

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
10 November 2023

Dear parents and families,

As we approach Remembrance Sunday, a day of solemn reflection and gratitude, I wanted to take a moment to share some thoughts with you. This week, I had the privilege of speaking to our children about the profound impact of past and present conflicts on everyone's lives. It was an opportunity to discuss how change begins with our own individual actions.

In a world where our students are constantly exposed to a myriad of information, it is crucial that we guide them in understanding the significance of historical events, particularly those that have shaped the course of our society. I spoke to the children about the sacrifices made by countless individuals, who have served and continue to serve our country and the lasting effects of these sacrifices on our lives today.

As we observe Remembrance Sunday this weekend, let us remember not only the bravery and dedication of those who served, but also the responsibility we bear as individuals in contributing to a more peaceful and harmonious world. Our actions, no matter how small, have the potential to create positive change.

I encourage all members of our school community to engage in conversations with our students about the lessons of Remembrance Sunday and the role each of us plays in shaping a better future. By reinforcing the school values of Love, Forgiveness and Compassion, together with personal responsibility, we contribute to the shaping of kind-hearted and responsible global citizens.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping our children understand the profound lessons that can be gleaned from Remembrance Sunday. Together, let us strive to make a positive impact through our individual actions.

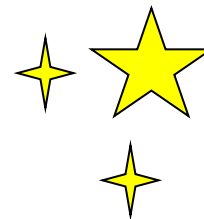
Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

Reception – Athena for making great progress in writing.
Year 1 – Amanda for being kind and for working hard in literacy.
Year 2 – Skye for working well and creating lovely artwork.
Year 3 – Olu for working hard at uplevelling maths skills.
Year 4 – Elena for showing compassion to her classmates.
Year 5 – Alice for having a fantastic attitude towards her learning and working hard.
Year 6 – Diana for her excellent history work.



School Value Awards

Reception – Rio for showing curiosity in the classroom and trying new things.
Year 1 – Ben for showing resilience with new areas of learning.
Year 2 – Orion for showing aspiration by working hard to give fantastic answers.
Year 3 – Annie for showing aspiration to complete tasks to a good standard.
Year 4 – Stefano for building resilience in his learning.
Year 5 – Elsie for always showing compassion and love towards her friends.
Year 6 – Valentino for showing great resilience.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 15 November	Year 2 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 15 November	Year 3 visit to Mass (leaving school at 09:00)
Wednesday 15 November	Year 4 visit to library (leaving school at 13:40)
Friday 17 November	Odd Socks Day (school uniform but with socks of any colour)
Monday 20 November	Year 5 visit to library (leaving school at 13:40)
Wednesday 22 November	Year 1 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 22 November	Year 4 visit to Mass (leaving school at 09:00)
Monday 27 November	Year 5 trip to Horniman Museum
Tuesday 28 November	Nasal flu vaccination
Wednesday 29 November	Year 3 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 29 November	Year 5 visit to Mass (leaving school at 09:00)
Thursday 30 November	School disco and tuck shop
Wednesday 6 December	Year 4 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 6 December	Year 6 visit to Mass (leaving school at 09:00)
Thursday 7 December	Christmas Fair 14:00 – 16:30
Tuesday 12 December	Years 1 & 2 Nativity 14:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 13 December	Reception Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 13 December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 December	Reception Nativity 14:00 Parents welcome
Tuesday 19 December	Years 3 – 6 Carol Concert 14:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 20 December	Class Christmas parties
Wednesday 20 December	Last day of Autumn term

This Week's Attendance

6 - 10 November 2023	
Reception	98.4%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	98.6%
Year 4	95.4%
Year 5	92.7%
Year 6	99.1%
Whole school	97.0%



School Disco

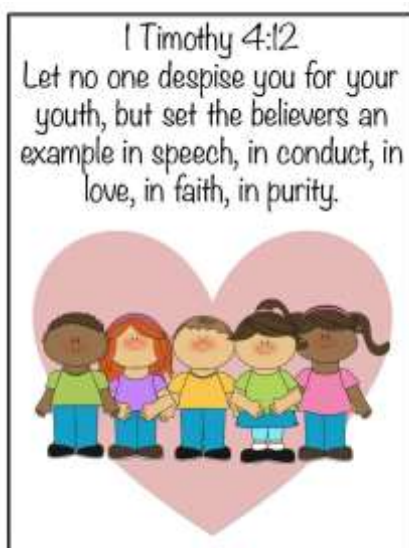
A school winter disco will take place in the school hall on Thursday 30th November. The infant disco will run from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. The junior disco will run from 4.30 until 6.00pm. The ticket price is £5. This includes entrance to the disco, unlimited squash or milk, a choice of hot snack and fruit. Children will also receive a glow stick on arrival, and have the opportunity to take part in crafts and other activities during the event. A tuck shop will be selling extra treats. Tickets are on sale in the playground.

We can only run these events with the help and support of parents. If you are able to help, please add your details to the sign up form. You may do this either in the playground when you purchase your tickets or in the foyer at any time.

Christmas Fair

We are beginning the preparations for the upcoming Christmas Fair. We would be grateful for donations of bottles of drink (both alcoholic and soft drinks), soft toys in good condition and any other 'Christmassy' items that you think our children will enjoy. Please bring your donations to the canopy in the playground, before school any morning **from 20 November**. Thank you.

Scripture of the Week



We would like to share with you the Scripture of the Week, which has been at the heart of some of our Religious Education curriculum this week. It has served as a guiding light for our students, as they explore and deepen their understanding of faith and values.