

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



## Information Sheet 20 11th May 2020

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

'6th Sunday of Easter.'

'I will not leave you on  
your own.'

One day, Jesus said to his disciples, "I will ask my Father to send you a helper who will stay with you always. The Spirit of God will be with you and in you, though others will not be able to see him or know that he is there. He will fill you with wisdom and understanding. Soon the world will not see me again, but you will know that I am truly alive."



### **Latest News**

I am sure after the Prime Minister's statement last night, there are lots of questions you have. We have many questions that need clarification too.

At the moment for us in school, there is no change to the guidance. We will provide care for those parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response and only those that cannot be cared for safely at home. The message is still that it is safer to stay at home.

We have not received any information to support us with this new plan to start the phased reopening of some year groups. We expect we will receive further information from the DFE shortly, hopefully with some clarification.

We will need clear guidance to plan how it is possible to social distance in schools and keep our children, teachers and families safe; how we might start to phase groups of children returning and what this looks like. Please be assured there is no way we will reopen until we are 100% prepared.

As always, we will keep you informed, but for now, please try not to worry. Our plan for now is to continue to provide activities for learning at home, keep contact with you, our families, and continue to support each other in these very difficult and uncertain times. If you have any queries, please feel free to email [general.post@st-vincent.sch.uk](mailto:general.post@st-vincent.sch.uk) or phone us, whichever is easier.

### **Website**

Thank you to those children who have made a video message to share with their friends and with us. We miss you all very much and it was lovely to see your smiling faces. I hope you have all seen our message to the children and you. If not please click on the link; <http://www.st-vincent.sch.uk/St-Vincent-Message?returnUrl=/default>

### **Home Learning**

All teachers are planning weekly activities. Last week all teachers phoned the children. Moving forward, our teaching assistants would like to get the opportunity to talk to the children as they have missed them as well. Therefore either the teacher or their teaching assistant will be calling to talk. Please email them directly with any queries or concerns you have. They will answer you as soon as possible.

### **Sharing your work**

We know you have all been working extremely hard at home; we are very proud of you all. We would love to share some of your wonderful work with everyone in our newsletters and on our website. If you would like to be part of this, please email one piece of work or a photo that we can include in next week's edition.

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## VE 75<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day

The Queen gave a very moving speech that relates well to our present situation. I have included some of her words below to help us all through this time.

*"At the start, the outlook seemed bleak, the end distant, the outcome uncertain.*

*"But we kept faith that the cause was right – and this belief, as my father noted in his broadcast, carried us through.*

*"Never give up, never despair – that was the message of VE Day.*

*"Today it may seem hard that we cannot mark this special anniversary as we would wish.*

*"Instead we remember from our homes and our doorsteps.*

*"But our streets are not empty; they are filled with the love and the care that we have for each other.*

*"And when I look at our country today, and see what we are willing to do to protect and support one another, I say with pride that we are still a nation those brave soldiers, sailors and airmen would recognise and admire.*

*"I send my warmest good wishes to you all."*



## 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 web site. In response to the decision, that all public masses are to cease, we have included, on our website, a link to Sunday Holy mass and the children's liturgy. This will allow you to continue to worship in your home every Sunday. This is on our website, but I have included the link here as well. <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy> We pray that this will enable the faithful to feel connected to their faith and church community, during this difficult time. God Bless and take care. We are really missing you and can't wait for us all to be back together.