St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Information Sheet 25 19th June 2020

Latest News

We have been busy preparing and are looking forward to welcoming back our Year 1 children. Thank you for all the supportive messages and emails I have received from parents over the last few weeks. They are very much appreciated. I am very lucky to work with such dedicated, hardworking and talented staff, who have gone above and beyond during this difficult period.

Home Phone Calls

I hope you and your child/children have enjoyed hearing from a member of the team. From next week we will be phoning you every two weeks.

Free School Meals

Over the last twelve weeks many families throughout the country have found themselves in a challenging and difficult financial situation. We can help. Over the last weeks we have been on the front line providing families with vouchers and support with meals. Have we missed anyone who may need our help? If you feel you may need help, especially over the summer period and beyond and wish to access a voucher which you can redeem at a range of supermarkets, please get in touch. You will need to complete a form online that will entitle you to free school meals. Alternatively we can print out a copy that you can collect from us. We are happy to help you complete the forms. No child is identified as receiving a free school meal, so all applications are confidential. Should you receive help for your child/children it will benefit them as they go through the school. How do I apply? Please use the link below: https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200086/schools and colleges/62/free school_meals

Bexley Selection Tests

Children born between 1st September 2009 and 31st August 2010 can sit the Bexley selection test in September 2020 when they are in Year 6 of primary school. All children must be **registered online** between 1st May and 3rd July 2020.

Test sessions will be on Tuesday 15th or Wednesday 16th September 2020. Registered children will be invited to one morning or afternoon test session on either 15th or 16th September at a secondary school in Bexley.

You may apply for access arrangements if your child has a disability or special need.

In this case, please ask us to complete the Special Arrangements Application Form for you.

Fun, Faith and Friendship

'Twelfth Sunday of the Year.' 'Do not be afraid'

Jesus instructed the twelve as follows: "Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; think more about God who has power over both body and soul. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet no one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted, so there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven."



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ANGEL OF GOD, MY GUARDIAN DEAR, TO WHOM GOD'S LOVE COMMITS ME HERE, EVER THIS DAY, BE AT MY SIDE, TO LIGHT AND GUARD, RULE AND GUIDE.

Hold Still – From Mrs Campbell

I would like to remind you about the Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton's new 'Hold Still' photography project that she has launched at the National Portrait Gallery in London. Check it out here <u>https://www.npa.org.uk/hold-still/</u> Please send in your photos so we can add to our display for when all the children return in September.

Home Learning

We are really missing you and can't wait for us all to be back together. Here is a fun, artistic challenge for the children to try. J. K. Rowling is publishing an original story, the Ickabog (the "Story") online, in instalments over seven weeks. She would like to invite children to help her by illustrating the story. If you would like to take part in the Ickabog illustration competition, have a look on this website:

https://theickabogcompetition.com/ The competition will close on Friday 17th July 2020.

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. <u>https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy</u> We pray that this will enable the faithful to feel connected, to their faith and church community during this difficult time.

I feel so thankful that to date, we have all managed to have stayed safe. If any of our families have lost friends or loved ones to the virus or any other illnesses during this difficult time and you would like to share this with us, we can plan some appropriate emotional support activities for the children on their return.

God Bless and take care. We are really missing you and can't wait for us all to be back together.