

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
18th March 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

Please join with us in praying...

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

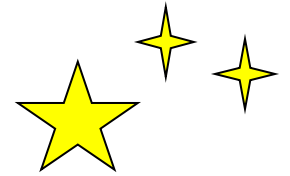
Lord we ask for peace for those who need peace, reconciliation for those who need reconciliation and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring.

Lord may your Kingdom come, and Your will be done.

Lord God, we ask for you to be with all – especially children who are suffering as the crisis in Ukraine deteriorates.

Lord for those who are anxious and fearful. For those who are bereaved, injured or who have lost their lives. And for those who have lost loved ones.

Lord hear our prayers.



Stars of the Week

Reception – Lydia for always being kind, helpful and polite to her friends and teachers.

Year 1 – Emme for fantastic effort and brilliant work and for being polite and helpful.

Year 2 – Aziah for participating really well in lessons and answering more questions.

Year 3 – Victoria for challenging herself to complete extra tasks in maths.

Year 4 – Lyla for working hard in numeracy and always trying her best.

Year 5 – Kayla for fantastic participation in lessons and challenging herself in her learning.

Year 6 – Lilly for making an excellent effort to improve her maths.

Donations

Many thanks to everyone for your kind donations for the Ukraine appeal and for the toys and Easter eggs given to the PTA for the Easter Fair.

Dates for your Diary

Year 6 swimming recommences	Monday 21 st March
Year 5 Liturgy	Wednesday 23 rd March
Year 4 Mass	Wednesday 23 rd March
Year 2 Library visit	Wednesday 23 rd March
Book Fair	Monday 28 th & Tuesday 29 th March
Year 6 Liturgy	Wednesday 30 th March
Year 3 Mass	Wednesday 30 th March
Easter Fair	Wednesday 30 th & Thursday 31 st March
Last day of term	Friday 1st April
School closed for Easter break	Monday 4 th April – Monday 18 th April
First day of Summer Term	Tuesday 19th April

Last Week's Attendance

7 th – 11 th March	
Reception	97.7%
Year 1	93.7%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	87.6%
Whole school	95.2%



Gospel Reflection

Luke 13:1-9

Jesus told a parable. The parable Jesus tells us today is about a fig tree.

The man who had planted the fig tree came out to pick some fruit, but there wasn't any. The man had been waiting for three years for the tree to give him some fruit. He was angry and disappointed. He asked his gardener to cut down the tree. But the gardener asks for one more year to look after the tree – to dig round it and give it some manure to help it grow. Plants and trees need the right conditions to grow and the gardener hopes that by doing this, the tree will grow fruit.

People also need the right conditions to live their lives well too. Everyone needs enough food and water to stay healthy and strong. How we treat other people can help them to grow and develop or stop them from doing so. We all have a responsibility to look after each other: our friends, our family and even people that we haven't met around the world.

When the good things that God has given us are not shared fairly with everyone, those who do not have enough cannot grow and build a better future.

The fig tree in Jesus' story is supposed to share its fruit with the man who planted it, but it is not doing what it is supposed to. Sometimes we are a bit like the fig tree. We do not share as well as we could.

The gardener is like Jesus. The gardener gives the fig tree another chance and gives it all the things it needs to live. Jesus is always ready to forgive us when we have done something wrong. And Jesus shows us how we should live our lives.

God gives us the chance to change, to share what we have and to do all that we can to make sure that all people have the things that they need to live.

Prayer: *Creator God, you gave us a world full of wonderful things. May we share these fairly with each other so all people have the chance to grow and live happy lives. Amen.*