

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
13 January 2023

Dear parents and families,

Thank you very much for all your replies to our survey regarding Parents Evening.

We had a good mix of responses and once analysed, it was clear there is a significant number of parents who prefer an online appointment. Therefore, we have decided to adapt the setup of our meetings to find the best fit for all of you. On this occasion, we have organised a blended approach to our parents evening. We will run one evening with appointments face to face and the rest of appointments will be online.

As announced in my last newsletter, the evenings will run on the week commencing 6th February. We have allocated the face-to-face slots for Wednesday and in addition, every teacher will be organising their availability for the online appointments throughout the week.

You might remember from the last academic year that we used a secure online system called School Cloud. We will continue using the same system as it proved to be user friendly and successful. Please do not worry if you do not remember how to use it or you forgot your log in details, you will receive a letter with all the necessary steps.

It is important to note that all the meetings, face to face or online, will have the same length of time, 10 minutes. It is important to adhere to this to be fair to the rest of parents.

The week before your meeting, you will be able to come and see your child/ren's work. This is an important time, which I feel complements perfectly your conversation with the teacher. Typically, after looking at the quality of work in the books, parents do not get major surprises when talking to the teacher.

We are hopeful that this blended approach will suit most of our families and will help particularly those who find it difficult to fit a school visit within their busy day.

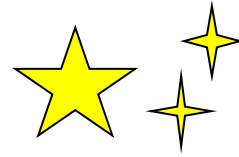
As always, we continue looking for improvements to our systems and we want, within our capability, to move with current times and the different working patterns for parents as well as for teachers.

I am also taking into consideration one of Ofsted requirements that is for schools to consider staff wellbeing and their work life balance.

As a whole, I am trying to have everybody in mind when making any decisions; I will let you know how that works for all of us!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

Reception – Zeki for working hard with all activities and confidently speaking about his learning.

Year 1 – George for a wonderful week of learning and working hard with his writing.

Year 2 – Lukas for working hard in class and being kind to others.

Year 3 – Aziah for showing aspiration in all tasks and participating in class.

Year 4 – Imogen for being a role model to others and for always showing a love for learning.

Year 5 – Sophie for engaging well in lessons and sharing ideas.

Year 6 – Lizzie for making an excellent effort to improve the amount of work she does.

Admission to Reception 2023

The deadline for applications for admission to Reception Class in September 2023 for children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 is **15 January 2023**. Please complete an application on the website of the borough in which you live. In addition, please complete a Supplementary Information Form (available from the school office or the school website) and return this to the school office, with a copy of your child's full birth certificate and, if applicable, a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

Dates for your Diary

Year 5 Library visit	Wednesday 18 January (leaving at 1.40pm)
Year 6 Mass	Wednesday 18 January (leaving at 9am)
Year 4 Liturgy assembly	Wednesday 18 January at 9am
Year 3 Mass	Wednesday 25 January (leaving at 9am)
Year 6 Liturgy assembly	Wednesday 25 January at 9am
Book Looks Reception, Years 1&2 in school hall	Tuesday 31 January 8.45-10am
Book Looks Years 5&6 in school hall	Wednesday 1 February 8.45-10am
Book Looks for all classes in classrooms	Wednesday 1 February 3.30-4.30pm
Book Looks Years 3&4 in school hall	Friday 3 February 8.45-10am

Speaking with Teachers

If you need to speak with a teacher after school, please wait to the side so that the teacher can firstly ensure all children from their class have been collected. Thank you.

Year 4 and Year 5 PE sessions

The Year 4 and Year 5 PE sessions with Charlton Athletic have now finished. The children will need to bring in their PE kits to change into on both Mondays and Thursdays. They will no longer have the Tuesday session.

Prayer and Reflection

John 1:29-34

Today we hear how something special happened to Jesus after his baptism. The Holy Spirit came down and rested on him. We are going to think about the Holy Spirit and how it can help us to do what is right.

John tells us how he saw the Holy Spirit come like a dove to rest on Jesus. Because of this, John believed that Jesus was the Son of God.

A dove is one way that the Holy Spirit shows itself, but most of the time the Spirit is invisible. We cannot see it.

One way to think about the Holy Spirit is the wind. You cannot see the wind, but you can see the branches of the tree moving when the wind blows. Or you can see a windmill spinning round.

The wind can be very strong. The wind can also be very helpful.

Like the wind, the Holy Spirit is very strong and helps us. We receive the Holy Spirit when we are baptised and the Spirit stays with us all through our lives, helping us to do things that are difficult.

Jesus asks us to love other people, to care for people who are sick and to bring good news to people who are poor. This is not always easy, especially when people are in different countries to us. However, when we do these things, other people can see the Holy Spirit working through us, just as we can see the wind in the trees.

The Holy Spirit can help us to take care of the world that God has given to us.

The Holy Spirit can help us to be kind, generous and brave and to work together with others to make the world a better place for all people.

God sends the Holy Spirit to help and guide us and so we pray together.

Prayer

God of power, fill us with your Spirit and inspire us to make changes to our lives so that we can help others around the world.

Amen.

