

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



## Information Sheet 14 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### ***Fun, Faith and Friendship***

*'Rules for Life.'*

Jesus spoke to his followers: 'Remember to keep God's rules and always do what is right. My Father's rules do not just tell us what we should *not* do, they also tell us what we *should* do if we truly want to live in God's way.

Nothing is greater than God, so always put him first.

Do not use God's name unless you mean to.

Make Sunday God's special day, to share some time with him. Love and care for your mother and father.

Life is precious, so do not harm anyone by your thoughts or actions.

Always love your friends. When two people marry and promise to always be friends, they should not break that promise and spoil their friendship.

Always be honest, and do not steal or cheat. Tell the truth to others and about others; do not lie.

Married people give each other the gift of their love. Never be greedy or jealous of others so that you spoil this gift.

Be happy with what you have and do not be jealous of others.

### **Wednesday Word**

The Wednesday word this week is **TEACHER**. This is reflected in the gospel at the weekend. Pope Francis says, 'Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life.'

### **Liturgy Assemblies**

The next liturgy assembly is on 12<sup>th</sup> February at 9.05am. It will be celebrated by **Year 3**. All parents and family are warmly invited to share these assemblies with us.

### **Breakfast Club**

If your child attends Breakfast Club and requires a breakfast, please note the latest time for serving is 8.10am.

### **Governor Vacancies**

We have two vacancies on the Governing Body. If you are interested in becoming a Parent or Foundation Governor, please contact the office for a form or more details. This is an opportunity to serve on the Board and become part of the decision-making process of the school.

### **End of Day Supervision**

In the interest of safety, please ensure that your children stay with you at all times. Children have been seen climbing the walls and tables that are in the playground. Please also note that no scooters are to be ridden in the playground. I would hate any child to be injured. Many thanks.

### **Science Week 9-13<sup>th</sup> March**

Every year we celebrate Science Week with a range of workshops and activities. It is always a favourite with the children. This year Miss Smith and Miss McKeag, the science leads, have organised a great week for the children. In addition to our fun events, the children will be designing their own lab coats.

Many thanks for your continued support for great events like this; without your contributions we would not be able to provide them.

### **Altar Servers**

Fr Mario invites those children who are interested in becoming an Altar Server at Our Lady help Of Christians to approach him for details. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve in the life of Christ and the community.

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## Dates for your Diary

Safer Internet Day	11 <sup>th</sup> February
Half Term	17 – 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Year 4 Swimming	24 <sup>th</sup> February
Shrove Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> February
Ash Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> February
Mass Year 3 OLHC	27 <sup>th</sup> February
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent	1 <sup>st</sup> March

## World Book Day

It is World Book Day on the 5<sup>th</sup> March. On the 6<sup>th</sup> March children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. They will parade in the front playground, weather permitting.

## Internet Safety Day

It is Internet Safety Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> February. Throughout the year all children are taught about keeping safe on the internet, but we also have a particular focus on this day each year. Please talk to your children about how to keep themselves safe.

## Unauthorised Absences – Please see 'Miss school. Miss out' information attached

The number of unauthorised absences since 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 is now **204**. 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.common sense media.org/>

## Attendance

From 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019	Attendance	Unauthorised sessions
Reception	94.1%	29
Year 1	95.8%	28
Year 2	97.9%	20
Year 3	96.5%	11
Year 4	97.4%	32
Year 5	95.5%	64
Year 6	95.2%	20
Whole school	96.1%	204

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

Currently our attendance rate is **96.1%**

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

★ Well done Year 4 ★

– best attendance for last week with **97.6%**