

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
14th May 2021

Gospel Reflection

John 17:11-19

Last Thursday we remembered the day when Jesus returned to his heavenly Father after saying goodbye to his apostles. Before leaving them, he prayed to his Father and asked him to always keep them in his care.

Sometimes our friends move away to live in different parts of the country or even different parts of the world. Some of us have relatives who we only see once or twice in a lifetime. Saying goodbye is often a time for sadness and tears.

Sometimes we are lost for words, and yet have so much we would like to say, but don't know where to begin!

When the apostles knew that Jesus was finally returning to his father, they probably felt sad and somewhat afraid about what lay ahead of them.

However, they knew that Jesus would send a 'helper', the Holy Spirit, to give them the strength and courage they needed for their mission.

At times when we are feeling worried or afraid, we can pray, just as Jesus did for his friends.

With Jesus beside us we have nothing to fear.

Prayer:

Lord, I do not feel afraid because you are always with me, with you beside me there is nothing to fear.

I know that you will protect me from harm and keep me safe from danger.

Amen

Wednesday Word - CARE

The Wednesday word this week is Care. 'Take care of God's creation. But above all, take care of people in need.'

Without intending to 'Teach fish how to swim', I would like to share with you some advice about children's safe internet use.

Many families have internet-connected devices to complete many different tasks. Increasingly we fill our homes with devices or toys with WiFi connection, Bluetooth or various other ways to connect to the internet. Many of those devices are able to connect to each other as well as send and receive data. We know of devices that respond to voice command, (even when we did not intend for them to listen!) as well as devices which we control remotely from a mobile phone.

Sometime we forget that any internet-connected devices have the same risks as tablets, smartphones and computers. These risks are more likely to happen if we fail to programme the devices properly. Therefore, if you, like me, just switch the devices on and leave the settings untouched, we are running an unnecessary risk. We need to think about:

- Other people might connect to our devices and data; sometimes this happens without us realising.
- Even baby monitors can be intercepted and used by people outside our homes.
- Internet-connected devices collect data, audio and visual information.

To reduce the risk, we can ensure our internet is password protected. Another useful tip is to set separate accounts for our children so they can only access suitable and appropriate content, e.g. Netflix, YouTube. We should carefully read the instructions (yes, even if they seem really boring) to find out how to set it up safely.

Two popular apps for young people to communicate are TikTok and WhatsApp, (both widely used by children younger than recommended). Both apps are inappropriate for children in primary school. TikTok age rating is 13 whilst WhatsApp age rating is 16, (having previously been 13 this was changed by GDPR laws in 2018).

There may be more 'cool' apps that children use for social media, all loved by children and parents. We do not need to stop using them, we just need to be safe. Please be mindful of the age restrictions and safety settings.

Have a lovely weekend.
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Special Menu

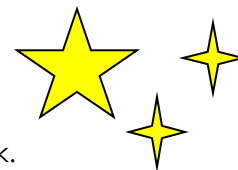
On Thursday 20th May there will be a special menu, Pirate Day. Please see the attached flyer which includes menu options and allergy information. The cost of this meal will be £2.40 as usual.

Holy Communion

A gentle reminder to Year 3 parents whose children are taking their Holy Communion. Please let Miss Clark know the time, date and church so that we may celebrate this joyous occasion with you.

Stars of the Week

Reception – Juliet: for wonderful work in literacy and maths.
Year 1 – Emily: for working hard and producing excellent work.
Year 2 – Nasiah: for working really hard in literacy and numeracy.
Year 3 – Joshua: for fantastic participating and excellent work in every lesson.
Year 4 – Oliver: for working hard in all lessons and listening to instructions.
Year 5 – Poli: for making excellent progress in her writing.
Year 6 – Kyra: for great focus in maths and has achieved an excellent score in her ratio and proportion tests.



Mottingham Library Opening Times

From Monday 17th May, the library will be extending its opening to pupils and parents as follows:

Monday 9.30am – 1pm & 2pm – 7pm
Wednesday 9.30am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm
Friday 9.30am – 1pm & 2pm – 5.30pm
Saturday 9.30am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm



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Mass at St Patrick's

For this Month of May - the Month of Our Blessed Lady, the Children & Family Rosary will begin at 12:30 pm every Sunday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church Chislehurst. You are all invited to join in at the church or by zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6024322888?pwd=bzNCUg0WDJE>

Meeting ID: 602 432 2888 Password: 8M62dE

This Week's Attendance

Reception	98.7%
Year 1	98.6%
Year 2	98.0%
Year 3	94.4%
Year 4	97.6%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	97.0%
Whole school	97.3%

★ Well done Reception ★

– best attendance for last week with
98.7%