

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
20 January 2023

Dear parents and families,

Following the latest news from the teaching unions, I would like to inform you that they intend to carry out industrial action over the national pay offer.

This week I received communication from the National Education Union (NEU), to inform me that results from the ballot, revealed that members within their union voted overwhelmingly to take strike action over their dispute with the Government proposals.

At the moment, the proposed dates for industrial action, which may affect our school are:

- Wednesday 1st February
- Thursday 2nd March
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

Whilst as a school, we regret any inconvenience this may cause; I respect that members of any professional association/union have the legal right to act following a legal ballot.

Our teachers at St Vincent's consistently show high levels of commitment to our children and I know any decision they take, in relation to the strikes, will be taken after careful consideration.

I'm getting in touch, to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on the dates listed. We are currently considering several options, and I will let you know, once I have more details, what the arrangements will be.

Have a lovely weekend.

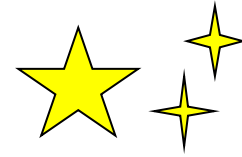
Mrs Gonzalez

## Childminders and Helpers for the School Run

We are often asked by parents if we know of a childminder they might be able to use. If you are a childminder and would be happy for us to pass your name to any parent who enquires, please contact the school office.

We sometimes hear of families that need help with the school run. We are currently looking for a helper for a family living in Stofield Gardens, which needs someone to pick up their child from school and deliver him home. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.

## Stars of the Week



Reception – Bethel-Eden for being kind and caring to everyone.  
 Year 1 – Gabriella for being kind and helpful and trying her best.  
 Year 2 – Emme for working hard and for excellent behaviour.  
 Year 3 – Damilola for always being kind, generous and helpful.  
 Year 4 – Logan for being kind, considerate, and helping to tidy and organise the room.  
 Year 5 – Lawrence for a strong science fiction story with a range of vocabulary.  
 Year 6 – Sebastian for making a great effort to improve his writing.

## Dates for your Diary

Year 3 Mass	Wednesday 25 January (leaving at 9am)
Year 6 Liturgy assembly	Wednesday 25 January at 9am
Book Looks Reception, Years 1&2 in school hall	Tuesday 31 January 8.45-10am
Book Looks Years 5&6 in school hall	Wednesday 1 February 8.45-10am
Year 4 Mass	Wednesday 1 February (leaving at 9am)
Year 3 Library visit	Wednesday 1 February (leaving at 1.40pm)
Book Looks for all classes in classrooms	Wednesday 1 February 3.30-4.30pm
Book Looks Years 3&4 in school hall	Friday 3 February 8.45-10am
Year 2 Mass	Wednesday 1 February (leaving at 9am)
Year 1 Liturgy assembly	Wednesday 8 February at 9am

## Last Week's Attendance

9-13 January 2023	
Reception	92.2%
Year 1	94.9%
Year 2	95.4%
Year 3	94.7%
Year 4	93.0%
Year 5	94.2%
Year 6	94.1%
Whole school	94.2%



## Book Looks

We have organised some days when we welcome you to come and see your child's/ren's books and celebrate their learning.

You do not need to book for this, just turn up!

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Book Looks Years 5&6 in school hall	Wednesday 1 February 8.45-10am
Book Looks for all classes in classrooms	Wednesday 1 February 3.30-4.30pm
Book Looks Years 3&4 in school hall	Friday 3 February 8.45-10am

## Prayer and Reflection



### **Matthew 4:12-17**

Today we are going to be talking about light. We are going to think about how we can bring light to the lives of other people.

It talks about people who lived in darkness seeing a great light.

One way of thinking about this is that when we are sad or lonely, everything feels dark and gloomy. This is the dark. But then when someone does something nice for us, like including us in their game or making us laugh, everything seems brighter again. This is the light. This is the light that Jesus brings into the world.

Some people in the world do not have enough food to eat, safe houses to live in, or clean water to drink. And so, the world can feel like a very dark place.

We can try to bring light back into everyone's lives, by helping to make the world a fairer place so that every person has what they need to live a healthy and happy life.

We all live in one world, with the same sun shining down on us. We are all God's children and belong to one family. Jesus asks us to look after each other. If we do this, we can help the light of Jesus to shine in the world.

Together we pray that the light of Christ will shine brightly in our lives:

### **Prayer**

God of hope, share your light with all your children, as we try to help others who are in need.

Amen.