

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
17th September 2021

Gospel Reflection

Mark 9:30-37

Often we call people great when they are very successful, or rich and powerful. Jesus explains that such things are not important to God. He measures our greatness by our goodness and willingness to think of others before ourselves. How did Jesus describe a truly great person? A truly great person is not the one who draws attention to themselves or stands out in a crowd. They put the needs of others before their own, and stay quietly in the background without drawing attention to their goodness. They think of themselves last, and for this reason they will come first in the Kingdom of God. God is not impressed by our power or wealth or riches! What is really important to him is our goodness. By learning to put ourselves last and other people first we will live in a way that really matters to God. To put others first is not always easy, but with God's help we will succeed.

Prayer

God of hope, we know that all people are important, because they are loved by you. Show us how to help others to see this too, so that the world can be a fairer place for all your children. Amen.

@The complete Children's Liturgy Book

Dear parents

Next Thursday 30th we will be holding meetings in which each class teacher will speak to the parents of children in their class. This will be an opportunity to meet the teacher, if you haven't done so already. Your teacher will be able to explain all systems and routines for your child's class. Please note these are general meetings and we will not be discussing any individual children. Of course, as always, if you wish to discuss any particular issues regarding the schooling of your child/ren you will need to make a separate appointment via the school office.

We will be holding two sessions to accommodate parents with children in different key stages. Meetings for parents of children in KS1 (Years 1 and 2) will begin at 4:00pm. Meetings for parents of children in KS2 (Years 3 to 6) will begin at 4:30pm. In order to avoid large groups in classrooms we are asking that only one parent attend the meeting. **Please no children in the meeting as the information is directed to parents.**

If you are unable to attend the meeting, the teacher could provide you with a Powerpoint and some relevant information. To aid the workload of our teachers we will not be repeating the meetings.

I would also like to let you know that we will be holding a Parent Governor election in the next few days.

Being a parent governor at St Vincent's comes with a lot of responsibility, but it is a rewarding role which brings the satisfaction of effecting the school's continuous improvement, making it all worthwhile. Your role as parent governor will be voluntary; governors do not get any remuneration for their time or commitment. This position will appeal to any parent who wants to make a positive impact on their child's education and school life. Governors' role in school is strategic and hence they have little interaction with the pupils, playing a part much more 'behind the scenes' looking at the whole picture of school.

Any parent with a child at the school is eligible to apply for the position of governor, but there is no guarantee of being elected to the board, as they are elected by other parents, who can vote for candidates.

I hope this information gives you some 'food for thought' and it plants a seed in advance for the upcoming Parent Governor elections. The school will soon be sending the final details about the elections and how to apply.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Gonzalez

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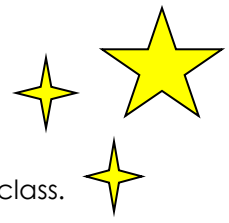
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**Headteacher:
Juliana Gonzalez**

**Chair of Governors:
Terence Grange**

**SENCo:
Catherine Badawi**



Stars of the Week

Year 1 – Sophia for showing kindness to others and working well in class.
Year 2 – Antonia for settling into Year 2 very well and working hard.
Year 3 – Luiza for always working hard and producing lovely work.
Year 4 – Leyla for being kind to others and working hard in all lessons.
Year 5 – Munachimso for fantastic descriptive language in her diary entry.
Year 6 – Ava for making excellent progress in her spelling.

Uniform

Uniform will be available to purchase from the school office. If possible, please come on **Tuesdays** between **8:30am – 9:00am**.

Tie	£2.50
Book bag	£4.50
Small gym bag	£3.50
Large kit bag	£5.00
Jumper sizes 22"-34"	£8.50
Jumper sizes XS - L	£10.00
Cardigan sizes 22"-34"	£10.00
Cardigan sizes XS - L	£11.50

Approximate jumper/cardigan sizes	
Size 22"	2/3 yrs
Size 24"	3/4 yrs
Size 26"	5/6 yrs
Size 28"	7/8 yrs
Size 30"	9/10 yrs
Size 32"	11/12 yrs
Size 34"	13/14 yrs

Aprons

Please would all children in Years 3 to 6 to bring into school an old oversized shirt/apron to use during art activities. This should be labelled with your child's name and will be kept on their pegs for arts and crafts.

Dates for your Diary

Library visit Year 4	Wednesday 22 nd September
Library visit Year 3	Wednesday 29 th September
Meet the teacher	Thursday 30 th September
Last day of this half term	Friday 15 th October
Half term break	Monday 18 th – Friday 29 th October
Back to school	Monday 1 st November
Library visit Year 5	Wednesday 10 th November
Library visit Year 4	Wednesday 17 th November
Library visit Year 3	Wednesday 24 th November
Last day of term	Friday 17 th December

This Week's Attendance

Reception	99.3%
Year 1	98.7%
Year 2	98.0%
Year 3	98.2%
Year 4	94.5%
Year 5	96.2%
Year 6	96.7%
Whole school	97.2%

 **Well done Reception** 
– best attendance for this week with
99.3%