

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
16th July 2021

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word is **Holidays**. "Holidays offer a time to rest and to restore the spirit, especially through a more quiet reading of the gospels." Pope Francis.

As I come to the end of my first year as Headteacher of St Vincent's Catholic Primary, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everybody who has supported me during this challenging but ever rewarding journey.

I am very proud to say that we have had many significant achievements since last January, in fact too many to list here.

But, we couldn't have all those successes without the support of a great team. Here at St Vincent's, I have the privilege to work with a group of highly committed and excellent professionals who make every effort to inspire our pupils and develop a passion for learning; my most sincere thank you to all of them.

A big thank-you to all the parents and friends of our community who were, and continue to be, patient with me when things don't go quite to plan. I appreciate you putting your trust in me every day. Your support and encouragement is highly valued.

My sincere gratitude to all the children at our school, you make it all worthwhile! I am extremely proud of you and all that you have accomplished so far and I am looking forward to witnessing what you will go on to achieve in the next stages of your lives with us.

To the Governors of the school, I am grateful to you for giving me the chance to prove my worth when leading our school.

I have the firm belief that we will continue working together through the next year to achieve our goals. It is my mission to deliver excellence in all areas of school life and I know you all want the same. It is for this, I would like to say...

Thank you and I wish you all very happy and safe Summer Holidays

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Gonzalez

Gospel Reflection

Mark 6:30-34

Jesus and the disciples decide to go away to a quiet place so that they can be by themselves and rest for a while.

People see them going and decide that they want to hear what Jesus has to say. So when Jesus and the disciples arrive by boat there is already a large crowd waiting for them.

Even though he is tired and wanted to spend time quietly resting, Jesus feels sorry for the crowd. He sees that they need him, so he doesn't send them away. Jesus is compassionate.

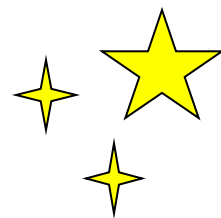
He doesn't just feel sorry for the crowd, he also acts to help them to feel better.

We all have times when we need to look after ourselves, and rest if we are tired. It is important to take some quiet time, to pray and reflect and to relax, so that we have the energy to do all the things we need and want to do.

But there are other times when we can try to be more like Jesus, and to be moved with compassion to help other people who really need some love, comfort or care.

Even when we are cross and tired, we can try to be patient and kind, treating other people as we would like to be treated.

How will you follow Jesus' example of compassion this week?



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Stars of the Week

Reception – Leo for excellent work in maths – telling the time!
Year 1 – Antonia for working hard and trying her best.
Year 2 – Jason & Cody for making fantastic progress in reading.
Year 3 – Affan for showing great sportsmanship during sports day.
Year 4 – Beatriz for working hard in home learning and joining in with online activities.
Year 6 – Sasha for showing creative skills and commitment in playing the guitar during the 'Grease' performance.
Year 6 – Tara for being very positive and helpful to others.
Year 6 – Mark for showing dedication, commitment and professionalism as stage manager for the 'Grease' performance.

Uniform

Please find below approximate sizes for the branded uniform. We would also recommend bringing in a jumper that currently fits your child, to compare sizing if this helps.

Size 22" = approx. 2/3 yrs	XS - 36" = approx. 14 yrs
Size 24" = approx. 3\4 yrs	S - 38" = approx. 15 yrs
Size 26" = approx. 5\6 yrs	M - 40" = approx. 16 yrs
Size 28" = approx. 7\8 yrs	L - 42" = approx. 17 yrs
Size 30" = approx. 9\10 yrs	
Size 32" = approx. 11\12 yrs	
Size 34" = approx. 13 yrs	

Uniform will be available to purchase at school on **Tuesday 31st August** between **10am-12noon**.

Summer Sports Camp

Please find attached flyer for a Summer Camp. Priority will go to those on Free School Meals/Pupil Premium, but there will be an opportunity for other families to access this Summer Camp on a priority need basis. Families need to email hafsummer@bcfforum.org to request booking details and to determine eligibility in first instance.

Summer Holiday Vibes

For a **£1** donation, come to school on **Wednesday 21st July** wearing your best summer outfits. Don't forget your accessories like hats and sunglasses to complete your look. Please remember sensible footwear is required.

Ice Pole Cool Down

We will be selling ice poles at **50p** each, after school on **Monday 19th July** to help cool down.

Sports Mornings

The children thoroughly enjoyed their sports mornings, which were a great success. We would like to say a big thank-you to Mrs Jackson and Mr Rodrigues, for volunteering their time to come and take pictures of the events.

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Dates for your Diary

Ice pole sale (after school)	Monday 19 th July
Year 6 Leavers' Mass in Church	20 th July 2pm
Year 6 Leavers' Party in School Hall	20 th July 6-8pm
Cake Sale	Wednesday 21 st July
Summer theme dress up	Wednesday 21 st July
Last day of Summer Term	Wednesday 21 st July
First day of Autumn Term	Wednesday 1 st September

This Week's Attendance

Reception	97.7%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	87.0%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	N/A
Year 5	96.6%
Year 6	N/A
Whole school	92.2%

★ Well done Year 1 ★
– best attendance for this week with
97.9%