

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Information Sheet 5 15th October 2019

Fun, Faith and Friendship

This Sunday's gospel is 'Don't give up.' Jesus wanted to teach his disciples that they should always pray and never give up. So he told them a story. Jesus said. "There was a judge in a certain town, who had neither fear of God nor respect for any other person. In the same town there was a widow, who kept on coming to him and saying, 'I want justice from you against my enemy!' For a long time the judge refused, but at last he said to himself, 'Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for any other person, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will continue coming and worry me to death.'" Then Jesus said, "If even the unjust judge eventually helped this woman who didn't give up, then how much more will God, who is good, help those who pray to him every day."



Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **PRAYER**. This is reflected in the gospel at the weekend. Pope Francis says, 'Dear parents, teach your children to pray. Pray with them. Prayer strengthens family life.'

Liturgy Assemblies

The next liturgy assembly will be celebrated on 16th October by **Year 5**. The assembly starts at 9.05am. All parents and family are warmly invited to share these assemblies with us.

Christmas Cards

The PTA has arranged the ordering process for the Christmas cards designed by your children. You should all have received your child's individual /design. Please return your order to school and the PTA will organise the rest. Many thanks.

Defibrillator

One of our parents, Mr. Boyce has been working very hard to raise money to purchase, through a local charity, a defibrillator for the school and the local community. I am very pleased and grateful to Mr. Boyce and on Thursday, last week we received our own machine. Many thanks for all your hard work.

End of the Day

Children are dismissed at the end of the day through either the IT door or the main double doors. It has become very difficult for teachers and children to spot their parents/carers due to the numbers of people pushing forward. Please stand back so that teachers can spot you and so that your child/children reach you safely. In addition, if you wish to speak to a teacher, please wait until they have dismissed the whole class. Children who have forgotten items should wait and then return when all the children have gone. Many thanks for your understanding.

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Dates for your Diary

Month of October	Black History
Diwali Presentation	16 th October
Half Term	21 st October – 25 th October
Flu Nasal Spray	29 th October
Mini Reports to Parents	30 th October
Year 4 Library Visit	30 th October
Month of 'All Souls'	November

Cancer Support

Cancer is a disease that affects so many loved ones, friends and colleagues. Sadly over the past few years we at St Vincent's have had three members of staff, who have faced, or who are facing this battle. As a support for all sufferers and for a loved one, Mrs Hudson has made the decision to shave her hair. She will be coming to school with many different coloured scarves. Please let your children know why, as we do not want any child to misunderstand or be upset. We fully support Mrs Hudson in her decision. Mrs Hudson has set up a giving page. Should you wish to give to this charity that affects so many, please go to the link;

https://www.gofundme.com/f/if-i-can-raise-1000-the-hair-comes-off?utm_medium=social&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_campaign=p_nacp%20share-sheet&rcid=fdd3a0c19cea44159ca0ca6a3722f518

Unauthorised Absences

The number of unauthorised absences since 4th September 2019 is now **64**. We are looking to reduce the number of unauthorised absences. These absences impact on children's learning. Your help with this would be much appreciated. At the end of each month, attendance reports will be sent home to parents whose children have less than 90% attendance. **Please ensure your child attends school unless ill. Many thanks.**

Attendance

'e-safety' tips for parents – check out www.esafety-adviser.com

From 4 th Sept 2019	Attendance	Unauthorised sessions
Reception	95.0%	2
Year 1	95.5%	10
Year 2	99.2%	1
Year 3	96.6%	1
Year 4	97.4%	16
Year 5	92.5%	32
Year 6	94.7%	2
Whole school	95.9%	64

Our target for attendance this academic year is **96.5%**

Currently our attendance rate is **95.9%**

Attendance for the last academic year was **96.2%**

★ Well done Year 4 ★
– best attendance for the last week
with **99.4%**