

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
17 March 2023

Dear parents and families,

We are pleased to inform you that our Easter Fair will be starting at 2.30pm on Wednesday 29th March and will run until 4pm.

Once again, we are offering families the opportunity to collect children early on that day, so that they can attend the Fair during the afternoon. We have organised a staggered collection time for the day.

The early collection is not compulsory; children will remain in school until the usual time unless you decide to collect early.

Reception Class children may be collected from **2.20pm** from their usual end of day collection point. **Years 1 and 2** children may be collected from **2.30pm**. Year 1 may be collected from their usual end of day collection point. Year 2 may be collected from this same point – the exit with the ramp, rather than the usual end of day collection point. **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** children may be collected from **2.45pm**. Children in these classes may be collected from the middle doors.

We have prepared many exciting stalls for the Fair. It will be cash only on the day, so please start saving your coins!

We will be selling **tickets for our raffle** before and after school from under the canopy area on Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd March and also on Tuesday 28th March.

I know many of you would want to help support our Fair and, as we have done in the past, we will be asking for donations.

Donations (to be brought in and left with a member of staff before and after school under the canopy area from Monday 20th March to Friday 24th March):

- Donations of bottles of wine and/or water (for 'Water or Wine' stall)
- A used/new bottle bag (for 'Water or Wine' stall)
- Donations of 1p, 2p and 5p coins (for 'How much money in the Jar?' stall)
- An Easter Egg (for 'Easter Egg Tombola')
- Clean empty jam jars
- Cakes (Please bring them on 28th/29th for our 'Cake stall' - please ensure no nuts)

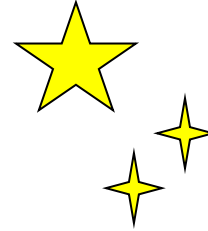
I am aware that things are difficult in the current economic climate so please remember, donations are never an expectation; you can give, as much or as little as you wish, or nothing at all.

There are also opportunities to help by donating your time, if you prefer (please email the school if you wish to volunteer).

We will organise some non-uniform days to thank all our families for your support.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

Reception – Oscar for trying hard in all activities.

Year 1 – Lydia for excellent listening and fantastic Irish dancing.

Year 2 – Darcie for creating lovely artwork and for working hard.

Year 3 – Violet for reading aloud a beautiful prayer, to the whole class.

Year 4 – Maddison for excellent learning behaviour and effort in all subjects.

Year 5 – Eliana for being kind, considerate and helpful.

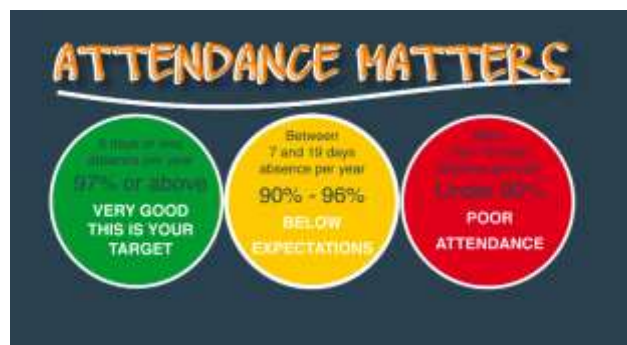
Year 6 – Isabella for her excellent portfolio work.

Dates for your Diary

Easter Fair	Wednesday 29 th March 2.30-4pm
Last day of Spring Term	Friday 31 March
First day of Summer Term	Tuesday 18 April

This Week's Attendance

13 - 17 March 2023	
Reception	77.0%
Year 1	91.0%
Year 2	92.7%
Year 3	89.2%
Year 4	92.4%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 6	95.6%
Whole school	90.33%



Gospel Reflection

John 9:1-41

Today we hear how Jesus helped a blind man to see again. God has given us the gift of sight to see all the wonderful things that he has made in our world. However, we also need to open our eyes to things that are wrong and try to do what we can to change them. Let us think some more about this today.

Jesus makes a paste, puts it on the blind man's eyes and tells him to wash in a pool. When the blind man does this, he can see.

The Pharisees (some of the religious leaders of the time) question the man and his parents to find out how Jesus gave him his sight. The man tells them but they do not believe it and grow angry.

Jesus tells the Pharisees that they are blind because they cannot see that he is the Son of God.

While there is nothing wrong with their eyes, the Pharisees do not open their hearts to see the truth of who Jesus is. While the blind man is able to see and to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

God has given us five senses to learn about the world that is around us.

We can see all the beautiful and wonderful things that God has created like birds, trees, flowers, fish, family and friends.

We can hear lovely music and the birds singing.

We can smell flowers, and the sea, and grass when it has just been cut.

We can taste yummy food and drink.

We can feel the sun warm on our skin, the soft fur of a pet when we stroke it, and the hands of our friends when we do a high five.

However, we also need Jesus to help us to see the truth about the world around us and how we should treat one another. As well as our five senses, we need to open our hearts to others so that we can reach out and help them when they need us.

Sometimes there are problems or things that are not right in this world. We can take notice of these problems and try to make them better.

We can see that it is not fair for some people in the world to have lots of money, power and things while others of us are poor or hungry or do not have a safe place to live.

We can see that we are damaging our planet and that the climate is changing. Floods, droughts and natural disasters are happening more often and affecting more people around the world.

However, we can also see what is possible when people work together to solve problems. For example, thanks to support from you and your grown-ups.

God calls us to use our gifts and not to ignore the problems that we see. We can try instead to make a difference, to care for our earth and to help people who are poor to change their lives for the better.

Look out for all the good things that you can see in the world this week. If you see anything that is wrong or unfair, think about what you could do to help to change it.

Prayer

God of hope, inspire us to look out into the world, praising and thanking you for all that is good, and seeking your help as we try to change what is not fair or right.

Amen.