

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
2nd October 2020

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **Messenger**. This is reflected in the gospel at the weekend. "Let the message of Christ live in you." St Paul

As the news talk about the spread of the virus reaching 'a critical point', we reflect on the weeks of lockdown which we wishfully thought we left behind. It is at this time when all the teaching team and the whole St Vincent's community should come together to remain vigilant and to continue being kind and keeping each other safe.

Today I would like to call upon all of you to join me in prayer for all the people affected by the pandemic around the world. Let us bring the message of God to all of them.

Merciful God

Be present to those in need. Take away their fear, anxiety, and feelings of loneliness. May they feel the power of God's healing through the care of others. Protect and keep safe Your children.



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Gonzalez

Gospel Reflection

Matthew 21:33-43

On this Sunday's gospel we will hear the story of the landowner and the tenants.

A man takes good care of his vineyard. He then goes away asking some people to look after it. But the tenants were greedy and did not want to share the fruits with anyone. The man sends his Son to ask them to share but even so they did not want, hurting the Man's Son.

Jesus told this story so that people could understand more about God and what Jesus had come to do on earth. The different characters in the story represent God, the prophets – who were God's messengers to the people – and Jesus.

Who do you think the man who owned the vineyard is? (God)

Who do you think the servants are who the man sends to deliver a message to the tenants? (*the prophets*)
Who do you think the son in the story is? (*Jesus*)

Like the man who gave the vineyard to his tenants to look after, God has given us the earth and all that is in it. God also sent his son Jesus to show us how to live.

We are responsible for looking after the earth and all the animals, people and plants that are in it.

Encourage your children to think carefully about how they use the earth's resources in the coming week and to try to do at least one thing to show that they respect and care for the earth and all the people who live in it.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. —Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

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After School Club

We will not have an After School Club for the moment. This decision will be reviewed after Christmas. This is due to fit in with our safety measures regarding Covid 19 (e.g. mixing bubbles). This decision has been made after consultation with our Governing Body.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is open to all families that would like their child to attend. The cost is £5.00 per session. It provides the opportunity for the children to engage in activities to get them going for the day. That hour before school is stress-free. There's no need for hurrying or being late for school because they are already there. They also have a nutritious breakfast and always start with a smile on their faces, ready for learning.'

Our children are still grouped in bubbles during breakfast time. We do this to minimise the spread of the virus.

Google classroom

Our teachers are now ready to continue the learning should we need to move to remote or blended learning. We have all had training on using Google classroom a digital learning platform created by Google. All learning will be set by school staff through the platform and pupils will be able to complete their learning and submit it online.

We will be using remote or blended learning in the eventuality of:

- A child needing to isolate due to coronavirus
- A teacher (who is not presenting symptoms) needing to isolate due to coronavirus
- One or more bubbles having to close to stop the spread of the virus

We will be sending more information on how to use Google classroom for children and parents.

From next week your teacher will be sending some tasks as homework through the platform with the aim to all get familiar with it.

*Email to follow in the week with more detailed information.

YoungMinds Fundraising

The crisis in children and young people's mental health is real and it is urgent. More children and young people than ever before are reaching out for help with their mental health. But for those who take that brave step, help is much too hard to find.

YoungMinds is the UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people.

Friday 9th October we will be have a fundraising event to support YoungMinds. Children (and teachers) will wear something yellow to raise money towards this worthy cause. £1 per child

Miss McKeag will send more information near the date.

Colder Weather

Please ensure your child comes to School with a jumper or cardigan and a warm coat. Due to safety measures of protection against Covid 19 we need to keep the school ventilated. Therefore, some of our door and windows remain open throughout the day. The school will be colder than usual and we hence we need to keep our children well wrapped up.

Autumn term mini reports

On the first week after the half term, you will receive a report giving details of how your child is progressing in Literacy and Mathematics. Teachers will also make a comment regarding the general behavior for learning of your child.