

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
11th February 2022

The Wednesday Word for this week is **Trust**. "Put your trust in God! The Beatitudes are Jesus' way of life." Pope Francis.

Dear Parents and Families,

On Tuesday 8th February, as a school and alongside 170 countries across the globe, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. It's a day when we celebrate all the great things about being online and remind ourselves how we can stay safe. The theme this year was 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online.' It inspired conversations in the classroom about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. During my assembly this week, my question for the children was, 'What does being respectful mean?' Some of the responses that children shared included 'showing kindness to others', 'treating others the way that we would like to be treated' and simply 'being nice people.' It made me feel proud to hear the children share these responses, showing as always what kind, understanding, and respectful children we have at St Vincent's. It is important that we continue to work together to educate and equip our children on the safe and positive use of the ever growing and changing digital technology. This way we can best prepare them for any challenges or problems they may face online.

On another note, I am sad to let you know that Mrs Beach, our wonderful admin assistant, is moving on to pastures new after half term. She has an exciting job opportunity at a new school. On behalf of everyone at St Vincent's, we would like to wish her well in her new job role, and thank her for her commitment to the school over the past few years. She will be greatly missed.

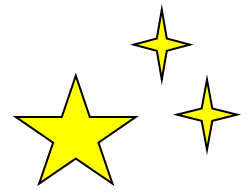
Thank you for all your kind words and support this week. All members of staff, as always, have worked incredibly hard in another busy half term, in which we have been impacted heavily by COVID. Their commitment, hard work and resilience never cease to amaze me. They are excellent role models to our children and we are very lucky to have them all.

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term break,

Mrs Hall

Mottingham Library

During the half term break, Bromley libraries are running a range of different activities for the children to take part in. At Mottingham Library their 'Move IT at Half Term' involves a new interactive game floor, new Table Tennis table, and a variety of games & Lego. There is also an opportunity to meet children's author, Penny Chrimes. Please see separate flyers for details.



Stars of the Week

Reception – Camilla for showing kindness and love to her friends and for being a great team player.
 Year 1 – Leo for having a good attitude to learning and working hard.
 Year 1 – Lillie for working hard in class and for being polite and helpful.
 Year 2 – Maximilian for always being respectful and well-mannered to everyone.
 Year 3 – Lainey for being a great role model to other children in Year 3.
 Year 4 – Polly for working hard in class answering questions and for always trying her best.
 Year 5 – Orla for always having a positive attitude towards learning.
 Year 6 – Tosia for making a great effort to improve her writing.

Mental Health Week – ‘Growing’

This week is Children’s Mental Health Week (7-13 February 2022). This year’s theme is **Growing Together**. We’re encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown and how they can help others to grow. In classes, the children have been exploring this theme. Here are some examples of Year 2 growing ‘grass heads’ for the ‘Growing Together’ theme.



Library visits, Masses and Class Liturgies

Next half term we are hoping to reintroduce library visits, masses and class liturgies. For liturgies, we are hoping parents will attend, depending on current guidelines. All liturgies start at 9am. If you are able to volunteer for library visits and masses, please let the class teacher know. Class liturgies for Year 3 and Reception will be at the beginning of the summer term.

Last Week’s Attendance

31 st Jan – 4 th February 2022	
Reception	95.1%
Year 1	96.4%
Year 2	93.2%
Year 3	91.8%
Year 4	95.3%
Year 5	93.2%
Year 6	94.3%
Whole school	94.1%



Gospel Reflection

Luke 6:17-23

A large crowd of people had gathered to listen to Jesus who sat down and began to speak:

*'Happy are the poor, for their riches are stored in heaven.
Happy are the hungry, because God will take care of their needs.
All who weep and are sad will know only joy and laughter.
Be happy when people are cruel or unkind because you follow me,
for your reward will be granted in heaven'.*

Prayer:

Teach us, Lord, that true happiness comes from you and is worth more than all our worldly possessions.

Amen.

Dates for your Diary

School closed for Half Term break	Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th February
First day of second half of term	Monday 21st February
Year 2 Liturgy	Wednesday 2 nd March
Year 6 Mass	Wednesday 2 nd March
Year 5 Library visit	Wednesday 2 nd March
Year 4 library visit	Monday 7 th March
Year 4 Liturgy	Wednesday 9 th March
Year 5 Mass	Wednesday 9 th March
Year 1 Liturgy	Wednesday 16 th March
Year 2 Mass	Wednesday 16 th March
Year 3 Library visit	Wednesday 16 th March
Year 5 Liturgy	Wednesday 23 rd March
Year 4 Mass	Wednesday 23 rd March
Year 2 Library visit	Wednesday 23 rd March
Year 6 Liturgy	Wednesday 30 th March
Year 3 Mass	Wednesday 30 th March
Last day of term	Friday 1st April
School closed for Easter break	Monday 4 th April – Monday 18 th April
First day of Summer Term	Tuesday 19th April