

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
12th November 2021

Dear Parents

As in many schools and organisations around the country, since September we have tried to bring 'normal' to our school. By this, I refer to the typicality of school as it was before the pandemic. We know that last year we had to change many procedures, which we can now refer to as 'how it used to be'. For example, children were separated in 'bubbles' and they were not allowed to play, eat or work together in different year groups. Another procedure that we changed was that children were allowed to come to school wearing their sportswear, their P.E. kit. For all children in Years 2 to 6, we have reverted to coming to school in full school uniform and only wearing the kit for the P.E. lesson.

What we are trying to do is to put back the emphasis on the learning and to bring back the structures that we believe will help children focus on each lesson.

One important part of this dedication and concentration on learning is our uniform, which is something we are very proud of. School uniform can play a valuable role by: setting an appropriate tone; instilling pride; supporting positive behaviour and discipline; encouraging identity with, and support for, the school ethos; protecting children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and, nurturing cohesion and promoting good relations between different groups of pupils. I also believe that it supports effective teaching and learning.

At the moment, I have observed many variations of colours and items of clothing and unfortunately, many of them do not adhere to our uniform rules.

As mentioned in previous letters, I have been working closely with our School Council discussing our uniform. They unanimously agree that we should always wear uniform in school and that it should be appropriate and consistent throughout the year groups.

Our School Council has plans for some appropriate changes to our uniform, but this needs to be done in consultation with parents and governors.

During the next few weeks we will be talking to children and encouraging them to adhere to the correct uniform. We expect all our pupils to wear our school uniform when in school. The School Uniform and Appearance Policy is attached separately.

Please support us by sending your child, wearing the correct uniform. Thank you to all parents and families who already do this.

Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

Reception – Amirah for always working hard in all activities and showing kindness to and helping others.

Year 1 – Aurora for working hard in class and being kind to others.

Year 2 – Guilherme for trying really hard in literacy with writing.

Year 3 – Mercedes for always trying her best at all tasks. You never give up!

Year 4 – Joshua for always working hard in all lessons and for being a kind boy.

Year 5 – Eva for showing great resilience in her learning and always trying her best.

Year 6 – Morgane for making excellent progress in her maths.

Anti-Bullying Week 2021: One Kind Word

Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and takes place from 15th to 19th November 2021 and it has the theme One Kind Word. We will end the week on **Friday 19th with Odd Socks Day**. We are asking for a minimum contribution of **£1** to help raise awareness. Please send contributions in on this day.

Girls Football

Please see below links regarding Girls Football coaching opportunities at Bromley FC. If you have any questions relating to any of the sessions, then please contact Bromley FC directly.

Girls' 'Community provision':

- Tuesdays (5pm-6pm): Midweek Girls' Soccer School ages 5-14 (<http://bromleyfc.tv/community/monday-and-tuesday-midweek-soccer-schools-book-now/>)
- Saturdays (10am-11am, Wildcats, aged 4-10): (<http://bromleyfc.tv/community/wildcats-girls-4-10yrs/>)
- Saturdays (11am-12pm, Girls aged 10+): <http://bromleyfc.tv/community/dedicated-girls-soccer-girls-10yrs/>

Last Week's Attendance

1 st – 5 th November 2021	
Reception	95.3%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	97.6%
Year 5	98.5%
Year 6	95.0%
Whole school	96.4%



Dates for your Diary

Year 4 Library visit	Monday 15 th November 2pm
Year 5 visit to Mass	Wednesday 17 th November
Odd Socks Day	Friday 19 th November
Year 3 Library visit	Wednesday 24 th November
Nasal Flu Vaccinations	Wednesday 8 th December
Christmas lunch	Wednesday 8 th December
Christmas Fair	Thursday 9 th December 3-5pm
Last day of term	Friday 17 th December

Lest We Forget

This week the children have been working hard on displays for around the school for Remembrance Day.



Gospel Reflection

Mark 13:24-32

We often prepare for special events. Can you think of some events that we get ready for?

We get ready to welcome visitors. We prepare when there is going to be a new baby in the family. We prepare for a party or a meal. We get ready for the school play.

All around the world, children get ready to go to school in the morning. They get up, get washed and dressed, have breakfast and make their way to school ready to learn. When they get home, many children help their parents get dinner ready, so that the family can have something to eat. By doing their homework each night, children everywhere are also learning and preparing for their future.

Do you get ready in any of these ways during your day? Which ones? Can you think of any other ways that you get ready or prepare for things?

In today's gospel Jesus talks about the time when he will come again. Do you remember what he says about when that will be?

Jesus says that nobody except God knows when Jesus will come again. But as his followers, we should still try to be ready to greet him when he comes. How do you think we can be ready for Jesus? What kind of people should we be so that we are ready for Jesus?

We can try to be ready by doing all that Jesus asks of us. By loving God and one another and by helping other people. By living in peace with each other and by sharing what we have so that all people have enough.

What will you do so that you can try to be ready when Jesus comes again in glory?

Prayer: God of power, show us how to live in peace and harmony with each other, so that we may be ready to welcome your Son Jesus when he comes again in glory. Amen.

Wednesday word: Faithfulness. 'Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.'