

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



## Information Sheet 27 15th July 2020

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

'Seventeenth Sunday of the Year.'

'Priceless treasure'

Jesus said to the crowds,  
'One day a man was digging in a field when his spade struck a box which was buried there. When he opened the box he was amazed to find it was full of treasure. He quickly buried the treasure again, went away and sold his house and all that he owned. With the money he made, he bought the field from the farmer, and then ran back and dug up the treasure.'

'There was another man who was a merchant who bought and sold pearls to earn a living. One day he happened to find the most perfect, beautiful pearl he had ever seen. He too went away and sold everything so that he would have enough money to buy the pearl for himself.' Jesus said, 'God's kingdom is the real treasure, as perfect and precious as the pearl; you would give up everything you have for it, because it is worth more than anything else in the whole world.'



### **September Return**

All teachers are in school next week planning the catch up curriculum for the September return. As you can imagine this is a mammoth task however all teachers are fully committed to ensuring the best possible way forward with the children's learning. As it stands the government guidelines are saying we need to keep children in organised and separate bubbles. Our bubbles will be Reception as a single bubble, Y1 & Y2 then Y3 and Y4 and lastly Y5 & Y6. We will be timetabling a staggered start break, lunch and end of day times. At present we anticipate the start and end times are:

| Bubble      | Start time | End of day |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Years 1 & 2 | 8.40am     | 3.00pm     |
| Years 3 & 4 | 8.50am     | 3.10pm     |
| Years 5 & 6 | 9.00am     | 3.20pm     |

We appreciate this is difficult for parents who have children in more than one bubble but welcome your understanding and cooperation as we continue to address this situation. We are expecting changes from the government in mid-August and will therefore confirm if the above arrangements still stand. It may all change. We will send out a letter with final arrangements as soon as it is all finalised.

A separate email with full information will be sent to Reception parents with regards to start and end of day times.

### **Wellbeing**

Lockdown, isolation and separation from family and friends has for many of us been traumatic. Children have missed the interaction and routine of schools. To help all children returning to school we will be delivering a programme of support through our daily PSHE sessions concentrating on wellbeing and self-esteem. If you think your child will benefit from additional support please email so that we may support them in the best way possible.

### **Breakfast Club**

We aim to start our Breakfast Club and After School Club from the 14<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact the school if you need a form to update regarding any allergies or if you will be using the Breakfast club for the first time. All forms must be received by us on the 9<sup>th</sup> September. Cost of Breakfast Club will be £5.00 per child per session. After School Club provision may be booked directly with them in September.

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## **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](https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200086/schools_and_colleges/62/free_school_meals)

## **Children's Property**

We will be organising a rota system for children to identify and recover their personal items. This will not take place until September.

## **School Dinners**

In September we will be following guidelines regarding materials and plastics. I am strongly encouraging all children to have a school dinner as no packed lunch box will be allowed in school. Should your child need to eat a packed lunch it must be in a plastic box or bag that the children will take home including any contents. Cost of school dinners is £2.40 per day.

## **Website**

This week on our website you will find a welcome video from Mrs. Gonzalaz

## **Year 6**

It is time to say goodbye to our present Year 6. They have missed so many celebrations and memories. I have been proud to have been a small part of their education and wish them every success as they venture on to the next stage of their journeys. From all the staff, good luck and we wish you all the very best.

The Lord bless you  
And keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His  
Face toward you  
And give you peace  
Amen,

## **Farewell St Vincent's**

It is also time for me to say goodbye to you all. I have been at St Vincent's for the last 17 years both as a deputy and as the head teacher. It has been my privilege to lead a dedicated team of staff, who are committed to the children. I have had the pleasure of serving the local community and being part of something wonderful. But most of all I will miss the children. They have been inspirational, hardworking, funny, challenging and so much more. I wish St Vincent's community all the success they deserve as they welcome their new leader who, with the support and commitment of all, will take the school onto even greater things. God Bless.

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