

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
1st October 2021

After consultation with children, staff, parents and governors, we have now finalised the group of school values we would like to embed in our learning.

School values can help students understand right from wrong and they, primarily, help to shape the mind-set, as well as the behaviour and attitudes of future adults. Therefore, their importance is paramount for a good all rounded education.

Character and values are an essential part of the hidden curriculum, but it is important to teach them clearly and explicitly. The teaching of SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development) at St Vincent's includes a thread that runs across the curriculum and essentially teaches our children the values they need, to be successful and active citizens.

In our school we have Gospel values as the main indicators and signposts of a Catholic identity and the way we are fully living it out and celebrating it.

Gospel values are what Jesus said, what Jesus did and what He told us to do. They are at the root of Catholic social teaching and so they are what we abide by in our behaviour towards others here at St Vincent's. All of the Gospel values are rooted in the teaching of Christ; their meaning is unpacked within our learning and pupils understand how they relate to their lives, at school, at home and in society.

The set of values that we have adopted at St Vincent's is a blended mixture of Gospel Values, together with Learning Attributes based on Metacognition. These Learning Attributes enable children to understand 'how they learn' and to increasingly become more effective learners.

Our School Values are:

Love, Forgiveness, Compassion, Curiosity, Resilience and Aspiration

Thank you for all your contributions towards these set of values.

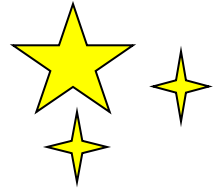
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Last Week's Attendance

| 20 th -24 th September | |
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| Reception | 95.7% |
| Year 1 | 97.0% |
| Year 2 | 99.3% |
| Year 3 | 90.3% |
| Year 4 | 97.0% |
| Year 5 | 96.2% |
| Year 6 | 88.3% |
| Whole school | 94.8% |

Stars of the Week

Reception – Kaiden for tidying the classroom and showing care for our things.
Year 1 – Alexander for working brilliantly in lessons and being very helpful.
Year 2 – Veronica for working hard in PE and trying your best in everything.
Year 3 – Owura for consistently working hard at task and producing great work.
Year 4 – Farrah for settling in well at St Vincent's.
Year 5 – Ivana for fantastic focus and a hard-working attitude in every lesson.
Year 6 – Lulu for excellent story writing.



Dates for your Diary

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| Mass Year 4 | Wednesday 6 th October |
| Special menu | Thursday 7 th October |
| Mass Year 3 | Wednesday 13 th October |
| Half term break | Monday 18 th – Friday 29 th October |
| 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 |

Reminders

The deadline for nominations for the Parent Governor Election is noon on Friday 8th October.

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

Gospel Reflection

Mark 10:2-16

On Sunday we will hear how special and important children were to Jesus. Let's think some more about how important all children around the world are now.

People were bringing their children to Jesus for his blessing, but the disciples tried to stop them. Why do you think they did this?

Perhaps they thought the children would bother Jesus; that he would find them too loud or lively. Or maybe the disciples were worried that Jesus was tired or hungry and that it was time for him to rest.

How did Jesus feel when he noticed what the disciples were doing? What did he say?

Jesus is angry and tells the disciples to let the children come to him. He says that the kingdom of God belongs to children like these. He says that they have a special way of looking at the world and of understanding things, which adults can learn from.

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus thinks all children are important and that he wanted to listen to them?

Jesus welcomed and blessed the children who came to see him. He loves us all. No matter where in the world we live. Whether we are old or young, big or small, rich or poor.

In today's gospel, Jesus welcomes the children and shows the disciples how important they are. We are also called to care for children everywhere whenever we can, because we are all brothers and sisters.

Prayer: God of love, you teach us to see that the world is good. Help us to care for creation and to love our sisters and brothers. Amen.