Jam Jars', which are to be brought into class on Tuesday 1st November 2022. Please get busy over half term as you can bring in any number of 'Jolly Jam Jars'. We encourage you to be as creative as possible! The treats inside should be child-friendly – unused small toys, stickers, stationery, balloons, or sweets are most often used to fill up jars. Any food items should be wrapped and have a good sell by date. Please also remember not to put nuts or food containing nuts inside your jar. Thank you in advance for your support from The St Vincent's Staff Team.



Gospel Reflection

Luke 18:1-8

Today we hear about a bad judge and a widow who would not give up. Jesus teaches us the importance of justice, of praying and of never giving up hope. Let us find out more.

Jesus tells us a story about a bad judge and a widow who wants justice – who wants what is right.

Judges are supposed to be fair and honest, but this is not always the case. The prophets in the Bible were always getting angry with bad judges who thought more about themselves than about the people who needed their help. If the judges did not sort out the problems fairly then people would suffer again and again.

The widow was ignored by the law, but she didn't give up. She just kept asking the judge to make things right.

Eventually, just to get rid of her, he gave her what she wanted, justice. Her prayers were finally answered. The widow is like us - we call to God in our prayers to give us what we need and want.

Jesus says that God hears the cries of all who call out to him day and night. God will certainly answer our prayers, even if it's not in the way that we expect.

Prayer:

God, who always hears us, help us to make a change when we see something that is not right in our world. May we find strength to keep going, even if at first we are not heard.

Amen.