

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
14th January 2022

The Wednesday Word for this week is **Joy**. "If we are close to Jesus, we will have a joy in our hearts and a smile on our face." Pope Francis.

Dear parents,

This week, I was approached by a member of the community, who was concerned about some of the parking by parents at St Vincent's. As you know from previous communications, this is not the first time that we know of unhappy neighbours who are affected by inconsiderate parking. On this occasion, our neighbour was an elderly resident, which was what prompted me to write to all of you.

We daily teach our children about compassion and love for others, in fact Compassion and Love are two of our school values. There is no better lesson than when we can show our children how we apply those values in our daily lives. Then, let's all, parents and teachers, show that even when we are pushed for time, even if it is inconvenient, we always think about others. Let's remember that those 'little eyes and ears' are always looking up at us for guidance and to learn from our actions. What do we teach them when we park inconsiderately and then proceed to argue with the elderly resident about the parking? Please remember to keep people's drives free and accessible. Wherever we park in the school vicinity, we should always be mindful of not leaving a car where it could cause an obstruction to residents accessing their homes. Even if it is for a minute, that is a minute too long.

This week, a number of children in our school have caught Covid. I would like to wish them and their families a speedy recovery. We are missing you in school and are looking forward to having you back with us. We are praying that you'll all be safe.

Dear God, our friends are ill.

They are not allowed to come to school or come over to play.

We are sad because we miss them.

They must be feeling miserable and lonely as well.

Please be close to them.

Please be with the people who are looking after them.

Please help them to get better and to know that you love them.

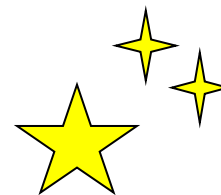
Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez

Admission to Reception September 2022

If you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, please remember that the deadline for applications for Primary School admission in September 2022, is **15th January 2022**. You should apply online on the website of the borough in which you live. In addition you should complete a Supplementary Information Form which can be found on the school website or may be obtained from the school office.



Stars of the Week

Reception – Skye for excellent use of phonics this week. Skye wrote a caption independently in literacy.

Year 1 – Leah for amazing artwork and working hard in class.

Year 1 – Victor for great maths work and for giving good answers.

Year 2 – Elena for always working really hard in literacy and numeracy and for being resilient in class.

Year 3 – Bella for challenging herself and not giving up even when tasks seem hard. What a beautiful attitude to learning.

Year 4 – Sophie for always being a kind, hard-working girl.

Year 5 – Joshua M for an excellent attitude towards his learning and trying his best in every subject.

Year 6 – Cynthia for excellent RE work.

Dates for your Diary

Year 6 Mass	Wednesday 19 th January
Special Lunch Menu	Thursday 20 th January
Year 4 Library visit	Monday 24 th January
Year 5 Mass	Wednesday 26 th January
Year 4 Mass	Wednesday 2 nd February
Year 3 Library visit	Wednesday 2 nd February
Year 3 Mass	Wednesday 9 th February
Year 2 Library visit	Wednesday 9 th February
Last day of the first half of term	Friday 11 th February
School closed for Half Term break	Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th February
First day of second half term	Monday 21 st February
Year 2 Mass	Wednesday 23 rd February

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are pleased to inform you that the Needlecraft Club will restart next week for children in Years 3 -5. Parents of children in those classes have received a separate letter.

Last Week's Attendance

4 th – 7 th January 2022	
Reception	97.9%
Year 1	87.5%
Year 2	91.0%
Year 3	84.6%
Year 4	87.5%
Year 5	94.7%
Year 6	93.6%
Whole school	90.8%



Gospel Reflection

John 2:1-11

Jesus, his mother Mary, and the disciples were at a wedding, where they ran out of wine. Mary asked Jesus to help and so he changed some water into wine so that the celebration could continue.

How do you think the servants must have felt when they saw that the water had turned into wine?

It must have been very surprising for them. And for the bride and bridegroom who were told that they had saved the best wine for last.

What do you think the word "miracle" means?

When we don't know how something happens, and we know it can only have been done by God, we call it a miracle. Turning the water into wine is the first miracle that Jesus performed. We can think of some other miracles: feeding the 5000, healing people etc.

The miracle shows us how special and important Jesus is. It shows us that he is the Son of God and that he can do anything.

While we cannot work miracles, we can make real changes that make a difference to our own lives and the lives of others.

What changes do you think we can make to help build a fairer world, so that all people have what they need to live happy, healthy and peaceful lives?

Through seeing Jesus' miracle, the disciples believed in him. Through our actions, we hope that others will see that we believe in Jesus too.

Closing prayer: *God of life, may we be inspired by the miracles that your Son Jesus performed, to do our best to make a real difference to others around the world. Amen.*

Extracted from Cafod's children's liturgy