

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Information Sheet 18 29th April 2020

Fun, Faith and Friendship

'4th Sunday of Easter.'

'The Good Shepherd.'

Jesus said, "I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheep fold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock. When the shepherd has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow

because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger, but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers."

The disciples failed to understand what Jesus meant. So Jesus spoke to them again; "I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheep fold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: they will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. But I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are all safe and well – you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. It has been hard not to see you all and we miss teaching and interacting with the children.

Website

We have been working hard to ensure that our website is as up to date and informative as possible. You will find updated blogs on the home page. Many of these will provide links and support ideas for the children in this difficult time. I would direct you especially to our *SEN and Well Being* page in the parents section. Here you will find many different ideas to support your child/children with activities around mental well being and coping in this present restricted environment.

In our parent section, you will also find the *Home Learning* page which gives links to the Google drive and all materials uploaded. The weekly timetables are also located here.

Home Learning

All teachers are planning weekly activities. Please email general post if you are having any difficulty accessing any materials or links. Thank you to those of you who are emailing in with any queries; your patience is appreciated. A lot of sites that have been recommended for use are simply overwhelmed with the sheer numbers of people trying to access them at similar times, so it has been a learning curve for us all. The teachers have really enjoyed receiving work and feedback from you and the children. It has helped to maintain our links with you. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us using general post. As the time has passed the different routine is becoming familiar, but I relish the time when we can open our doors and welcome you all back.

Wednesday Word

I am happy to tell you that the Wednesday Word is now available electronically and it has been both emailed to you and uploaded onto our website. In response to the decision that all public masses are to cease, we are delighted to be able to bring the Sunday Holy mass into your home every Sunday. We pray that this will enable the faithful to feel connected to their faith and church community during this difficult time. You will find a link to this on our website under *News* and then *Online Noticeboard*.

The Wednesday word this week is **FOLLOW**. This is reflected in the gospel at the weekend. Pope Francis says, 'Be passionate in teaching your children to know and follow Jesus.'

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Covid19 Updates

As yet, like you all, we are waiting to hear when we will be open for all children. The next date for information is the daily briefing from the government on Thursday 7th March. I have had no other information directly from the DFE. The guidelines remain the same - stay at home and keep safe. We are constantly looking at various risk assessments in order to determine how we can reopen safely when the time comes. The safety of all is paramount and we must continue to keep this in the forefront at all times.

In the meantime a prayer to say;

*THANK YOU, JESUS, FOR LOVING ME AND
FOR SHOWING ME HOW TO LIVE.*

*I KNOW THAT IF I FOLLOW YOU I WILL BE
HAPPY.*

*HELP ME TO BE LOVING, EVEN WHEN IT IS
HARD.*

AMEN

Finally stay safe and well. God Bless you all in these difficult times.