

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Information Sheet 6 29th October 2019

Fun, Faith and Friendship

This Sunday's gospel is
'The story of
Zacchaeus.'

Jesus was going through Jericho where a man called Zacchaeus lived. He was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. Zacchaeus was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: "Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today." And Zacchaeus hurried down and welcomed Jesus joyfully. The people complained when they saw what was happening. "He has gone to stay at a sinner's house," they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, "Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount." Jesus was pleased.

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **GENEROUS**. This is reflected in the gospel at the weekend. Pope Francis says, 'May we learn to be generous in giving – to love without limits.'

Liturgy Assemblies

The next liturgy assembly will be celebrated on 6th November by **Year 2**. The assembly starts at 9.05am. All parents and family are warmly invited to share these assemblies with us.

Winter Uniform

All children should now be in winter uniform. For boys this is grey trousers, navy v-necked jumper, white or grey shirt and school tie, black or brown shoes, **not trainers**, grey socks and plain black or navy winter coat – no logos or badges. For girls this is grey pinafore, skirt or culottes **NOT JUMP SUITS**, white blouse, school tie if the blouse buttons to the top, v-necked jumper or cardigan, white socks or black, grey or navy tights, black or brown shoes **NOT BOOTS**, plain black or navy coat – no logos or badges. Please note **polo shirts are not winter uniform**. Please ensure that your children wear the correct uniform.

Church Christmas Fair

Fr Mario has asked for donations for the church Christmas fair. If you wish to donate a small item, there will be a box in the entrance to put your donation in. Many thanks

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

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Dates for your Diary

Month of October	Black History
Mini Reports to Parents	30 th October
Year 4 Library Visit	30 th October
Month of 'All Souls'	November
Special menu for Fireworks Day	5 th November
Year 3 Library Visit	6 th November
Anti Bullying week	11 th – 15 th November
Blue Friday	15 th November
Children's Disco	22 nd November
Dress Down Day – collection for Fair	22 nd November
Weighing & measuring of Reception & Year 6	2 nd December
Nativity Play - Reception	3 rd December
Nativity Play - Years 1 & 2	5 th December
Carol Concert - KS2	9 th December
Christmas Lunch	11 th December
Christmas Party – KS1	17 th December
Christmas Party – KS2	18 th December
Last day of term	19 th December
School reopens for Spring Term	6 th January

Unauthorised Absences

The number of unauthorised absences since 4th September 2019 is now **71**. 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.**

'e-safety' tips for parents – check out www.esafety-adviser.com
This is a good site with tips on use and awareness of the internet.

Attendance

From 4 th Sept 2019	Attendance	Unauthorised sessions
Reception	95.3%	2
Year 1	95.8%	11
Year 2	98.8%	1
Year 3	97.0%	1
Year 4	97.3%	21
Year 5	93.2%	32
Year 6	95.0%	3
Whole school	96.1%	71

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

Currently our attendance rate is **96.1%**

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

★ Well done Year 2 ★
– best attendance for the last week
with **98.7%**