

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
16th October 2020

Gospel Reflection

Matthew 22:15-21

Jesus is reminding us that we have two main responsibilities. One is to love God and to try to live our lives the way God wants us to.

The other responsibility is to care for each other and to make sure that everyone gets their fair share of the good things that God has given us.

God has given us a world filled with good things. While some of us have all that we could wish for, others do not have a house to live in, enough food to eat, clean water to drink.

We can help each other and make sure that all people around the world have their fair share of the things that God has given us. We can all play our part to make the world a fairer place.

Let us think about what we will do this week to show that we love God and are trying to live our life the way God wants. What will you do this week to show that you care for others, both here and around the world?

Extracted from Cafod's Website

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **Gratitude**. This is reflected in the gospel at the weekend. "Creation is not a property, which we can rule over at will; or, even less, is the property of only a few: Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude." Pope Francis.

This week we had to close our Year 4 class due to Covid. This was a sad occasion for us. For teachers, having to send children home is heartbreaking, as we know the best place for children is in school. However, our spirits were soon lifted when we felt the excitement and willingness of all students in the class to still take part in the learning, albeit remotely.

Miss McKeag has been preparing lessons and making sure children maintain routines as much as possible. This has not come without problems and 'hiccups', but we are managing to get over them.

I would like to express my gratitude to all parents and children who have made this possible.

As gratitude is the word of the week, I would also like to say thank you to all teaching staff who stoically continue to ensure there is minimal impact to our children's learning, even in difficult circumstances. I know many parents have sent messages of appreciation and gratitude to their teachers. Knowing that they are helping children is what drives teachers and keeps them carrying on.

As you heard on the news, London will move to tier 2 from tomorrow, so we all need to remain vigilant and cautious.

Have a lovely and safe weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez

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Book Donation

We are looking for good quality picture books that any parent or carer would be happy to donate to the school. We would ask your child to bring their donation to the foyer next to the office, where a box will be kept to put them in.

Celebrating our Local Library

Usually our Years 2, 3 and 4 children would be able to visit Mottingham Library. Instead they will be attending zoom meetings in the classroom. Year 3 and Reception class enjoyed their first session this week. Year 2 will be having theirs next week. We will also be collecting books from the library to use in class.

Holy Communion

We want to congratulate the children who will be taking their Holy Communion this weekend. We wish them all the best in their special mass as they continue on their journey of faith. For those children, who unfortunately have to self-isolate, we hope you will be able to receive the sacrament at a later date. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

'e-safety' tips for parents – check out **Common Sense Media**. To learn more about the games or apps your children are or may be using, Common Sense media covers thousands, which includes advice and reviews from other parents;
<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

Dates for your Diary

Half Term break	26 th October – 30 th October 2020
INSET Day – school closed for children	2 nd November 2020
Nasal flu vaccination day	7 th December 2020
Last day of Autumn Term	18 th December 2020
School re-opens for Spring Term	4 th January 2021

Attendance

From 2 nd Sept 2020	Attendance	Unauthorised sessions
Reception	98.7%	1
Year 1	98.0%	1
Year 2	97.1%	6
Year 3	96.4%	1
Year 4	96.7%	2
Year 5	94.5%	6
Year 6	94.5%	2
Whole school	96.9%	19

Our target for attendance this academic year is 96.5%

Currently our attendance rate is 96.9%

Attendance for the last academic year was 96.2%

★ Well done Reception ★

– best attendance for last week with 98.9%

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Year 5



Math's lesson - measuring birth weights

Reminders

We would like to remind parents to return **flu vaccination forms** to the office as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. If you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination, we still require the forms to be returned, please.

We would like to share pictures of your child's learning journey within the St Vincent's community. If you could complete and return the **General Permissions forms**, it would be greatly appreciated.

Google Classroom

This morning was the launch of our first remote class held online. Overall it went quite well with a few teething problems, which we hope we have ironed out for Monday's lessons. Well done Year 4!

Please remember to login and join your allocated class at your earliest convenience.

Stay safe and God bless.