

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
2 February 2024

Dear parents and families,

Our commitment to fostering a secure digital environment is resolute and with next week being Safe Internet Week in schools, this is an opportune moment to reinforce our collective responsibility toward digital safety.

The younger generation is navigating a complex online landscape where communication and connection expectations have become integral parts of their lives. As teachers and families, it is our responsibility to grow in wisdom and knowledge to better protect and guide them in this digital journey.

Recent examples of use of Social Media brought to my attention have underscored the challenges our students face when navigating their Social Media world outside of school hours. While our in-school systems effectively minimise risks, it is essential that we extend our focus beyond the school gates to address these concerns. We recognise families' vital role as partners in this task. We encourage open dialogue about digital habits and the importance of setting healthy boundaries.

Understanding age restrictions on various social media platforms is crucial. Please be mindful of setting age-appropriate limits on screen time, ensuring a healthy balance between the online and offline aspects of your child's life. Take a proactive approach to privacy by assisting your children in adjusting their social media privacy settings. This empowers them to control who sees their content and helps establish responsible digital habits.

Teach your children good online etiquette – the importance of being respectful, kind, and responsible in their digital interactions. Remind them to think before they post, considering the potential consequences of their online actions. Furthermore, it is imperative that our children understand the significance of reporting any unsafe behaviour they witness or experience. Encouraging them to speak up when they encounter something concerning, allows us to intervene promptly, offering support and guidance to all parties involved.

Help your children comprehend the concept of a digital footprint. Highlight how their online activities can leave a lasting impact on their reputation and guide them in building a positive online presence. Supervision is key, particularly for younger children. Consider using monitoring tools to stay aware of your child's online activities while maintaining a balance between involvement and respecting their privacy. This approach fosters trust and open communication.

At St Vincent's we are committed to taking proactive measures to enhance online safety. It is important to reiterate that within the school premises, our existing systems and policies will continue to uphold a safe online environment. We do not use social media within the school, to minimise risks.

Please find below some websites where you can find advice that is more expert:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

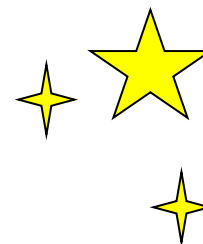
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week



Reception – Harry for making great progress in phonics.
Year 1 – Paula for fantastic sitting and listening.
Year 2 – Margot for excellent work and sharing lovely ideas.
Year 3 – Benedictus for excellent explanations in R.E.
Year 4 – Valentina for a big improvement in her written work.
Year 5 – Thierno for engaging well in all lessons, especially maths.
Year 6 – Corben for making a great effort to improve his writing.

School Value Awards

Reception – Anthony for showing curiosity when trying new activities.
Year 1 – Ethan for excellent teamwork and co-operation.
Year 2 – Yeani for showing aspiration by working hard and for beautiful singing.
Year 3 – Jessica for showing love, care and compassion to others.
Year 4 – Elena for being a good friend.
Year 5 – Elsie for showing resilience in her learning.
Year 6 – Tilly for developing the aspiration of younger children.
Year 6 – Timothee for showing great resilience.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 7 February	Year 3 to Mass POSTPONED to 21 February
Monday 12 to Friday 16 February	Spring Half Term Break
Wednesday 21 February	Year 3 to Mass (<i>leave school at 09:00</i>)
Thursday 22 February	Open Book Session 15:30-16:30
Mon 26 February to Fri 1 March	Parent Teacher Meetings
Thursday 14 March	School Disco KS1 & KS2
Tuesday 26 March	Purple Day (<i>Non-uniform day in support of Epilepsy Action</i>)
Thursday 28 March	Last day of Spring Term
Monday 15 April	First day of Summer term
Friday 24 May	Break The Rules Day
Thursday 6 June	50p trail (Please save 50p coins in preparation)
Saturday 13 July	Summer Fair TBC

This Week's Attendance

29 January – 2 February 2024	
Reception	96.0%
Year 1	93.7%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	99.1%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 6	95.3%
Whole school	96.7%



Birth Congratulations

Congratulations to Bethel-Eden's family on the birth of a baby girl.

Thursday 22nd February: Open Book Session

Parents will have the opportunity to come and look at children's work in their books. This session will be held from 3:30 to 4:30, and you are welcome to come with your children to share in their accomplishments. Parents do not need to book this session, just turn up.

Week beginning 26th February: Parent-Teacher Meetings

These are 10-minute appointments, during which your teacher will give you an update on your child's personal learning journey. The school has an online booking system, which allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will then receive a confirmation email. All meetings, whether conducted face-to-face or online, will have a fixed duration of 10 minutes. This standard duration is essential to ensure fairness and equity for all parents and carers.

We have scheduled face-to-face appointments for each class on **Thursday 29th February**. Additionally, we are providing online meetings **throughout the week**, with dates and timings varying for each class.

We would also like to emphasise that our teachers operate under an open-door policy. They are always ready and willing to meet with parents throughout the year whenever the need arises. Should you require a more in-depth discussion or have additional questions beyond the 10-minute meetings, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to schedule a separate meeting.

Appointments can be made by following the link below from 6th February at 12pm and will close on Tuesday 27th February at 4:00pm.

Please visit <https://www.stvincentslondon.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your times. You will find below, a short video to support you with the bookings:

<https://support.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

As soon as bookings go live, sessions can be booked on a first come, first served basis. Please login as a trial before the day to ensure you are able to access SchoolCloud before booking goes live.

You will need to log in using yours and your child's details. Please ensure they are the same details we have on file, so the system can recognise them, for example ensure that you are using the same email address that you have given to the school. ****Note password is case sensitive****

If you are having trouble with your logins or if you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office.

The Presentation of the Lord



The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord comes 40 days after Christmas. It celebrates the moment when Mary and Joseph carried Jesus to the Temple and presented him to the Lord.