

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
9th July 2021

## Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **Listening**. *"Obeying God is listening to God, having an open heart to follow the path that God points out to us."* Pope Francis.

This week we had many ups and downs in our school. In the midst of celebrating with our Year 6, the end of their school time and just when they should be having 'fun, fun, fun...' we had another stark reminder of the virus that seemed to have gone away. Unfortunately, as we know, it did not go away, it was just in the background, waiting for the right moment when we show weakness, to strike and spoil our good times. With a positive case, we then had to close our Year 6 bubble.

Moreover, I had to send children home who thought it was the most unfair thing in the world. They are right, it is unfair, but as we know, there is nothing fair about this pandemic. The virus is still in the community and it is still threatening our health and our daily routines. Perhaps this was the reminder we needed to get back on focus. We need to remain alert and cautious.

Let us look at the bright side, because, as always there is a bright side. Year 6 will come back on the 16<sup>th</sup> and we will still have time to celebrate, to carry out the performance and to get together to say goodbye to primary school and begin the next leg of their life journey. We will also take the time to gather, to pause, to reflect and to worship, thanking God for the blessings in our lives.

We had, on the other hand great moments, which we will treasure; moments that brighten even the cloudiest days. Last Saturday, I attended the Holy Communion for some of our children. It was a beautiful service. It is lovely to see the families coming together to celebrate such a precious and meaningful time. The mass was made extra special by the singing of our own Westminster Chorister, Enzo.

Our Year 3 children waited a long time to receive Jesus in Eucharist, and they were ready. This was clear by the glow on their faces as they prepared throughout the service. They have invited Jesus into their hearts; may they continue to invite him into their lives on a daily basis.

I am now looking forward to witness the Holy Communion next Saturday with the rest of the children.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Gonzalez

## Gospel Reflection

**Mark 6:7-13**

Jesus sends his disciples out to spread his word, but what did he say that they could take with them?

They weren't allowed to take anything with them, except a stick, to help them walk on their journey. They couldn't take a bag, or any food, or any money.

The disciples had nothing – it must have been very difficult. And without food or money to buy food, they could have been very hungry. They had to rely on the people they met along the way being kind and generous, inviting the disciples to stay with them and share their food.

The most important thing the apostles carried was the message that Jesus had sent them with. This was the Good News that he had brought to share with the world, to lead people back to God's love and everlasting life; to love God and each other, to be forgiving and kind, and to live as Jesus had taught them. God would guide and look after the brave apostles on their mission, taking care of all their needs.

Jesus knew that good people would welcome his apostles into their hearts and homes and take care of them.

### Prayer

*Lord Jesus, you chose the twelve apostles to bring your message to the world. You also chose to give each one of us life, and to welcome us into the family of God. Help us to share your message of love and truth with the people we meet each day.*

**Amen**



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## Stars of the Week

Reception – Leah for excellent singing and joining in during music with Miss Mckeag.

Reception – Darcie for fantastic flamenco dancing.

Year 1 – Max for brilliant maths and working hard in literacy.

Year 2 – Victoria for always being kind and a good friend.

Year 3 – Jasmine for always showing patience and kindness to her friends.

Year 4 – Jayden for trying very hard and focusing on his geography work.

Year 4 – Maria for always being a kind girl and helping others.

Year 4 – Gabriel O for working hard on his handwriting and always trying his best.

Year 4 – Morayo for working hard in all lessons and for being a good friend to others.

Year 5 – Michel for making a good effort in all his subjects.

Year 5 – Zaina, Nathan and Victory for making such a great effort to improve their handwriting.

Year 5 – Ziva for working hard to improve her music.

Year 5 – Emmanuel for doing so much extra work to improve his education.

Year 5 – Noah for being an all-round excellent student.

Year 5 – Maksim for excellent mathematics.

Year 6 – Lara A for being very inspirational and a good motivator in a couple of difficult situations.

Year 6 – for working extremely hard and with great dedication and commitment.

Year 6 – Mattia for been very positive and giving his best effort throughout the week.

## Spanish Day

Today the children have been enjoying '**Spanish Day**' filled with Spanish-themed activities, taking part in dance, music, cooking and art lessons.



**Year 1 making cupcakes   Reception teaching Salsa!   Year 4 making Spanish omelettes**

## 'Grease' Production

This week our Year 6 class put on their production of 'Grease' the musical. The performances were streamed live via Google Classroom and performed to the rest of the school. It was a huge hit!



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## Book Fair

We are pleased to announce that the book fair raised rewards of **£973.85** for the school. We will use this amount to purchase books, which will enhance our whole school reading schemes and book corners, throughout the school.

## Class Teachers

The class teachers for the next academic year, 2021/2022, are as follows:

Reception - Miss Smith  
Year 1 – Mrs Hewett  
Year 2 – Mrs Campbell  
Year 3 – Mrs Riley and Miss Sidhu  
Year 4 – Miss Mckeag  
Year 5 – Miss Clark and Ms O'Sullivan  
Year 6 – Mr Moore

## School Uniform

Following on from last week's newsletter, we have decided to supply branded cardigans along with our new jumpers. We are hoping to have the new uniform available for purchase in school **between 10am and 12noon on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August**. Prices will be as follows;

Item	Size	Price
V-neck sweatshirt	22" 24" 26" 28" 30" 32" 34"	£8.70
V-neck sweatshirt	XS(36'') S(38'') M(40'') L(42'')	£10.00
V-neck cardigans	22" 24" 26" 28" 30" 32" 34"	£10.00
V-neck cardigans	XS(36'') S(38'') M(40'') L(42'')	£12.00
Tie		£2.50
Book bag		£4.50
Small gym bag		£3.50
Large kit bag		£5.00

*\*Please note we accept cash, cheque or bank transfer only. We do not have the facilities to accept payment by card.\**

## Dates for your Diary

Sports morning for Reception, Years 1 & 2	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July am
Sports morning for Years 3 - 6	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July am
Year 6 Leavers' Mass in School Hall	20 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 Leavers' Party in School Hall	20 <sup>th</sup> July 6pm-8pm
Cake Sale	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
Last day of Summer Term	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
First day of Autumn Term	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September

## This Week's Attendance

Reception	<b>99.4%</b>
Year 1	94.6%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	92.8%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	98.3%
Year 6	82.4%
Whole school	<b>95.4%</b>

★ Well done Reception ★  
– best attendance for this week with  
**99.4%**