

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
26th March 2021

Gospel Reflection

Mark 11:1-10

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday when we remember how Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem by crowds of people who waved palms and shouted "hosanna". We also hear how Jesus was arrested and crucified. Let's think a bit more about all this today.

Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem by crowds of people. They waved palm branches and shouted "hosanna".

How would we welcome Jesus if he arrived here today? How can we welcome Jesus into our lives?

They made Jesus carry his cross to the place where they would crucify him. The cross was heavy and Jesus struggled to carry it so the soldiers made someone help him.

It is sometimes very easy to help people – we know exactly what to do to make them happier or to solve their problem.

Sometimes it is very difficult to help people – others may laugh at us or think that someone is not worth helping. Or it may be that we do not know how to help them.

God of life and light, teach us how to help others and to live our lives in your love.

Amen.

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **Praise**. "Praise is the 'breath' which gives us life, because it is intimacy with God, an intimacy that grows through daily praise."

Let's talk values...

We know how our values reflect what is important to us in life. One may say they are the compass guiding our life goals. These values may change through our life and some of them are only short term aims. However, I believe we all have a set of values rooted in ourselves, which we learnt from our parents and families - a set of rules that help us grow and develop, a set of directions that reflect our sense of right and wrong.

All these values make up the person; they are the characteristics and behaviours that motivate our decisions. The way we relate to others, friends, family, school, teachers, is determined by our values.

Gospel values are what Jesus said, what Jesus did and what He told us to do. They are a perfect example of how we all should be.

If values help us create the future we want, if they regulate our daily decisions, which values are the most important?

At St Vincent's we want to collate a set of values that will define our school, in the hope that including them in our school days, will give our children the right tools to make the world a better place for future generations.

So the important question is:

What is one value you believe should be present in our school?

Please let me know by emailing the school and tell me the one value that you believe to be the most important – just one word, no need to explain why. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend

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Emails

As all our teachers have now returned to teaching from the classroom, they will be delivering lessons through the day. Therefore, there is no immediate expectation they check their emails daily. Hence, if you need to message your child's teacher, please do so by using the school email:

general.post@st-vincent.sch.uk

School Photographs

Some children did not have their individual photographs taken last year because their classes were closed. The school photographer will return on Tuesday 30th March to take individual photographs of children in Reception and Years 2, 5 and 6 and also of sibling groups.

Payments for School Meals and Breakfast Club

School meals cost £2.40 per day or **£12** per week. The cost of school meals for the first half of next term (up to 28th May) will be **£69.60** and for the whole term (up to 21st July) will be **£146.40**. Breakfast Club costs £5 per day. It would be much appreciated if you could pay for school meals and Breakfast Club for a whole week, half term or term, rather than on a daily basis.

Dates for your Diary

Last day of Spring Term	Wednesday 31 st March 2021
School re-opens for Summer Term	Monday 19 th April 2021
School closed for Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2021
Summer half term break	Monday 31 st May – Monday 7 th June
School re-opens	Tuesday 8 th June 2021
Last day of Summer Term	Wednesday 21 st July 2021

Stars of the Week

Reception – Annie: for working very hard in all learning activities and using wonderful vocabulary.

Year 1 - Henry: For working hard at activities and for fantastic work in Literacy.

Year 2 - Jason: For working really hard in numeracy.

Year 3 - Joshua: For always listening and trying his best in every lesson.

Year 4 - Lourdes: For showing a positive attitude towards her learning and for always treating others with such kindness.

Year 5 - Matthew: For his entertaining creative writing.

Year 6 - Chloe: For a great attitude to work and significant progress in all areas.

This Week's Attendance

Reception	98.7%
Year 1	98.9%
Year 2	92.3%
Year 3	97.7%
Year 4	87.2%
Year 5	95.6%
Year 6	95.0%
Whole school	94.9%