

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

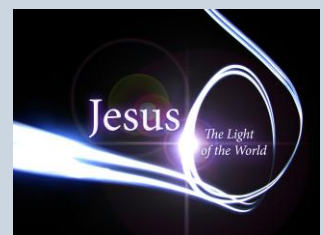


Information Sheet 13 4th February 2020

Fun, Faith and Friendship

'Be a light in the darkness.'

Jesus said to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of all people, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven."



Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **GOODNESS**. This is reflected in the gospel at the weekend. Pope Francis says, 'Let us allow God to fill our hearts with his goodness.'

Liturgy Assemblies

The next liturgy assembly is on 5th February at 9.05am. It will be celebrated by **Year 6**. All parents and family are warmly invited to share these assemblies with us.

Sporting Success

St Vincent's recently took part in a Curling competition. Congratulations to the team, who won the event. A fantastic achievement – well done.

Writing Competition

The BBC have organised an exciting writing competition for all primary aged children to take part in, called "500 words". The children have to write a story about anything that they would like, but it can't be longer than 500 words. If you follow the link below, you can register your children. The closing date is Thursday 27th February. Any questions, please see Miss Clark.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1V6nvt83ntX0f4T3crZgYYq/500-words-rules>

Parking

May I remind those parents who drive their child/children to school to park considerately. Parking is very restricted and I would advise you to park further away from school and then walk the short distance. This will help with the traffic jams and also ensure our children can cross the road safely. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Celebrating Success

The Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State Education for School Standards, has written to congratulate us on the very high level of progress that our pupils demonstrated in the reading, writing and mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments in 2019. This is the fourth year in a row that we have received such an accolade. It places St Vincent's in the top 3% of primary schools in the country. It is a credit to the staff, parents and not least the children for their hard work and dedication.

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Dates for your Diary

Child Mental Health Week	3 rd – 7 th February
PTA meeting	5 th February
Bishop Pat to visit	7 th February
Year 4 Swimming	10 th February
Safer Internet Day	11 th February
Half Term	17 – 21 st February
Year 4 Swimming	24 th February
Shrove Tuesday	25 th February
Ash Wednesday	26 th February
Mass Year 3 OLHC	27 th February
1 st Sunday Lent	1 st March

Safety

If you have any reason or concern regarding your child that requires you to check on them during the lunchtime, please report to the school office and do not approach your child through the school gates. The safety of the children is all important and children have been told not to respond to any direct contact for the safety of all. Better yet, please phone and we can reassure you rather than coming to the school. Many thanks.

Unauthorised Absences

The number of unauthorised absences since 4th September 2019 is now **200**. We are looking to reduce the number of unauthorised absences. These absences impact on children's learning. Your help with this would be much appreciated. At the end of each month, attendance reports will be sent home to parents whose children have less than 90% attendance. **Please ensure your child attends school unless ill. Many thanks.**

'e-safety' tips for parents – check out **Common Sense Media**. To learn more about the games or apps your children are or may be using, Common Sense media covers thousands, which includes advice and reviews from other parents;
<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

Attendance

From 4 th Sept 2019	Attendance	Unauthorised sessions
Reception	94.2%	29
Year 1	95.9%	28
Year 2	97.9%	20
Year 3	96.8%	9
Year 4	97.4%	32
Year 5	95.6%	64
Year 6	95.1%	18
Whole school	96.2%	200

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

Currently our attendance rate is **96.2%**

Attendance for the last academic year was **96.2%**

★ Well done Year 2 ★

– best attendance for last week with **98%**