

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
18th June 2021

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **calm**. "Our God, after the storms, will send the calm." Saint Francis de Sales.

I recently met with our School Council to discuss how to make our school even better. We have not had many opportunities to meet during the current year, so every meeting is an important chance to debate the different areas of school life.

I have discussed with the children in past meetings, the importance of having an active student voice, the rules we should follow and the values they think are essential to our school.

During our last meeting, we discussed an issue that typically brings many arguments to the table: **Uniform**.

To my surprise, our school council unanimously agreed that wearing a uniform is important to them. I have to confess, I was quite relieved to hear that, if not slightly surprised!

Students are proposing some minor changes to our current uniform; nothing too dramatic, as we do not want to change the identity of St Vincent's School. Many of their changes are practical, as well as fair to every child. We have not made any decisions yet, because we would like to consult with the rest of the school.

Children were very clear about why they thought we need our uniform:

- The act of putting on a uniform in the morning adds purpose to our day, helps us get ready for school.
- We are all equal with our uniform; there are no worries about labels or fashions to follow. We are all judged on our merits and not by our clothes.
- It creates a sense of community; team St Vincent's!
- Wearing it says we're all in this together.

Of course, as you can imagine, those thoughts are music to a headteacher's ears.

What do parents think about our uniform?

Please let me know:
What works well...
Even better if...

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Gonzalez

Gospel Reflection

Matthew 4:35-41

Jesus was in a boat with his disciples, when the wind started to blow really strongly and the waves started crashing against the boat. They were so high that the boat almost sank.

Jesus told the wind and the sea to be quiet and still. The wind stopped blowing and the waves stopped crashing against the boat. Jesus asked the disciples why they were frightened and why they didn't have faith that everything would be ok.

Sometimes, when everything around us is scary and going wrong, it can be hard to keep our faith in God. We can feel like God is no longer with us and it is hard to see how things

will get better. God works through us and through others, who are there to help and support us in the difficult times. The next time that we are sad or afraid, let us remember that we are never alone. God is always with us.

Let's try to see God in those who make us laugh and be happy, or who help us when we are frightened – our friends, our family, our teachers... And let's also try to be there for other people when they are facing difficult times, so that they know that God is still with them too.

Prayer;

God of courage, help us to be brave when things are difficult, and to be there for others who are facing hard times, so they may know that they are not alone.
Amen



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Stars of the Week

Reception – Oliver for working well in phonics and applying sounds in writing.
Year 1 – Aziah for working hard and for excellent reading and writing.
Year 2 – Dominik for always being polite and well mannered.
Year 3 – Kiana for bringing joy to the classroom and being a wonderful friend.
Year 4 – Isla for showing great resilience towards new learning and always trying her best and Gabriel M for having a great 'give it a go' attitude and always trying his best.
Year 5 – Maria and Aaliyah for making a great effort to improve their writing.
Year 6 – Leona for transforming her whole attitude to work, setting a good example and performing exceptionally well in all areas of her learning.

Revamp of our Website

We would like to give our school website a fresh new look and need your help! Are there any parents out there with a passion for photography, who could volunteer a couple of hours to take some images? We want to show our children's love for learning expressed via our website. Please get in touch with the school office if you think you can help.

Classlist App

We would like to invite our parents to join the new 'Classlist' app set up by our wonderful PTA. Please see attached a separate flyer with details.

Dates for your Diary

Book Fair preview	Tuesday 22 nd June
Book Fair purchasing	Friday 25 th June
Carrot Wood Outing: Year 6	Monday 5 th July
Sports morning: Rec, Years 1 & 2	Monday 12 th July am
Sports morning: Years 3 - 6	Friday 16 th July am
Last day of Summer Term	Wednesday 21 st July
First day of Autumn Term	Wednesday 1 st September 2021

This Week's Attendance

Reception	99.7%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	96.8%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	98.7%
Whole school	97.9%

★ Well done Reception ★
– best attendance for this week with
99.7%