

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
20th May 2022

Dear parents and families,

Sunny days are making a regular appearance and we have even been lucky enough to enjoy a handful of warm ones. I am sure you have all been taking advantage of those lovely days and getting outside as much as possible. Enjoying a breath of fresh air with your children and friends is fundamentally good for anyone, not only physically, but it also has advantages for our mental well-being. Children will also benefit from a healthier, if they have the opportunities to get outside, whether this is for learning or play.

On this matter, we are like plants; we need sunlight for healthy growth. We must, however, refrain from getting too much sun. Every child needs sun protection. Their skin is much more sensitive than adult skin, and damage caused by excessive exposure to sunlight could lead to skin problems later in life.

During school time, teachers will be making the best of the clement weather and will be looking for opportunities for outdoor learning as much as possible.

Please bear this in mind when you are getting your children ready for the day. Apply sunscreen to any areas not protected by clothing, such as the face, ears and even hands.

Warm, sunny days are wonderful! It is good for children to spend time playing and exercising outdoors, but it is important they enjoy it safely!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

Reception – Nathan for working really hard in phonics and showing enthusiasm.

Year 1 – Angela for fabulous story writing and great work in class.

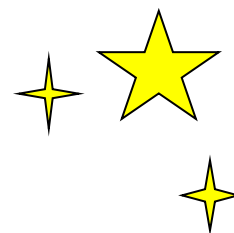
Year 2 – Stefano for being a kind friend to others.

Year 3 – Elsie for creating a lovely piece of work in literacy.

Year 4 – Isabel for being kind to others.

Year 5 – Amelia-Rose for a fantastic attitude towards learning, always trying her best in everything.

Year 6 – Michel for making great progress in numeracy.



First Holy Communions

First Holy Communions of children in Year 3 will take place as follows:

18th June at St James the Great, Orpington – Elsie.

School Meal Menu

Next week is a Jubilee Celebration Week. The school caterers have arranged a special menu for every day of the week. Please see separate attachment with this newsletter.

Dates for your Diary

Special Jubilee Menu	Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th May
Year 6 attendance at Mass	Wednesday 25 th May
Year 1 Liturgy Assembly	Wednesday 25 th May
Year 3 Library visit	Wednesday 25 th May
Half term break	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June
Reception Class outing	Tuesday 7 th June
Year 1 class outing	Wednesday 15 th June
Sports Afternoon for Rec, Years 1 & 2	Tuesday 21 st June
Sports Afternoon for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Wednesday 22 nd June
Class photos to be taken	Tuesday 28 th June
Year 2 class outing	Wednesday 29 th June
School closed	Friday 1 st July
Year 5 class outing	Tuesday 5 th July
Year 3 class outing	Wednesday 6 th July
Summer Fair	Saturday 16 th July
Last day of Summer Term	Friday 22 nd July
First day of Autumn Term	Thursday 1 st September

Last Week's Attendance

9 th - 13 th May	
Reception	99.3%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	95.9%
Year 3	94.7%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	99.7%
Whole school	97.0%



Gospel Reflection

John 14:23-29

In today's gospel Jesus gives the disciples a very special gift – the gift of peace. Let's think some more about peace today.

All of us know how good it feels to get away occasionally from the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives, and enjoy some peace and quiet. Jesus gave us the gift of his peace, which comes from God himself.

Jesus gives his disciples peace and he tells them not to be afraid.

The peace, which Jesus shared with his disciples, was the special feeling that comes from being filled with the spirit of his love and goodness. Being close to God gives us a wonderful feeling of well-being and happiness.

Jesus offered this peace to anyone who chose to follow him.

How do you think you can help to build peace? Think about how you speak to and treat others who you disagree with, or how you could be friendly to someone who does not have many friends? What could you do to stop someone else from being unkind to others? Alternatively, how you could let people in power know that you would like to live in a peaceful world.

How will you share the gift of peace this week in your community? And around the world?

It is not always easy to live in peace with others, and so we pray together for God's help:

Prayer:

Living God, may we bring the light of your peace to those we meet. Help us to find a peaceful way to solve our problems, so that the world may be a safer place for everyone to live in. Amen.