

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Information Sheet 26 6th July 2020

Fun, Faith and Friendship

'Fifteenth Sunday of the Year.'

'The Parable of the Sower'
Jesus told the crowds this parable: 'One day a farmer went out to sow some seeds in his field. As he scattered the seeds some fell on the stony path at the edge of the field, where flocks of hungry birds flew down and gobbled them up. Some seeds fell on rocky ground, where although they sprouted, the soil was too shallow for their roots, and the baking sun shrivelled them up. Other seeds fell where seeds were growing, and the weeds choked them until they died. Some of the seeds landed on the farmer's richest soil, and grew into strong and healthy plants.'

Jesus explained the meaning of this story to the people: 'The seeds are the things which I teach you, the good news about God. Some people hear God's word but they do not understand; this is the seed which falls on the stony path. Some people welcome my words and try hard to follow my ways, but then they give up. They are like the seeds which fall on rocky ground; they sprout but then they shrivel and die. Some people hear my message, but their hearts are filled with other thoughts; the message becomes choked like the seeds choked with weeds, and they cannot produce fruit. The seed that falls on rich soil is like those who hear my message and understand it; they grow strong and the harvest is great.'

Classes September 2020

We are preparing for the September term and looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school – following government guidelines. The classes and teachers for next year are as follows;

Reception - Miss Smith
Year 1 - Mrs Hewett 4 days & Mrs Riley 1 day
Year 2 - Mrs Campbell 3 days & Mrs Riley 2 days
Year 3 - Miss Clark 3 days & Miss Sidhu 2 days
Year 4 - Miss McKeag
Year 5 - Mr Moore
Year 6 - Mr Morgan, whom we welcome as a new teacher to the school

We will also be welcoming your new head teacher Miss Gonzalez.
I have attached a Pen Portrait of your child's new teacher to give you an introduction to them. I will also be sending your child a letter from his/her new teacher, so that he/she may know a little about the teacher before September. On our July Inset days, all teachers will be meeting to review and talk about the children in their new classes with the previous teacher, so that all preparations can be put in place to ensure a smooth start to the year.

Reports

Your child's end of year report will be emailed to you on the 13th July, along with a covering letter explaining the report. If you wish to discuss the report, once you have received it, please contact general.post@st-vincent.sch.uk and we will arrange a time that is suitable to talk.

Phone Calls

I hope you and your child/children have enjoyed hearing from a member of the team. The last phone call will take place during the last two weeks of term. However, please feel free to email your class teacher with any questions.

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

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Web Site

Our website is continually being updated. Please take a look at this week's additions; we have added more reading books for the children to enjoy listening to.

Children's Property

As a result of the school shutting to most children in March, all property such as PE kits, pencil cases etc. were bagged up and shut away. We will be organising a rota system for children to identify and recover their personal items. This will not take place until September.

September Return

It is our intention to be open fully to all children in September. We are really looking forward to seeing and working with them all. I am sure many of you have lots of questions and some concerns. We have received the latest government guidelines, which give us strategies to take into account. As you can appreciate, this is a huge task and one we want to get right. I am also mindful that guidelines change rapidly, so I don't want to give you wrong information. It looks like children will be returning with a staggered start, break, lunch and end time. Children are to be contained in class bubbles that should not mix, where possible. Teachers and adults are to remain 1-2 meters apart from contact with the children. But in order to provide as full and broad a curriculum as possible, adults may move from bubble to bubble as required. Hygiene is to be maintained with regular hand washing etc. Temperatures will not be taken. However, if your child displays symptoms of COVID19 please keep him/her at home and notify us so, we may put in place the correct procedures. All children must return in school uniform. Summer uniform may be worn. You will receive more details as we find out more ourselves.

Wednesday Word

I am happy to tell you that the Wednesday Word is still available electronically and it has been both emailed to you and uploaded onto our web site. I am also very happy to say that collective worship in your local church has resumed. It is a little different in that social distancing must be followed and numbers may be reduced to meet that but it was lovely to attend and once again worship God in his house.

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

God Bless and take care.

GLORY BE TO THE
FATHER,
AND TO THE SON,
AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
AS IT WAS IN THE
BEGINNING, IS NOW,
AND EVER SHALL BE
WORLD WITHOUT END.
AMEN