

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear parents and families,

As we begin a new year at St Vincent's, I would like to welcome you all back to school, alas a little belatedly. May I take this opportunity to say a special welcome to all children and families who are new to our school.

It has been a great start of the year, all year groups have settled really well and they are already fully immersed in deep learning. We have particularly enjoyed finding out more about the inspirational people that our classes have been named after.

We have chosen key figures in the catholic life:

Reception: St Peter was considered one of the cornerstones of the Church and our Reception class is 'the rock upon which we build all future learning'.

Year 1: Mother Teresa lived a life of service to God and to the poor. She improved life for thousands of people. She received a Nobel Peace Prize, which she accepted on behalf of the poor of the world.

Year 2: St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and environment, devoted his life to help the poor and carry out God's work.

Year 3: Desmond Tutu, a religious leader with strong ties to the Catholic Church, fought for social justice by advocating for reconciliation and forgiveness. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and he received a prestigious Catholic honour: the Pacem in Terris Award.

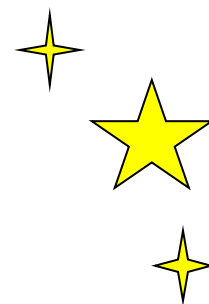
Year 4: Oscar Romero, one of the most remarkable figures of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, was a peacemaker who sacrificed his life standing up to injustice. He was beatified on 23 May 2015.

Year 5: Edith Stein was a Jew who converted to Catholicism and was ordained a Carmelite nun. She died in Auschwitz in 1942. She was subsequently declared a Catholic martyr and saint.

Year 6: Pope Francis, the leader of the Catholic Church, just as our Year 6 are the leaders of all the year groups.

We have certainly hit the ground running this September! It is an absolute pleasure walking the corridors and hearing the 'busy buzzing of brains ticking'. Please congratulate your children for the great start they have made to what I hope will be another successful, enjoyable year at St Vincent's.

Mrs Gonzalez



## Stars of the Week

Reception – Chengdao for being a kind and caring friend to his classmates.  
Year 1 – Victoria for being a loving and helpful friend.  
Year 2 – Alison for being kind and caring to others, being helpful and working hard.  
Year 3 – Guilherme for showing aspiration in every single task.  
Year 4 – Chengyi for showing a love for learning and making a great start in Year 4.  
Year 5 – Jasmine for being a wonderful classroom steward.  
Year 6 – Orla and Harry for helping the lunchtime workers.

## Dates for your Diary

School closed for State Funeral	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 4 library visit	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September ( <i>leaving at 1.40pm</i> )
Year 6 Liturgy assembly	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September at 9.00am
Year 3 library visit	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September ( <i>leaving at 1.40pm</i> )
Year 5 Liturgy assembly	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September at 9.00am
Year 5 library visit	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October ( <i>leaving at 1.40pm</i> )
Year 1 Liturgy assembly	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am
Last day of first half of the term	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October
First day of second half of the term	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October

## Library Visits

The class will leave school at 1.40pm to walk to the library. If you are able to help with your child's class, please let the class teacher know. The children will be back at school by 3.00pm.

## Last Week's Attendance

5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	
Reception	93.9%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	98.5%
Year 4	97.4%
Year 5	99.4%
Year 6	92.4%
Whole school	<b>97.2%</b>



## **Gospel Reflection**

### **Luke 16:1-13**

*Today we hear about a dishonest manager and about how we cannot love God and money equally. God must come first in our lives.*

*In this story, the manager's job was to look after a rich man's property and money. The rich man was cross because the manager was not careful with his money. He spent too much of it and so the rich man told the manager he could no longer have a job.*

*There are many rich people in the world and there are even more people who have very little. Do you think it is fair that some of us are rich and have lots of nice things and some of us are poor and do not have clean water, a house to live in, a school to go to, clothes to wear or books to read from and learn?*

*Another word that is sometimes used instead of manager is steward. We are all stewards of this world but also of each other. We are called to look after both people and the earth, wisely and fairly.*

*In today's gospel, Jesus says that if we cannot be trusted in small things we will not be trusted with bigger things.*

*Jesus says we can't serve both God and money in our lives. God must come first. Then other people. Then money and the things we own last. He also says that we should be generous with the money that we do have and use it to look after others. In this way, we will be welcomed into heaven by God.*

*Jesus asked us to put God first so in God's name we pray together...*

### **Prayer**

*God of plenty, we thank you for all that you have given us. Help us to remember what is really important in our lives and to be generous in all that we do. Amen.*