

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
2nd July 2021

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **Welcome**. *"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven."* Pope Francis.

Recently I wrote to you letting you know about some of the meetings I had with our School Council. One of the areas they felt very strongly about, if you remember, was our uniform. Our children are very proud of our school. They love attending St Vincent's and they want to show this with pride when they are out in the community. They asked me if they could have the school logo on their jumper to say confidently, "I am part of the St Vincent's team". They have explained to me how important that sense of belonging is to them, the knowing that they are in it together. That pride is reciprocated by the school and so we want to let everyone know that we are proud of our children, each and every one of them.

I announced to the School Council representatives yesterday, that I have decided to make that first change in our uniform and I will concede their wishes. Therefore, from September, parents will be able to purchase from school, a navy sweatshirt with our school logo. I understand this is a change and many children may have their uniform already. Please be assured this is in addition to the choices you already have and it is not compulsory. I have included a sample image of the new sweatshirt below. Sizes will range from 22"-34" and XS - L. Prices will be confirmed before the end of the term and I think you will agree, when I say, what an achievement the School Council has made.

One more request that the children made is regarding changes in the systems we have during playtime and lunchtime. They had great organisational ideas and suggestions about new games to play during breaks. The school will be able to purchase new playtime equipment to supplement the changes.

The School Council has taken their responsibility very seriously and are a great help, particularly when I would like to see the school's needs "through the eyes of a child".

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Gonzalez



Gospel Reflection

John 3:14-21

Jesus was back in his home town and teaching in the synagogue. The people who knew him were very surprised. They thought that they knew who Jesus was – the son of Mary and of Joseph the carpenter. They thought Jesus was just an ordinary man, but he wasn't.

Jesus is the Son of God. But the people he had grown up with could not accept that Jesus was special. They did not believe in him.

Sometimes when we know someone very well we can forget how special they are. It can be hard to see past all the things we know about them, to what they are really like. The people listening to Jesus in today's reading, judge him because of who he is and where he comes from. They are not willing to listen to him or to change their minds, even though he shows wisdom in his teaching. Do you think this is right? Why not? Let's try not to judge anyone for where they come from or who their family is, but instead listen to them, look out for the special things that they do, and see what we can learn from them.

Prayer:

*Lord, may our belief in you
help others to find you for
themselves
and believe in you too.*

Amen

@Cafod's children's liturgy

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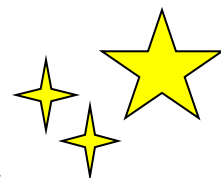
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Stars of the Week



Reception – Joshua for reading well and applying his phonics skills.
Year 1 – Isabelle for fantastic writing and reading.
Year 2 – Neriya for singing and dancing beautifully in music.
Year 3 – Ryan for showing kindness and patience towards his friends.
Year 4 – Jayden for trying very hard and focusing on his geography work.
Year 4 – Joshua for working well all through the week and making great effort.
Year 5 – Ruby for making an excellent improvement to her writing.
Year 5 – Leo for making an excellent improvement to his writing.
Year 5 – Iris for her excellent musicality.
Year 5 – Enzo for making an excellent effort to extend his knowledge.
Year 6 – Matthew for turning negative behaviour into positives and showing great maturity and self-discipline for the last 3 weeks.
Year 6 – Oliver for outstanding acting and singing in the 'Grease' musical.
Year 6 – Lara for outstanding acting and singing in the 'Grease' musical.

Lost Property

Our lost property box is overflowing with unclaimed items such as cardigans, jumpers and water bottles. Please feel free to come to the foyer and look to see if anything belongs to your child. We have also had a keyring handed in with a picture of a baby and adult. If you think this may belong to you, please contact the school office.

Production by Years 5 and 6

This summer's production by Years 5 and 6 will be recorded and made available to parents. The performances will also be streamed live via Zoom. Details of the meeting ID and password will be sent out by email at the beginning of next week.

Dates for your Diary

Year 6 Carrot Wood outing	Monday 5 th July
Years 5 & 6 Grease Production	6 th July pm (change of date)
Years 5 & 6 Grease Production	8 th July pm
NEW Reception visits (2021-22 class)	5 th July
Sports morning for Rec, Years 1 & 2	Monday 12 th July am
Sports morning for Years 3 - 6	Friday 16 th July am
Year 6 Leavers' Mass in School Hall	20 th July
Year 6 Leavers' Party in School Hall	20 th July 6pm-8pm
Cake Sale	Wednesday 21 st July
Last day of Summer Term	Wednesday 21 st July
First day of Term	Wednesday 1 st September

This Week's Attendance

Reception	97.7%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	99.3%
Year 3	94.8%
Year 4	96.5%
Year 5	99.3%
Year 6	98.0%
Whole school	97.3%

★ Well done Years 2 & 5 ★

– best attendance for this week with
99.3%