

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
6th November 2020

Gospel Reflection

Matthew 25:1-13

On Sunday's gospel Jesus tells us a story about how it is important to be ready and prepared for whatever will happen. Let's think a bit about being prepared today. This is a story about ten women who are waiting at a wedding for the bridegroom to arrive. It is dark and so they all have lamps with them to light the way. Five of them were sensible and took extra oil with them, so that if the bridegroom was late they would still be able to light his way. They were prepared. The bridegroom was very late. It was after midnight before the women were asked to go out and meet him and five of them no longer had enough oil for their lamps. They were not prepared and ended up being left outside the wedding. Sometimes things happen that we don't expect and we realise that we are not ready for them. Jesus also asks us to be ready and prepared to be kind and loving to others whenever we have the chance. What do you think is the most important wise choice we can make so we can go to Heaven to see Jesus? To ask Jesus to live in our heart! That is the most important wise choice of all time. We don't want to miss out on Heaven, so we have to make sure we are prepared, and we need to do it now. We don't know when it will be time, but we sure don't want to miss it! Let's try our best to be prepared in this coming week to be loving, kind and generous. Let's do our best to be ready to help others at home, at school, in the local community and around the world.

Wednesday Word – Wisdom

Let us learn to live with kindness, to love everyone, even when they do not love us.' Pope Francis.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This coming Sunday will be the second Sunday of November, when we celebrate Remembrance Sunday. This is a day in which we take the opportunity to pay respect to and honour those who lost their lives serving their country. It also gives us a chance to remember those who have been affected in all conflicts. Finally, it gives people a chance to consider the cost of war. This is always a very moving occasion, the most poignant moment of Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day is at exactly 11am when people stop whatever they are doing and for two minutes observe a period of communal silence.

A moment of silence is the expression for a period of silent contemplation, prayer, reflection or meditation. It is often a gesture of respect, particularly in mourning for those who have died recently or as part of a tragic historical event.

Following the Sunday, we will celebrate Remembrance Day, also known as **Poppy Day** because it is traditional to wear an artificial poppy. They are sold by the Royal British Legion, a charity dedicated to helping war veterans. The poppy was one of the first flowers to bloom on the battlefields of Flanders during World War 1. Their bright red colour symbolised the blood shed during the horrific conflict, but also the hope of new life, and the poppy became the symbol of Remembrance Day.

Let's make the act of remembrance also a commitment to find ways to resolve differences and difficulties by better ways forward – searching for understanding, justice, truth, respect, negotiation and willingness to adjust.

Have a lovely and safe weekend.
Mrs Gonzalez

Thank you

Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you for the space costumes that have been donated to the school and for all of your kind donations we have received so far. Our Reception class winners will be announced in next week's newsletter.

School Dinner - 12th November

Please note there is a change of menu on Thursday. Please see attached flyer.

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Uniform

As the weather starts to turn, all children should now be attending school in Winter uniform. Thick winter coats are required and must be in navy or black.

Hands, Face, Space

The numbers of Covid-19 cases in Bromley are rising, so it is important we work together to do everything we can to reduce the spread of the virus and keep our children, families and communities as safe as possible.

We also need to remember that, at the moment, England is under lockdown restrictions. That's why we are asking you to make sure you follow the social distancing guidance when dropping off or collecting your child from school please, as well as wear a face covering if possible.

It's a small price to pay to help protect our children, families and others, especially those who are older and with health conditions.

Year 4



It has been lovely to see Year 4 back in the classroom this week. They have been working on Remembrance Day poetry and have created their own 'Mini Mottingham Library'.

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 (change of date)
Last day of Autumn Term	18 th December 2020
School re-opens for Spring Term	4 th January 2021

Attendance

Stay safe and God bless

From 2 nd Sept 2020	Attendance	Unauthorised sessions
Reception	98.9%	2
Year 1	98.1%	1
Year 2	96.9%	6
Year 3	97.2%	3
Year 4	94.7%	24
Year 5	98.5%	6
Year 6	95.3%	22
Whole school	97.2%	64

Our target for attendance this academic year is 96.5%

Currently our attendance rate is 97.1%

Attendance for the last academic year was 93.4%

★ **Well done Year 1** ★

– best attendance for last week with 100%