

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
20th November 2020

Wednesday Word – Kindness

The Wednesday word this week is **Kindness**. 'Speak with kindness of those who have caused you harm or wronged you.' Pope Francis.

Back in September one of the requirements to ensure our school was Covid secure, was that there would be no singing at all. And with this we began a school year with quiet corridors and assemblies.

Singing is one of the best ways to bring together a large group of people, to unify them with the same purpose. Irrespective of their backgrounds and experiences they all focus on a single goal. What's more, in school we practise different ways of worship, and singing is a very important one. We all get together as one, praising God with one singing voice.

Teachers love singing, or should I say they love children singing (most of us are not confident enough to sing to an audience). Thus, with the new guidance released a few weeks ago (singing can happen in groups of up to fifteen), we began to plan to bring singing back into our lessons. With Christmas approaching, this gave us the best opportunity and excuse to begin the singing. Teachers got really enthused with the prospect of celebrating Christmas, even if that meant adding a huge amount of work into an already busy schedule. We thought of ways to prepare for a Nativity and a Carol concert.

We know it has been a very sad year as a whole and we are determined to ensure our children get to celebrate such an important part of the Christian calendar, the birth of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

The celebrations will 'kick off' the week commencing 7th December when KS1 will perform their Nativity. This same week we will have our Christmas dinner and to make it really special for our children, they will be able to wear a Christmas jumper, if they wish.

It is with sadness that I have to inform parents they will not be allowed to attend the performances this year, however we are intending to film the shows and offer them to you. We will send more details in the next weeks. We hope we will be able to complete all our plans without cancellations, however in these uncertain times, cancellations are a real possibility.

Have a lovely and safe weekend.

Juliana Gonzalez

Gospel Reflection

Matthew 25:31-46

On Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells us that he is in all people, and that when we help others or treat them badly then we are doing the same to him. Let's think a bit more about this now.

He tells us about the kind of person who will be welcome in his kingdom.

We are all God's children. We are all brothers and sisters – members of one big global family. And Jesus is saying that he is in each one of us. And so, every time we help someone else, every time we treat someone kindly, welcome them or share with them, then we are doing this to Jesus.

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Attendance

9 th Nov – 13 th Nov 2020	Attendance	Unauthorised sessions	Lates
Reception	97.4%	0	0
Year 1	99.3%	0	0
Year 2	96.7%	1	1
Year 3	96.2%	1	0
Year 4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Year 5	98.1%	1	0
Year 6	96.6%	0	2
Whole school	97.5%	3	3

Star of the Week!

Our Star of the week award is given to pupils each week. This week we have decided to share our Stars of the Week with you. These pupils have been awarded this star for things like special work, good behavior or for learning,



Year 6 – Angelo Year 5 – Morgane Year 3 – Gala



Year 2 – Isabella Year 1 – Antonia Reception - Jesse

Year 2, Year 1 and Reception Class Nativities

Rehearsals have started for these Nativity productions. The children have been working hard and doing really well in their roles. Costumes need to be brought in by Friday 4th December and please remember to try these on before they come into school, as we will be unable to make any alterations.

Christmas Parties

The Christmas parties will be slightly different this year. The teachers will purchase a small food treat for the children. Children are invited to wear their best party outfit to school all day.

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

Currently our attendance rate is 97.5%

Attendance for the last academic year was 93.4%

★ Well done Year 1 ★

– best attendance for last week with 99.3%

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Year 1

This week the Year 1 children have been learning all about the senses; touch, sight, smell, taste, sound.



Pray the Rosary

Sister Josephine would like to invite all families to pray the Rosary together on Sundays before Mass.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6024322888?pwd=bzNCUg0WDJEL09QMDIKZVY4Um5YQT09>

Meeting ID: 602 432 2888

Passcode: 8M62dE

The Rosary prayers (and on Sundays we say the Glorious Mysteries) can be found on our school website under the notice board section.

Reminder

Please reply to the email regarding this year's Christmas meal options, if you have not already done so. As this is a special menu, the kitchen will need to place their food order early.

Dates for your Diary

Nasal flu vaccination day	7 th December 2020
Christmas Dinner	9 th December 2020
Christmas Jumper day	9 th December 2020
Individual Photographs	11 th December 2020
Christmas Nativities	TBC
KS1 & KS2 Christmas parties	TBC
KS2 Carol Concert	15 th December 2020 – details to follow
Last day of Autumn Term	18 th December 2020
School re-opens for Spring Term	4 th January 2021