

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **Invitation**. This is reflected in the gospel at the weekend. "Dear young friends, I invite everyone to learn to pray every day." Pope Francis

October is the month devoted to the Holy Rosary. This is the perfect time for us to reflect upon the importance of the Rosary and its significance in our walk of faith. It is a powerful prayer that helps us reflect upon our lives, strengthen our family ties and above all helps us reflect on the scriptures. Praying the Rosary is not just simply a repetitive prayer but a time to quieten ourselves; a time to slow down, centre ourselves and focus on God.

Through the month of October I will be praying the Rosary with our children during Collective Worship.

*Praying the rosary  
is like holding  
Mary's hand*



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Gonzalez

## Gospel Reflection

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells us the parable of the 'Wedding Banquet' In today's liturgy we will hear a story about a king who invites lots of different people to the wedding of his son. They have a big feast with lots of yummy food.

This reading from the Gospel brings the opportunity to think a bit about food, the harvest and what God invites us to do in our lives today.

Particularly this year, we think of people who because of the coronavirus do not have enough food, wherever they live in the world, nearby or far away.

Thinking back to today's gospel story, the king in Jesus' story represents God and the wedding is the kingdom of heaven. When we go to a wedding, or any party, we tell the person who invited us that we are coming. We get out our best clothes and make sure we are clean and tidy. We buy a present and write the card.

But how do you think we can answer God's invitation and get ready for the kingdom of heaven?

We can listen to God's word and try to follow what God asks us to do in our lives. God asks us to be kind, to be welcoming and invite others to share in what we have so that everyone has enough food to eat and clean water to drink, to bring peace, to stand up for what is right, to care for and respect one another and to love our neighbour, wherever they are in the world.

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## Secondary Transfer

The secondary transfer application deadline is 23.59 on Saturday 31 October.

[https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/14/secondary\\_school\\_admissions/71/secondary\\_school\\_places](https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/14/secondary_school_admissions/71/secondary_school_places)

Families must not wait until they have received any grammar or selective testing results. If they apply by 31 October and test results were not as expected, they can change their preferences until the second deadline of 10 December. A form for this will be available on the Bromley website from 1-10 December. This 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline is only available when the applicant child has sat either grammar or selective testing.

## Walk to school month

October is International Walk to School Month. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to join hundreds of thousands of pupils around the globe who walk to school.

## Dance Workshop

Well done to all children for taking part in our African dance workshop. It was really wonderful to see everyone getting involved and to see their personality shine through the African beats. This was another great example of the power of music and rhythm bringing us all together!

## How to help your child if they need to isolate/bubble closes

Create a positive environment for your child to learn at home, for example:

**Distinguish between weekdays and weekends**, to separate school life and home life.

**Designate a working space if possible**, and at the end of the day have a clear cut-off to signal school time is over.

**Create and stick to a routine**, as this is what your child is used to at school. For example, eat breakfast at the same time each morning and make sure they're dressed before starting the 'school' day.

**Stick a timetable up on the wall** so everyone knows what they should be doing when, and tick activities off throughout the day.

**Make time for exercise and breaks** throughout the day to keep your child active.

*It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences.*

*Audre Lorde*