

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

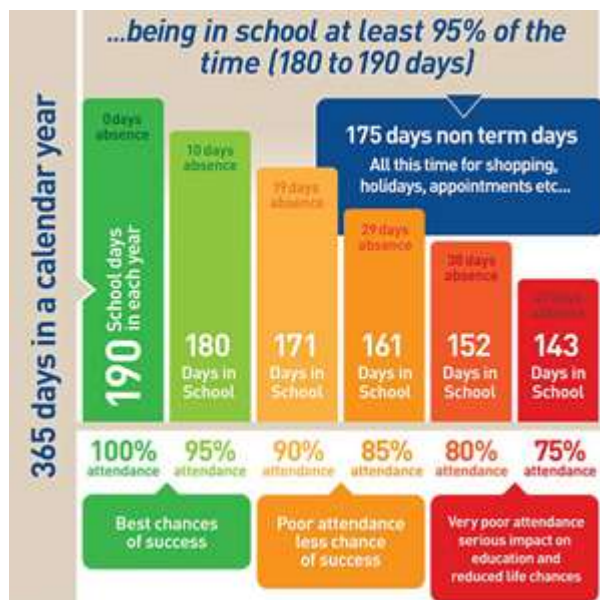


Newsletter  
15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Regular attendance is important for your child to make timely progress, achieve their academic potential and in turn have a better chance in life. Absence disrupts your child's learning and it can also disrupt their friendships. After some absences children can feel left out. Any absence affects children's learning and the more they miss school, the harder it becomes for them to catch up.

And 'Catch Up' is a big drive in schools at the moment. Teachers are working relentlessly to ensure children's learning is at the level expected before Covid. They are trying to ensure that children's gaps, in knowledge and skills related to the National Curriculum, are diminished.

In many cases, this is a journey where we can see daily gains and it is really rewarding to see many children who are now beginning to show the expected progress. However, we have some children for whom the effect of school days missed is greater than average. This is, in some instances, due to emotional impact and in some others, due to loss of learning input. We will continue working with all children to give them the best possible start in life. We are just asking you to support this by ensuring your children's attendance is the best they can have. Of course, sometimes children are unwell and there are times when they are so poorly they should not come to school. Those are unavoidable absences. But, are they all unavoidable? I pose this question, for you to think about your child's attendance.



From tomorrow children will be on holidays for two weeks. A well-deserved break and the honest chance to spend quality time with family, special outings and if you are lucky, maybe even some travelling! Whatever you decide to do with your free time, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Enjoy the half term break, we'll see you back on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs Gonzalez

## Parent Governor Election

I hereby announce that Mrs Thu Conneally has been appointed as the new Parent Governor, for a 4 year term. I would like to thank Mrs Donna Lyas for being willing to stand for election.

## Stars of the Week

Reception – Shaylen for listening well, trying hard and making his teachers proud this week!

Year 1 – Nero for having a great attitude to learning and for creating amazing models.

Year 2 – Mekeda for always following instructions and listening.

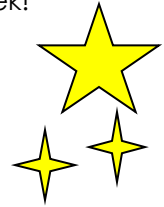
Year 3 – Jason for working hard and consistently producing good work in all subjects.

Year 4 – Alannis for always being kind to others and working hard in all lessons.

Year 5 – Sofia for being an excellent role model to her peers.

Year 6 – Maddie for improving the content and presentation of her writing.

Year 6 – Lilly for creating a brilliant piece of poetry.



## Dates for your Diary

Half term break	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October
Fit4Future Half term camp	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 6 and Reception screening	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November
Library visit Year 5	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Library visit Year 4	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
Library visit Year 3	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November
Nasal Flu Vaccinations	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Last day of term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December

## Gospel Reflection

**Mark 10:35-45**

***A place in Heaven.***

***James and John wanted Jesus to promise them a special place in heaven with him. The disciples argued about which one of them was the greatest, and deserved to have the best place. Jesus reminded them that it is God the Father who will decide who deserves a place in heaven.***

***Jesus said that the greatest disciple was not the one who went around showing off his power, or money, or things. But rather that the greatest disciple must be like a servant – humble and helping others in all that they do.***

***Jesus did not come as a King, but to serve all of mankind. He put our needs first, and died on the cross to save our sins.***

***If we remember the words of Jesus: 'Whatever you do to others, you do to me.', then we should always remember to treat other people with love and kindness, and to think of them before ourselves. By being unselfish and generous with our love, we will be assured of a place with Jesus in Heaven.***

***Prayer***

***Jesus teach us to be loving and caring, and to think of other people before thinking of ourselves.***

## Last Week's Attendance

4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> October	
Reception	98.0%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	93.7%
Year 3	98.2%
Year 4	97.9%
Year 5	95.9%
Year 6	96.7%
Whole school	97.0%

## Reminders

Please return your General Permissions form, if you have not already done so.

If your child has an appointment and will arrive late to school, please let us know his/her lunch choice in advance, as we need to give the kitchen the lunch numbers by 9.30am.

## Ultra Marathon

Congratulations to Fadie (father of Siena in Reception class) for completing the 35th Edition of **Marathon Des Sables**, a 250km self-sufficient race across the Sahara Desert over 6 days. Fadie conquered temperatures of over 50 degrees, climbing mountain faces and sand dunes to finish in 19th place (top 3 British runner) out of the 672 people who started the race.

Fadie took on the challenge to raise money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance who were part of the team that saved his brother's life 6 years ago. For anyone willing and able to donate in support of Fadie and the EAAA please find the below link to his fund raising page. Many thanks from Fadie and his family.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fads>



Poem written by Lilly in Year 6

Warm and Cold

The night is a deep abyss of slumber  
A dark sea of shadow  
Consuming the fire of day  
Which is silent in sleep  
But the day is bright  
Like a lamp glittering to life  
An amazing warmth over the earth  
Like a soft wool blanket

The night fall of night is wandering  
Its cold bite following near  
A dosing trap of darkness  
Suffocating the streets in a black veil  
But the day is sunny  
Like the smile of a baby  
And Busy and Bussling  
Like an estatic carnival

The earth is in a dozing state  
In a so icy pool of black  
Draped in a veil of mist  
Hiding its frozen face  
But the day is pleasant  
Like children at a park  
Or a cup of hot chocolate  
By the warm flame of fire

But the black sky is enjoyable  
While the farmers sleep  
Bearly bothered by the ice



You've achieved  
your learning

