

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
15th July 2022

Dear Parents and families,

Re: Hot weather

As you may be aware, we are expecting very high temperatures on Monday and Tuesday and we would like to ensure your child is well protected from the heat whilst at school. Schools follow the same rules as workplaces for staying open in the heat, meaning there is no limit at which children must legally be sent home.

You might hear on the news how some schools are choosing to relax their uniform rules, such as switching from trousers to shorts or removing ties and blazers.

Our Summer uniform is already adapted for hot weather. We encourage children to wear summer dresses, shorts instead of trousers and short sleeve shirts. As an exception to our rules, we will allow children to remove their ties and undo their top button if needed.

Other steps we are taking:

Before School:

- Parents are encouraged to ensure students apply sunscreen before they come to school, and to bring this with them in order to re-apply it when necessary.
- It is important that your child bring a bottle of water to school, which can be re-filled during the day as needed.
- Students should also bring a sun hat, which covers their head, neck and ears for their PE Lessons. Baseball hats are not appropriate because they do not shield the neck, ears or face.

During School:

- We will encourage the students to stay in the shade during playtime and lunch, and additional spaces will be made available inside the building.
- Pupils will be encouraged to have their water bottles in the classroom and to drink at regular intervals. There are a number of water fountains in school, where students can re-fill bottles at break, lunch or between lessons.
- As far as possible, PE classes will take place in shaded areas or inside spaces. Students will be reminded to wear their sun hats and have water bottles with them. If the heat is excessive, alternative activities will be arranged for your child in a classroom space.
- We will use alternative places, to teach some classes elsewhere if the temperature indoors is unacceptably hot.

I would also consider closing the school earlier, however, this will be a consideration only when we have exhausted all other strategies and the learning conditions remain unacceptable.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week

Reception – Amirah for showing care and kindness to her friends and teachers, always.
Year 1 – Gerry for wonderful art and for being very helpful.
Year 2 – Max for growing in confidence and coming out of his shell.
Year 3 – Anna for showing aspiration when taking maths challenges.
Year 4 – Isabelle for working hard in class and for using beautiful manners.
Year 5 – Grace for continuous engagement and commitment to learning.
Year 6 – All members of Year 6 are "Stars" because of their excellent performances in the musical.



Dates for your Diary

Summer Fair	Saturday 16 th July
Children meet their new teachers	Wednesday 20 th July a.m.
Year 6 Leavers' Mass	Wednesday 20 th July at 2.00pm
Mini Vinnies' Cake Sale	Thursday 21 st July
Last day of Summer Term	Friday 22 nd July
First day of Autumn Term	Thursday 1 st September

Spanish Biscuit Sale

Thank you to all the families at St Vincent's for taking part in our Spanish biscuit sale. We have raised vital money for our school projects and the children had a lot of fun along the way.



Mini Vinnies' Cake Sale

On Thursday 21st July after school our wonderful Mini Vinnies would like to hold a cake and bake sale to raise money for Sense. If you are able to donate cakes and biscuits, they would be greatly appreciated. Please bring them in on the Thursday morning.

Last Week's Attendance

4 th -8 th July	
Reception	97.0%
Year 1	92.7%
Year 2	97.9%
Year 3	95.9%
Year 4	90.9%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	98.7%
Whole school	95.4%



Year 6 Musical

Yesterday we had the second performance by our Year 6 children. What a treat! Their performance was superb. This was an excellent opportunity to witness some of the extracurricular gifts and talents they have. They played different instruments and we enjoyed beautiful solos. The confidence of some of them is heart-warming. It shows how well they have done this year and how ready they are for secondary school. Well done! And of course, behind a class of talented children there are talented teachers. A huge thank you to Mr Moore and Mrs Hudson for all your hard work this year. Our children are a credit to the school and to their families.

Gospel Reflection

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus is welcomed into the house of a woman called Martha. Martha has a sister called Mary who is pleased to see Jesus and immediately sits down to hear him speak. Martha is busy with tasks. Perhaps she is getting Jesus a drink, making him some food, making sure he has everything he needs.

Martha wants Mary to do some of these jobs too and she asks Jesus to tell Mary to help her. Jesus tells Martha that Mary is doing the right thing, by taking time to sit and listen to him.

Spending time quietly can help us sort out our ideas and feelings, we can listen to God who helps us think things through and we can work out what God is asking us to do next. Quiet time can help us to recognise Jesus in other people and to see how we can help each other.

This week make some time for God. When you have made some time for God, then make some time for doing what God asks of us, treating all people with kindness, generosity, love and respect.

Prayer: *Christ our Lord, open our ears to listen to your word in this quiet moment. May we turn to you with helping hands and hearts ready to love. Amen.*