

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
21 April 2023

Dear parents and families,

Sunday is St George's Day!

There is a lot written about St. George. Some of it is fact, but some is fiction. George was an excellent soldier and was chosen to protect the emperor, Emperor Diocletian. Emperor Diocletian was not a Christian, in fact he hated Christians! He ordered that any Christians within the Roman army should be killed! George disagreed with the emperor and told him that he was himself, a Christian. The emperor didn't want to lose one of his best soldiers and tried to convince George to stop being a Christian. He even offered him land and money! Time and time again, George refused the emperor's offers, saying that his Christian faith was too important to him. Eventually Diocletian lost patience and had George beheaded on 23rd April 303.

Christians were so proud of George's bravery that he was made a saint. They built churches in his honour and George's story was used to demonstrate the power of faith and to convince others to become Christians.

Tomorrow is another important day, Earth Day.

We all know the story from the beginning of Genesis in the Bible. God created the Heavens and the Earth. He created the stars, sun, moon, sea and sky. Then He created birds, animals and plants. Finally, He created mankind in His own image.

There are many incredible things about our planet; a beautiful place that God has created for us to enjoy.

Planet Earth is the only planet in our solar system known to support life. It has two very important things that living creatures need to survive; lots of oxygen and lots of water. Its distance from the sun means the temperature is perfect, not too hot and not too cold, for creatures to live on, too. God created our home with the perfect balance of ingredients so that we can all survive. However, unfortunately, our planet isn't always protected in the way it should be. Because of the way in which we live, there are many issues facing our planet, which make it less safe for us to live in: Pollution, Global Warming, Deforestation, Extinction and Endangerment.

Earth Day aims to raise awareness about all these challenges and inspire people to do something about them.

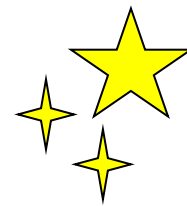
Tomorrow is the 51<sup>st</sup> year of Earth Day and the theme this year is:

## **Restore Our Earth**

Ask your children about some tips to protect the planet; they will be able to help you!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Gonzalez



## Stars of the Week

- Reception – Ethan for being well behaved and kind to others.  
 Year 1 – Vita for wonderful RE work and for sharing interesting facts about the celebration of Eid.  
 Year 2 – Alex for fantastic work in maths and for being compassionate to others.  
 Year 3 – Henry for participating in class and showing his knowledge.  
 Year 4 – Elsie for excellent learning behaviour and effort in all work, and for being kind and caring.  
 Year 5 – Rachael for an inspired RE presentation.  
 Year 6 – Morayo for making great progress in maths.

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 26 April	Year 2 visit to Mass
Wednesday 26 April	Year 4 visit to the library
Monday 1 May	School closed for Spring Bank Holiday
Wednesday 3 May	Year 5 visit to Mass
Wednesday 3 May	Year 3 visit to the library
Monday 8 May	School closed for Bank Holiday to mark King's Coronation
Friday 26 May	Last day of first half of term
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June	Half term break
Monday 5 June	School closed for staff training
Tuesday 6 June	School re-opens for second half of term
Friday 21 July	Last day of Summer Term
Monday 4 September	First day of Autumn Term

## This Week's Attendance

18 - 21 April 2023	
Reception	95.8%
Year 1	99.2%
Year 2	99.6%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	92.8%
Year 5	91.1%
Year 6	90.6%
Whole school	95.1%



## Care for God's Creation

Here is a great example of care for the environment. Fantastic work Toby!



## Gospel Reflection

### Luke 24:13-35

Today we hear how two of the disciples went on a journey to a village called Emmaus. Along the way, they met someone really special, although they didn't recognise him at first.

Two disciples are walking along, on their way to a place called Emmaus. Jesus was crucified two days before and the disciples are confused because the women have just come back from Jesus' tomb saying that it is empty.

The two disciples meet another man along the road and they walk with him.

The man explains the Scriptures to the disciples, so that they can understand that Jesus is risen from the dead.

Finally, the disciples persuade the man to come and eat with them.

The man takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and shares it with the disciples.

We are all made in the image of God and Jesus is in each and every person, but often we forget this. We do not take the time to recognise how important and special each person is.

However, our eyes can be opened, just like the disciples in this story. If we take the time to get to know others, to share food with them, perhaps we will come to see Christ in these people, our brothers and sisters, who are all part of God's family around the world.

It does not matter how different we are to someone else, whether someone is tall or short, has brown skin or white skin, is rich or poor, quiet or loud, Jesus is in us all, and so we are called to love one another as we love Jesus.

When you are eating this week, take the time to talk to the people you are with and to think about how Christ is in each and every one of us.

### Prayer

Living God, we look for you in all people. May we be inspired to treat each other with respect, sharing generously and reaching out to help those who are in need.

Amen.

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