

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Information Sheet 16 3rd March 2020

Fun, Faith and Friendship

'2nd Sunday of Lent.'

'God's glory on the mountain.'

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. "Lord, he said, "it is wonderful for us to be here!" He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud came a voice which said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him." When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. "Stand up," he said, "do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. Then Jesus said, "Tell no one what you have seen until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **ENCOURAGEMENT**. This is reflected in the gospel at the weekend. Pope Francis says, 'With God we can do great things. Jesus is always ready to encourage and support us.'

Liturgy Assemblies

The next liturgy assembly is on 4th March at 9.05am. It will be celebrated by **Year 2**. All parents and family are warmly invited to share these assemblies with us.

World Book Day

As part of the celebrations for World Book Day we have three dance workshops. They are based on Little Red Riding Hood, The Gruffalo and Gangster Granny. The children are thoroughly enjoying the experience. It is World Book Day on the 5th March. On Friday 6th March children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. They will parade in the front playground, weather permitting.

Governor parent Elections

I have been asked to give a little clarity on the two parent elections. Mr Edward Jackson has a child in Reception and Mrs Toyin Ogueri has children in Years 2 and 4.

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 or bikes** are to be ridden in the playground. I would hate any child to be injured. Many thanks.

Book Week/Science Week

We have 2 very exciting events next week. Our ever popular book fair is on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please come along with your children and explore and buy the many books that will be on sale. A large percentage of the money raised goes to the school for the children. We also have Science week. The theme is 'Our Diverse Planet.' The children will have a week of activities including a workshop.

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Dates for your Diary

World Book Day	5 th March
Book Character Day Parade	6 th March
Swimming Year 4	9 th March
Book Fair	9 th March
Book Fair	10 th March
British Science week – Quiz	11 th March
Year 3 Library Visit	11 th March
Year 2 OLHC Mass	12 th March
Year 4 Library Visit	18 th March

Visiting Author

On Thursday 12th March the infant classes will be visited by the author Grant Koper. He will be reading his original book, 'The Day Granny's Knickers Blew Away' and whilst he is here, the children will have the opportunity to ask him questions about being an author and about his many books. If your children would like to pre order a copy of one of his books, he will be pleased to sign it for them on the day. You should have received a letter about this. It will be an exciting morning for the children.

Unauthorised Absences

The number of unauthorised absences since 4th September 2019 is now **226**. 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	94.0%	34
Year 1	96.0%	28
Year 2	97.5%	24
Year 3	96.4%	13
Year 4	97.5%	32
Year 5	95.6%	68
Year 6	95.1%	27
Whole school	96.0%	226

Our target for attendance this academic year is 96.5%

Currently our attendance rate is 96.0%

Attendance for the last academic year was 96.2%

★ Well done Year 1 ★

– best attendance for last week with 99.3%