

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Dear parents and families,

Did you see the queues for the stalls during our Easter Fair?

It was good to see so many children taking part, and very satisfying to see their faces light up when they got their prizes. This was another success from our group of parents who form the PTA. Such a group of volunteers is key to providing the school with additional money to pay for activities and resources which are not necessarily included in our Learning Curriculum.

I am sure that many parents who generously come and purchase their raffle tickets and cakes from our different events, often wonder where the money goes to.

The money raised by the PTA events, as well as all other fundraising events in school, e.g. non uniform days, go to pay for activities that otherwise we would not have in school. For example, we 'send some funding to Santa' in exchange for the Christmas presents the children receive. We regularly pay for playground equipment as it requires frequent replacement of toys and resources. We also cover some of the cost of the Year 6 residential. These are some of the regular occasions when the PTA helps the school on a yearly basis. However, the PTA usually has a greater target in mind. In the past they have purchased our Trim Trail, enjoyed by many children in our school through the years.

At the moment, our PTA is determined to fundraise money to provide the school with new laptops and computers, which is an ambitious target. We have an objective of £15,000. Luckily we had a hugely successful Christmas Fair and now the Easter Fair. This, combined with very generous donations from some families in our school, makes for a really good start. I predict that we are probably not too far from our goal!

The only part that was not too complimentary to our Easter Fair, was the weather. We had it all, sunshine, rain, sleet, fog, clouds, but above all, we had COLD!

Thank you very much to all parents who patiently stood in the playground whilst your children were taking part. I would also like to say thank you to all volunteers who stoically braved the weather to ensure everything ran smoothly, particularly for the Easter Egg Hunt during which the adults were in the playground for about two hours!

The children were very excited and loved every minute of it, and that is the important part, thank you all.

I would like to wish you all a happy and restful holiday. May the risen Christ bring you and your loved ones plentiful joy. Happy Easter.

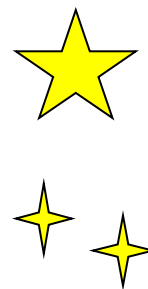
Mrs Gonzalez

## School Closure 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

The school will be closed on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. This is to give staff a day off in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday which falls within the half term school break.

## Stars of the Week

Reception – George for working very hard in phonics and using sounds well to blend.  
Year 1 – Nero for fantastic creative ideas and brilliant maths work.  
Year 2 – Lucas for working hard in class and in the playground with your friendships.  
Year 3 – Logan for showing a positive attitude for learning in all tasks.  
Year 4 – Zadok for excellent work in art and DT, keep it up.  
Year 5 – Zaneta-Zara for an excellent attitude towards learning and showing great resilience.  
Year 6 – Oliver for great piano playing.



## School Meals

If you still owe money for meals taken to date, please clear your debt before the start of the new term. The cost of school meals for the first half of the summer term (19<sup>th</sup> April to 27<sup>th</sup> May) is **£68.60**. The cost of school meals for the whole of the summer term (19<sup>th</sup> April to 22<sup>nd</sup> July) is **£149.45**. It would be much appreciated if parents could pay in advance. A new menu will be used from 19<sup>th</sup> April. This has been sent as a separate attachment and can also be found on our website.

## Clubs Next Term

Information about Multi Sports, Lunchtime Football, Needlecraft, Lego and Performing Arts Clubs will be sent out during the first week of the summer term and places cannot be booked until then. The clubs will commence the second week of term. The exceptions to this are the daily Fit4Future After School Club and the Girls' Football Club, which will both take place the first week of term.

## Uniform

Summer uniform may be worn from the start of next term, if you wish. Please see separate attachment about uniform. No open-toed sandals, please. If girls wish to wear school shorts, they should be knee length, please.

## Dates for your Diary

School closed for Easter break	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April
First day of Summer Term	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 4 Library visit	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 5 to Mass	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 3 Liturgy Assembly	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 4 to Mass	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Reception Liturgy Assembly	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 5 Library visit	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 6 SATs week	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
School closed	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July

## Last Week's Attendance

21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> March	
Reception	95.3%
Year 1	88.7%
Year 2	90.0%
Year 3	96.8%
Year 4	89.4%
Year 5	97.3%
Year 6	98.3%
Whole school	<b>93.7%</b>



## **Gospel Reflection**

### **John 8:1-11**

*When people have done something wrong to us we often feel angry and want them to be punished. But in today's gospel Jesus teaches us that this isn't always the right way.*

*The scribes and Pharisees bring a woman to Jesus who has done something wrong. The law says that she should be punished, but the Pharisees ask Jesus what he would do.*

*Jesus says that the person who has done nothing wrong themselves, should be the person who throws the first stone at the woman.*

*Slowly, all the scribes and Pharisees leave, until just the woman and Jesus are left.*

*Jesus says that he will not punish her either, but that she should go away and try to do the right thing from now on.*

*We have all done things wrong occasionally. Jesus knows that none of us is perfect. He forgives us for the things that we have done wrong and no matter what, he always loves us. But he also asks us to change, to try our hardest not to do the wrong thing again.*

*Jesus asks us not to judge people who have done something wrong, because we all do wrong things sometimes.*

*Instead we should try to forgive them, as God forgives us. But we should also try to help them see that they need to change, so that they no longer do what is wrong.*

*We all have times when we are treated unfairly and it hurts. We also all have times when we are not quite as nice to others as we should be.*

*Let us try to forgive those who treat us unfairly and to follow Jesus' example of love for all people. But let's also try to make a change – to do what is right, and to help others to feel God's love in the way that we treat them.*

### **Prayer**

*God of love, you forgive us when we go wrong, and encourage us to try again to be better. Guide us to do what is right and to make this world a fairer place for all who live in it. Amen.*

## **Assembly**

Mrs Riley preparing and sharing an assembly on Easter in Spain.



## Stars of the Week

Stars of the Week for this week.



## Ukraine Appeal

Thank you to all of the families for their donations to the Ukraine appeal. Our Mini Vinnies have been busy collecting and delivering the items to Our Lady Help of Christians this morning.

